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Israel, U.S. sign anti-missile pact

By HILLEL KUTTLER
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and U.S. Secretary of Defence William Perry signed an agreement on Sunday providing Israel with immediate assistance for defence against Katyushas and extensive cooperation in long-term laser missile defence.

The United States will provide Israel with intelligence "in a matter of seconds on a ballistic missile launch," Perry said.

The two agreed to jointly develop a prototype of the Nautilus anti-missile laser system defence that will be available for testing in Israel by late 1997, Perry told reporters at a Pentagon news conference following their two-hour meeting.

The United States will send a delegation of specialists to Israel next week to investigate interim means of defending the Galilee against Katyushas, and to explore additional areas of security cooperation, Perry said.

The working group will be led by Undersecretary of Defence for Policy Walter Slocum and Defence Ministry Director-General David Ivry, Pentagon spokesperson Kenneth Bacon said.

In outlining the contents of the agreement, Peres said, "The important thing is the interim anti-Katyusha weapons [system]."

Perry said the two also discussed further cooperation in anti-terrorism efforts.

Within the next 3½ weeks, the working group will have decided precisely how Israel's satellite access will work, Ivry told Israeli reporters Sunday night.

Among the temporary options being considered is the Phalanx, a system currently used on American warships to shoot down incoming missiles, Bacon said. The system is shorter-range than the Nautilus and "is not the perfect weapon for these problems," he said.

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AFTER THE FIRE, CEASEFIRE

Israeli soldiers play ring toss with a stack of artillery shells last week as they await news that a ceasefire with Hezbollah has been arranged. ***[RNS photo]***

CJC looks to the future

Budget cuts loom

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) national executive committee last week approved a draft 1996-97 budget of almost $3.5 million dollars in national and regional allocations, despite a suggestion by its chief funder, CJF Canada, that five to 10 percent of the budget may be slashed.

Last year, CJC spent just over $3 million.

CJC treasurer Zave Climan said he was informed of the promised cuts just a week earlier.

The move, he said, has forced CJC's budgeting committee to "go back to the drawing board," even though the 1996-97 budget is supposed to come into effect in July.

Richard Vineberg, president of CJF Canada, confirmed that allocations would likely be reduced to CJC and to other national Jewish organizations funded by CJF Canada, such as Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and Network.

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Election process revised

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — All delegates to future Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Plenary Assemblies should be accredited and registered long before the opening, if the "snafu" that marred the last plenary is to be avoided, according to the report of the ad hoc bylaw review committee headed by Judge Herbert Marx.

"It is essential that appropriate and workable deadlines be established for the accreditation and registration of delegates," it says.

In addition, nominations for elected national officers, including president, should be submitted 90 days in advance of the plenary, the committee says.

The report, described as being adopted unanimously by the committee's seven members, was submitted to the CJC national officers and released to *The CJN*.

The report does not find fault; rather it blames "the absence of sufficiently comprehensive electoral rules and regulations."

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Letter bomb in Calgary

CALGARY — A local woman received superficial injuries after opening what turned out to be a letter bomb at the Calgary Jewish Centre Monday morning.

According to local reports, the bomb, which was addressed to the Jewish National Fund, only partially exploded. Police were called in at 10 a.m. to begin their investigation. No threats or warnings had been received in the past few days.

Full coverage in next week's *CJN.*

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Can Jewish refugees apply for entry into Canada? *CJN* s reporter Ron Csillag examines the question in light of re rulings by the IRB. Please see page 9.

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The News In Brief

International

CANADA

Canada to Aid Lebanon

OTTAWA – The minister for international cooperation and minister responsible for la Fracophonie, Pierre Pettigrew, announced that the Canadian International Development Agency will provide humanitarian aid to displaced people in Lebanon following the recent events including the shelling of a refugee camp on a UN base.

White Supremacist in B.C.

EDMONTON – A white supremacist who attacked and blinded a former broadcaster is back in jail after more than five years on the run. Daniel Sims, 25, was arrested at the Creston, B.C. border crossing on April 11. He will serve his sentence in Peace River, Alta.

PLO Amendment

MONTREAL – Canadian Jewish Congress president Goldie Hershon welcomed news that the Palestine National Council has removed several sections from its covenant that called for Israel's destruction.

"We hope this new initiative will set the tone for the next round of negotiations which will hasten the arrival of a comprehensive peace between Israel and all her Arab neighbors.

ISRAEL

Airspace Use Denied

JERUSALEM – Cyprus has refused to grant Israeli pilots permission to train in its airspace because a military airbase is being built near the airport Israel wanted to use.

The refusal comes against the background of an agreement between Israel and Turkey allowing Israeli pilots to use Turkish airspace to fly training missions.

Hamas Plot Foiled

JERUSALEM – As Palestinian security police continued to pursue a Hamas activist who allegedly plotted to kill Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Jordan denied that it was harboring the fugitive.

Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Muashar said in Amman that the accused man, identified as Ziad Qishawi, was not in Jordan and that the state registrar had no record of him.

WORLD

British Decision Welcome

LOS ANGELES – The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has applauded the decision of the British authorities to prosecute suspected Nazi war criminal Sernion Serafimowicz who was accused of involvement in the murder of Jews in Belarus during World War II and has resided in England for more than four decades.

Neo-Nazis, Police Clash

BONN – In what has become an annual tradition, several neo-Nazi groups in Germany clashed with police last week as they celebrated Adolf Hitler's birthday.

Neo-Nazis marched in two small towns in the central German state of Thuringia, where they shouted "Heil Hitler" and "Sieg heil."

Arab Americans Protest

WASHINGTON – Amid chants of "Israel out of Lebanon" and "We vote, too," more than 1,000 Arab Americans gathered at the White House to protest Israel's continuing raids in Lebanon.

Protesters unfurled banners across the street from the White House. The signs spanned the gamut of Arab American opinion on the Israeli operation.

Terrorism in Germany

BONN – Germany's two main intelligence agencies have issued warnings of possible attacks by Hezbollah militants operating in the country.

German authorities believe that Iranian and Hezbollah activists are planning a bombing campaign against Israeli, American and possibly German targets.

As a result of recent threats by Hezbollah, security was beefed up at the Israeli Embassy in Bonn.

Auschwitz Project Ends

NEW YORK – The controversy over a partially constructed mini-mall across from the former Auschwitz death camp in Poland appears to have come to an end.

The shopping complex investor last week decided to drop the project and the Polish foreign minister said the existing structure would be demolished.

Nazi Crimes

ROME – Former SS Capt. Erich Priebke goes before a Rome military court May 8 to face charges of involvement in Italy's worst Nazi atrocity, the massacre of 335 civilian men and boys in the Ardeatine Caves south of Rome.

Shapiros To Be Honored

NEW YORK – Montreal natives Dr. Bernard J. Shapiro and Dr. Harold T. Shapiro, twin brothers who are, respectively, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University and president of Princeton University, will receive honorary degrees from Yeshiva University at its 65th annual commencement exercises on May 22.

Extradition Sought

WASHINGTON – Members of Congress are calling on both Yasser Arafat and Israeli authorities to arrest and extradite to the United States the mastermind of the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking.

Mohammed Abbas, known as Abul Abbas, was in Gaza last week as the Palestine National Council voted to amend its charter.

North York Salutes Outstanding Volunteers

NORTH YORK – North York city council recently paid tribute to 14 of its best volunteers during National Volunteer Week at a special presentation.

Among the winners was: 17-year-old Naomi Davids, teen council president at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; Charles Goeldner, who for the past 10 years has spent a few days each week at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living; Gillian Katz, who has volunteered at C.H. Best Elementary and Middle School for the past seven years and Monty Selesnick, who gave many years of service to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

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Rabin's granddaughter a 'symbol' of hope

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Since the day six months ago when Noa Ben Artzi-Pelossof shared personal memories of Yitzhak Rabin in a heart-rending eulogy broadcast worldwide, the teenage granddaughter of Israel's slain prime minister has become somewhat of a symbol herself.

"Yes, I'm typical of young Israelis, but I'm also different," she mused in a recent interview at the offices of Knopf Canada, publisher of the Canadian edition of *In the Name of Sorrow and Hope*, her 181-page tribute to her grandfather and her country.

Here as part of a month-long book tour, Ben Artzi-Pelossof, 19, said her decision to write the book met with criticism from Israelis who accused her of "commercializing the assassination."

Ben Artzi-Pelossof chose not to defend her book, however, until after it was written. "I think it's very dishonest, in a way, to defend something which does not exist."

The anticipated censure gave her pause initially, but not writing the book would have shown cowardice, she said. "I knew that it was the right thing to do ... and my family supported me."

Despite her youth, she has a measure of credibility as an author. A published poet, she works at the military newspaper as part of her mandatory 17-month stint in the Israeli army.

"It was kind of a private journey," she recalled of the two months she spent writing the book in the early morning hours. "My grandfather was a symbol — politician, peacemaker, soldier, tough guy — but he wasn't. He was very human, very warm, very loving; and this side of him people never knew."

In a talk the previous night to 800 people at Holy Blossom Temple, Ben Artzi-Pelossof said she wanted young people, especially Israelis, to know of her grandfather's honesty and principles.

She thinks that young Israelis have become cynical, she told *The CJN*. She herself does not have a jaundiced eye, she explained, because of her lifelong proximity to politics. World leaders "came across very human" to her.

Noa Ben Artzi-Pelossof
[Moshe Shai photo]

Her voice is tinged with cynicism, however, when she recalls that it was on the most horrible day of her life that the world became enamored of her. "The wheel can turn," she said. "[Today] you are on top, but tomorrow you can be down."

But because she had eulogized Rabin the grandfather not Rabin the politician, she struck a universal chord that is likely to resonate for a long time.

Hundreds of people have opened up to her in personal letters about their own bereavements and tearful reactions to Rabin's death.

She has answered less than a third of them. "It's very difficult to sit and write emotional letters to several hundred people, and to send a typed card is not the right answer for this kind of letter."

In a previous interview on ABC's *Prime Time Live*, host Diane Sawyer referred to the "trademark toughness of Rabin and his women."

When asked how accurate Sawyer's assessment was, Ben Artzi-Pelossof was uncharacteristically hesitant. "I don't know," she said, her face transformed by the shy half-smile she'd described as her grandfather's. With sunglasses perched atop her head and one stylishly blue-jeaned leg crossed over the other, she managed to project both teenage trendiness and self-assurance.

Only time will tell if she is strong, a word she prefers to tough, she said.

"My grandfather was so strong. I wish to be like him, [in] strength, courage, honesty, and above all brains.

"We owe it to ourselves to complete the peace process, but beyond that we owe it to him," she stresses.

When her optimism falters, she remembers her grandfather telling her, "Noale, nothing's impossible. Failure is just another reason to keep trying."

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Congress, Reform party find common ground

By MIRIAM VALE
Special to The CJN

OTTAWA – Officials of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) say they agree with the Reform party on several issues after a wide-ranging meeting last week with leader Preston Manning and Reform MPs.

"There is a great deal of common ground," said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for CJC. For example, he said both sides support the Middle East peace process.

But there remain several differences in approaches. Although both CJC and the Reform party's immigration policies welcome refugees, Joffe says Reform's policy is "less-inclusive."

Joffe said the important task is working together towards a common policy on immigration.

According to Manning, the meeting was "a good chance to update what we're saying versus what they're saying."

He said these exchanges help the party develop its platform to include all Canadians.

Initiated by CJC, this meeting was the first since the 1992 federal election. CJC executives briefed Manning and party critics about issues before the Jewish community.

One of those is hate crime legislation. Last June, Justice Minister Allan Rock introduced Bill C-41, which would impose harsher penalties for those convicted of hate crimes. CJC supports the bill but the Reform party voted against it, mainly because of its gay-rights provisions.

Manning said disagreeing with the bill does not make the party racist or anti-Semitic. He said the party disagreed with the Liberals' method for implementing the bill, not the idea of more severe penalties for convicted hatemongers.

'Dispel fears'

"There were charges, fears and concerns that Reform might be anti-Semitic, extreme or racist," Manning said. "We want to do everything we can to dispel those fears and to get down to discussing the real issues that concern communities."

CJC national president Goldie Hershon said another key issue is Canadian unity. She spoke about the importance of a unified country because Jews in Montreal voted overwhelmingly (97.3 percent) against Quebec's separation in the October referendum.

Hershon said the Reform MPs supported her calls for a unified Canada.

Another issue raised was the deportation of suspected Nazi war criminals. Jack Silverstone, CJC's national executive director, spoke about his frustration with the delays in prosecuting accused Nazi war criminals.

"We desire to see these cases move forward at a greater speed," he said, adding that Reform agreed with CJC's understanding of the issue.

Joffe said the meeting did not represent an alliance with the Reform party. He said CJC regularly meets with other political parties.

"[Understanding these differences] is part of our process of becoming aware where they stand on issues and making them aware where we stand on issues," Joffe said.

Manning agreed. "It's part of a relation-building."

He said it's important to meet with CJC and speak to the Jewish community to find out how the Reform party can understand Jewish concerns.

Manning said the dialogue will continue. No dates for a future meeting have been set.

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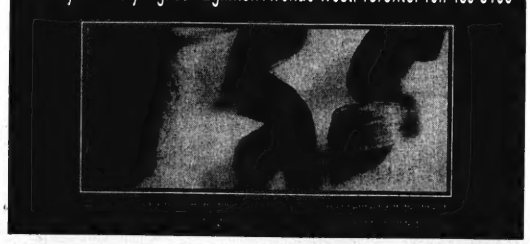

Readers write

Readers constantly write to *The CJN*. I am very grateful that they do. For reader involvement – letters, suggestions, ideas, criticism, advice, opinions and submissions – is one of the key ingredients in maintaining the vitality and strength of the newspaper. It is a form of consumer feedback. It is also proof of the paper's relevance. We wholeheartedly welcome this involvement and we invite our readers to send their submissions to the paper.

Unfortunately, we have space in the paper to publish only a fraction of the material we receive from our readers. It is inevitable, therefore, that many of the readers who have taken the time and sometimes even the courage, to collect their thoughts and commit them to paper, will be disappointed not to see them in print. We do our best and will always do our best to try to minimize that disappointment. But, given our format as a weekly newspaper, we will always have more material than space available to publish it.

Thus, it seemed worthwhile to explain to readers some of the factors involved in the decisions surrounding the publishing of submissions.

Submissions from readers fall into a number of categories. The most conventional of course, is the letter to the editor. The "rules" for publishing letters to the editor appear on the editorial and letters page. We try to reflect as wide and as timely a discussion among our readers as possible on that page. It is important to remind readers, though, that the opinions of the letter writers are not the opinions of *The CJN*. Indeed, that is precisely why space is reserved for letters to the editor: to provide a kind of bulletin board for opinions which may be contrary to or supportive of those expressed by the paper, in the paper or even outside the paper as a response to current events. Letters wait in a queue and will generally appear in print on the basis of first-come-first-served.

Occasionally readers send small "essays" of approximately 1,500 words in length on subjects related to the paper's broad mandate. If suitable for publication, these submissions might find their way onto the Perspectives page.

Shorter submissions of approximately 500 words – commentary, analysis or even narrative – if suitable for publication, might appear as one of our Guest Voices in the pages of Jewish Life. To be suitable for publication, submissions must be well written. And, in the opinion of the editor, they must convey a new, interesting or important point of view.

Thankfully, we also receive "creative" works such as reminiscences and poetry. To be suitable for publication, this material must be well written and must also bear a message or a meaning which is universal and not simply personal to the writer. I save these submissions and as space permits, I try to publish them.

Therefore I urge readers to send submissions to *The CJN*. If you do not mind "risking" the frustration of not necessarily seeing your work published, we are happy and eager to receive it. To those readers who may have already sent submissions which have not been printed, please be patient and accepting of our final editorial judgment. We will always do our best to publish what we can.

Ruth Adams of North York, Ont., sent me the following letter, in which she recounted a memorable Passover experience. She even gave it a title: Out of the Mouths of Babes.

Adams wrote: I would like to share a delightful Pesach story with you. My 5-year-old granddaughter Arielle called me during Pesach and said, "Bubby, I have the chicken pox."

I replied, "I'm sorry."

And then she said, "It's all right. Mommy is going to give me a bath in oatmeal to help the itchiness go away."

Then to my surprise she added, "But Bubby, oatmeal is chametz. So mommy is going to give me a bath in matzah meal."

Miriam Schneid-Ofseyer, also of North York, sent the following poem called *Between the Bricks*.

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of the neighbor's house,
Under their window,
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Shed by the birch tree
On the front lawn
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Pretending to be
Like its parent below,
A little birch.
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Oh, my
Poor little birch
In the bricks.

Kosher food bank keeps busy

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —When hungry people started coming into the Pride of Israel Synagogue on Bathurst Street, Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich was not content to send them to other institutions, or even to just give them kosher food certificates.

The 29-year-old rabbi and his congregation founded a food bank, the only full-time kosher food bank in Canada, he believes.

Users of the food bank, who range, he said, from Lubavitchers to recent immigrants from Russia, receive food packages which include frozen chickens, courtesy of shul chazzan Chuck Weinberg, owner of Chai Poultry; as well as pasta, rice, peanut butter and jelly, vegetables and grape juice. Special packages are prepared for Pesach and Rosh Hashanah.

There has been a tremendous increase in demand, Rabbi Flanzraich said, an increase which he feels will continue due to government social service cutbacks.

"I'm not debating the ethical aspect of the cutbacks — I'm just saying that more people will need this service."

Rabbi Flanzraich said that he hopes the community will become more involved in the project, including financially.

"Whoever is hungry should know that they don't have to go to the Salvation Army for help," he said.

The synagogue's interest in the food bank is a natural outgrowth of its history, as the offshoot of the well-known Pride of Israel Mutual Benefit Society.

"The society was a place where you could get free medical care, sick benefits, and help if you were widowed or orphaned," the rabbi said.

"The very roots of our shul are in *chesed*, and we are very proud of those roots."

Rabbi Flanzraich said that he is also working on a "workfare" program for teenagers, where he will try to arrange, for this year or the next, summer jobs for them. "Even if those jobs don't lead to something permanent, at least it will get them off the streets for the summer."

Rabbi Flanzraich, who has been at the synagogue for two years, has a definite vision for Pride of Israel.

"It is a pathway to tradition. It is an open door for people who want tradition, but don't have a childhood exposure to it. We want to educate and acclimatize them to the strength and beauty of Judaism."

"Rabbi Aaron," as he is affectionately called in the congregation, said that the synagogue offers weekly adult education classes, an active Hebrew School (which has grown since he came from "zero" to 103 strong), a junior Shabbat congregation, and boasts two morning minyanim and a well-attended Mincha/Ma'ariv service.

"We have a tremendous core of highly charged, dedicated singles and young couples who don't feel comfortable elsewhere.

'They want a shul and clergy that are reflectives of their values — or their desired values."

Greater Toronto Area

Canada's Holocaust stamp remains largely unsold

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada Post Corp. has sold just one-third of its much-praised Holocaust stamps.

In order to boost sales, Canada will team up with Israel to sell Holocaust-themed stamps from both countries, at a huge stamp show in Toronto next month.

The last day of public sale for Canada's 45-cent issue is May 8, six months after it was unveiled on the 57th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Canada Post printed 15 million of the stamps and sold roughly five million, spokesperson Tim McGurrin told *The CJN* last week.

But the corporation is not disappointed with the sales figures, McGurrin added.

He explained that the post office issued three commemorative stamps within a very short time last fall: one paying tribute to La Francophonie, another to the United Nations and one to the Holocaust and its victims.

Given that crowded field, sales of the Holocaust stamp were "quite good, considering the circumstances," he said.

McGurrin added that Canada Post will not lose money on the issue because sales to about one million collectors were strong.

The stamps were sold to collectors in cornerblocks of four each, and panes of 20 each.

McGurrin played down the fact that 10 million of the stamps remain unsold. "We'd much rather have a lot left over than fail to meet demand."

He said it's too soon to tell whether the stamps would be destroyed.

But it's possible that collectors or dealers with business proposals will still be able to buy the stamps after May 8, he said.

Last year, Israel also issued a stamp commemorating the Holocaust. Canada Post is working with its Israeli counterpart to put out a "showcard," a limited two-stamp cover issue of the Holocaust-related denominations from both nations, McGurrin said. If they are successful, the issue will be sold at CAPEX, the Canadian Philatelic Exhibition, to take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre June 8 to 16.

Former JCC Valley branch opens under private ownership

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The former Valley branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has come under private ownership and is scheduled to open its doors for tennis on May 1 as the Valleywood Club.

Efforts of a members group to run the club as a community centre independent of the old JCC failed when fundraising efforts did not attract the sums necessary to pay off the club's $1-million bank debt, said Allan Wexler, former chair of the Valley Tennis and Swim Club, the members-created successor to the Valley branch.

Instead, the club was sold to the Sports Clubs of Canada (SCC), which has pumped approximately $2.5 million into the property to acquire it, pay off the bank debt and renovate it, said Michael Levy, president of the SCC.

While the club will open for tennis on 14 outdoor courts on May 1, final renovations are expected to take another month or more. At that time, the club will officially open all its new facilities.

Despite the transfer of the community centre to private hands, Levy said the club will endeavor to maintain the family atmosphere and social focus that characterized the Valley branch and later the Valley Tennis and Swim Club.

About 550 members joined the club even before it opened its doors. That's about 100 more than last year and the long-term goal is to attract 1,500 members, Levy said.

That optimistic projection is a far cry from the numbers attending the Valley Tennis and Swim Club in recent years. When a group of members took over the centre about a year ago, it was a branch of the JCC. As part of the price of becoming independent, the members group agreed the new club would assume $1 million of the JCC's estimated $15-million debt.

They hoped Valley members would support a $1-million capital campaign and while membership was stable at about 450, the club could not generate enough funds to pay the crippling interest charges on the debt, Wexler said.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (which had forwarded substantial sums to bail out the Bathurst and Bloor branches of the JCC) declined to help save the Valley club, Wexler said.

"From the beginning, the Valley was not seen by the federation as having a Jewish value," he said.

Most federation members saw it as simply a tennis club with little Jewish content.

"I think the federation to this day doesn't understand the value of getting Jewish kids together [for tennis]," Wexler added.

However Morris Zbar, a spokesperson for the federation, disagreed. "While the federation appreciated the value of the Valley, we were in a situation where our social services were being suffocated by the government and we had to deal with a specific crisis of a 21 percent cut in welfare," he said.

"We needed to lessen the impact on the 500 families which received supplementary assistance," and the federation was pressed to come up with a $400,000 shortfall due to government cuts, he added.

In that context, supporting the Valley was not a high priority item, Zbar added.

When talks with the federation ended, they resumed with the SCC (they'd been on-again, off-again for years as the JCC teetered on the verge of bankruptcy) and the deal was closed in January.

In late February, the interior of the facility was gutted and renovations began.

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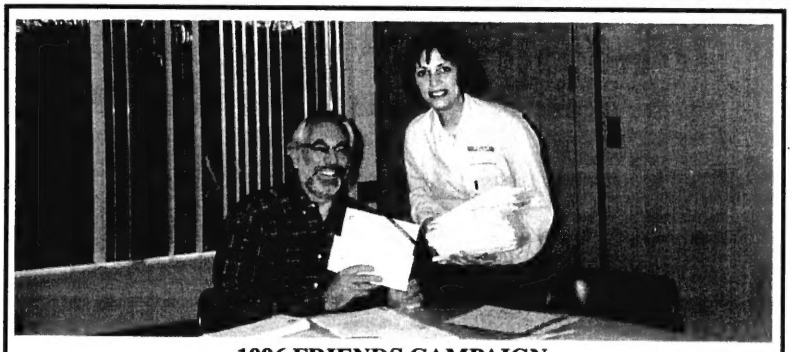

1996 FRIENDS CAMPAIGN

Jewish Family and Child Service kicked off its 13th annual Friends campaign. The proceeds go to a number of programs run by the Jewish agency. Seen here preparing for the campaign are Michael Miller, the 1996 campaign chair, and Susan Shainhouse, chair of the recent addressing day event.

Lawyer seeks stay in war crimes cases

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The lawyer representing alleged Nazi war criminal Johann Dueck is planning to ask for a stay of proceedings because of recent out of court discussions aimed at speeding up the case.

Ottawa barrister Donald Bayne states in an April 23 letter to the administrator of the Federal Court: "It is my view that the new issue is of such superordinate importance and its nature is such that it will be impossible for the court to take any further steps in this case until it resolves this issue.

"It is fundamental that not only litigants but the entire Canadian public be assured there is no improper, behind-the-scenes interference in ongoing litigation and that the independence of the judiciary and the impartiality of the court is unquestioned."

The new issues, he goes on to say, are "integral to both the reality and perception of impartiality of this honorable court."

Bayne's letter came after Ted Thompson, the assistant deputy minister of justice, wrote to Chief Justice Julius Isaac saying that unless the Federal Court dealt with war crimes cases expeditiously, the issues would be referred directly to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Isaac then met with Associate Chief Justice James Jerome, who is presiding over the Dueck, Erichs Tobiass and Helmut Oberlander cases. Later, Isaac wrote to Thompson saying Jerome did not appreciate the urgency of dealing with the cases quickly. (In one case, a key witness had died and another was in the hospital.)

Court was to hear preliminary discussions on procedural matters involving the three cases on Tuesday, after *The CJN* went to press.

On Monday, Crown prosecutor Christopher Amerasinghe said he had not yet received any documentation from Bayne on the stay issue. Court is scheduled to reconvene on May 15 and 16 to discuss other legal issues.

Thompson told *The CJN* he'd been assured by Isaac that the Federal Court can deal with the cases expeditiously. Federal authorities are hoping to launch further cases within one year, he added.

In all, Justice Department lawyers have prepared 12 cases of alleged Nazi war criminals and forwarded them to the Immigration Department for prosecution.

While Bayne was highly critical of the attempt to speed up the pace of prosecutions, Irving Abella, former president of Canadian Jewish Congress, said the goverment is finally manifesting the sense of urgency felt by the Jewish community for the past 20 years.

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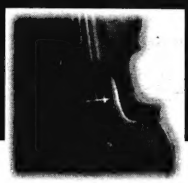

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'We must treasure that treasure' of the Jewish state

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From the sombre lighting of a memorial candle to a rousing "Yom Ha'atzmaut Samayach!" Toronto's religious Zionist community marked the transition from Yom Hazikaron, the memorial day for those killed in Israel's wars, to Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

A standing room only crowd packed Thornhill's Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation sanctuary for the event, which was sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada, Emunah Women and Bnei Akiva.

Yom Hazikaron
Yom Ha'atzmaut
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In one month, Israel Consul General Jehudi Kinar said, "Israelis — and they alone — will go to the polls and decide what road they want to take to peace. Not if they want peace, but how to achieve it."

Israel, he said, should be reaping the benefits of peace, not mourning more and more victims of Arab terror, victims who, he added, are memorialized in the same way as soldiers killed in battle.

Kinar spoke of Israel's healthy and growing economy and its healthy immigration rate.

"Canadians must maintain their spiritual attachment to Israel, Kinar said. "If Israel is not central to your lives, then assimilation will increase in your community. Israel is the only place we can live as a majority, not just as a tolerated minority."

A memorial candle was lit to the memory of the over 18,000 men and women killed in Israel's wars. After a moment of silence, Shlomo Sufrin intoned the K'El Maleh Rachamim, the traditional memorial prayer, and Zvi Stanislavsky, representing the Torah Department of the World Zionist Organization, recited the official memorial prayer of the Israeli rabbinate.

Daniel Domb, principal cellist of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, accompanied readings by young men and women of Bnei Akiva schools and a choir composed of young men from Or Chaim and Bnei Akiva.

The haunting theme from *Schindler's List* was a mournful backdrop to several readings: The story of Uriel, who planned a big party to introduce the story writer to a "really great girl," but wound up instead "wrapped in a blanket at the first-aid station." And *Yochai's Daddy*, who wouldn't be coming home again. "Now I am my daddy," says Yochai. And the heart-rending poem, where dead young soldiers tell Israel: "We are the silver platter on which you were given the Jewish state."

Waving the flag for Yom Ha'atzmaut. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Rabbi Baruch Taub, reading partly from a sermon found in the ruins of the Warsaw Ghetto, said that out of the ashes of the Holocaust, Jews had been given a remarkable treasure, "and we must treasure that treasure."

In Kiryat Shmona, he said, the official marking of Yom Hazikaron has been called off because of Hezbollah attacks. "Our treasure needs us and our children, perhaps more than ever."

The choir, accompanied by members of the Zemer Orchestra, concluded the program with rousing musical selections that had the audience clapping, swaying and singing along.

Rabbi Aharon Engelman, a teacher at Or Chaim, led the special Yom Ha'atzmaut Ma'ariv service.

The evening concluded with dancing and refreshments.

Radio personalities slammed for remarks

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC) has rebuked two Toronto radio commentators for on-air remarks they made in September 1995 that were abusive and discriminatory towards Jews.

The original remarks by CHUM personality Brian Henderson, later supported by CFTR commentator Dick Smyth, "were incorrect and inappropriate, a textbook case of what Canada's private broadcasters sought to avoid when they created their own Code of Ethics," the CBSC decision states.

However, the CBSC said apologies broadcast by the commentators and their stations soon after the remarks were made, along with human rights sensitization programs at CHUM, sufficiently redressed the situation.

The incidents that prompted 40 letters of complaint to the CBSC began when Henderson suggested "the root cause of the crisis in the Legal Aid system is Jewish mothers." He went on to say Jewish mothers are "infamous" for pushing their children to become lawyers, doctors or dentists and that Ontario has too many lawyers. He concludes with "a Jewish proverb" about a lawyer milking a cow for all it's worth.

In a later commentary, Smyth "effectively incorporated Henderson's comments," the CBSC found.

Their comments violated the Code of Ethics of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB), which states that "broadcasters shall endeavor to ensure ... that their programming contains no abusive or discriminatory ... comment," the CBSC decision said.

The CBSC administers the industry's voluntary code of ethics.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesperson Bernie Farber said, "The only thing we would have hoped from the CBSC was that it would recognize the strong necessity of the owners [of CHUM] to take responsibility for Henderson's commentary," said Farber. He contrasted their response to that of CFTR, whose apology was unequivocal.

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A very busy week

Last week was a very busy and momentous one for Israel. On the day that Israel celebrated the 48th anniversary of its independence, the Palestine National Council (PNC) revoked the clauses in the PLO Covenant calling for Israel's destruction. The vote was overwhelming even as the debate was heated: 504 members of the council voted in favor of cancelling the odious provisions; 54 voted against; and 14 abstained. The result was all the more remarkable in light of the ongoing closure of the West Bank and Gaza, and the bombing campaign in southern Lebanon.

The provisions were cancelled, but no new provisions were enacted to replace them. Nor will any be enacted soon. The PNC will authorize a committee to draft a new charter within the next six months. Thus, a measure of ambiguity concerning the charter still hangs in the air. We do not know what will replace what was cancelled.

But this irritating, ambiguous piece of not-quite-finished-business should not overshadow the importance of what was accomplished. We agree with Prime Minister Shimon Peres when he described the event as one of "historical importance." Even Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu referred to it as a "positive move," although incomplete.

The revocation allows the peace train to keep its forward momentum, albeit slowly. The Oslo agreements will be implemented, leading in the next few weeks to the beginning of the final stage discussions. Moreover, and more importantly perhaps, the revocation – along with "the handshake," the joint police patrols, the joint economic ventures, the constant meetings and consultations between top officials and leaders – is another seed which hopefully, will sink deep roots and one day bear fruit in the field of psychological changes in the culture of mutual distrust and hatred.

The very next day, probably in response to the PNC vote, the Labor party finalized its election platform by eliminating the previous reference to its opposition to the existence of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

The Labor party has concluded that a sovereign Palestinian state will constitute no more of a security risk to Israel than would a self-governing, autonomous but not fully sovereign state. And it is banking on the hope that most Israelis will reach the same conclusion.

With only one month remaining before the elections, the prime minister is offering the Israeli electorate a clear choice between the policies of the two large, mainstream parties. But because he has also promised the electorate that any final peace settlement with Syria or the Palestinians will be submitted to a national referendum, the Labor party platform may be seen as a reasonable risk. By moving so boldly, the government is also offering the non-extremist, non-fundamentalist Palestinians, whom it believes to be the majority, visible proof that the road toward peace is the one they should stay on.

The next day, Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was successful in brokering a ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Hezbollah. Not surprisingly, Hezbollah was not involved in the ceasefire discussions, even though they were the ones firing the rockets. Syria and Iran were the negotiating "partners," through the intercession of various countries, chief and most influential among which was the United States.

The agreement was not a breakthrough. It was committed to paper, but not signed. It was, formally, a set of understandings between Israel and Lebanon, but Lebanon is not an independent agent. The agreement was merely a recognition of the geopolitical facts in the region. Syria is the ruler of Lebanon; Hezbollah is the deadly, discordant instrument which it plays for its own purposes, despite knowing the consequences for the people of Lebanon. Among those purposes is Syria's desire to prove its indispensability for securing peace in the region. Sadly, that may be all too true.

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History

April 30, 1925 The first Jewish public library was organized in Vancouver. Nineteen years later, in 1944, the first Jewish funeral chapel was opened in Vancouver under the jurisdiction of the Shaare Tzedeck Congregation. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)*

Rabbi Braun's family deserves love

I was dismayed to read about the Jewish community's attitude toward the adopted family of Rabbi Braun. I never read a more heart-warming story about unwanted children.

If we Jews are so intolerant, what can we expect from the Christian community?

Hitler did not ask if we had brown or blue eyes, the color of our skin, or if we were Orthodox or Reform Jews. We all had the same fate.

Ibolya Kaczer
Toronto

Jews should be kinder to each other

I was saddened and disheartened when I read about the "revolting" and "obnoxious" treatment the Braun children experienced in Toronto because of the color of their skin.

Having grown up in Toronto, a Jew in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, I can honestly say I have seen the effects of snobbery and elitism in our community.

I am forever reading articles about the problem of Jewish continuity. Maybe it's time we Jews learn to treat each other just a little more kindly, for if we don't who will?

Linda R. Goldman
Toronto

Don't cancel trips to Israel

Following the recent bus bombings in Israel, I have begun to hear that many Jews who were planning to visit Israel this summer have cancelled their trips. I think that is tragic. Jews should not show weakness when facing the enemy. We are giving the enemy a prize when we do that.

Israel today doesn't need and is not asking for volunteers from the Diaspora to help them defend the country. But we here must "show that flag" also.

We must give Israel moral support, especially in difficult times. I ask those of your readers who were planning to go to Israel this summer not to cancel their trips, for their own dignity and that of the Jewish people.

Moshe Maurice Sadeh
Montreal

Israelis thanked family for visit

My family and I recently returned from a 13-day bar/bat mitzvah tour of Israel. Yes, we were unnerved by the recent spate of suicide bombings but decided to proceed. On our tour, we felt safe and at ease. I just want to reassure others who are planning a trip. Keep in mind you can't completely negate the reality of the irrational choices of the terrorist — consider Oklahoma City and the World Trade Centre.

On a number of occasions, Israelis thanked us for making a statement of moral and spiritual support by coming to Israel. Israelis have to stay there and deal with the daily anxiety; what they need is our presence. The economy seems healthy. It was interesting to note the number of Christian tourists who had not been deterred by all of the negative press.

Lynn Blufarb
Toronto

A view of the Israel-Hezbollah crisis

An argument is emerging that Israel's military campaign in southern Lebanon is unjustified. We disagree in large part, because over the past two months, Hezbollah has been launching rocket attacks on northern Israeli communities from southern Lebanon. The Israeli military initiative was a legitimate response to this dangerous Hezbollah provocation. Every nation has the right to defend the territorial integrity of its borders and prevent attacks upon its citizens.

The suggestion that Prime Minister Shimon Peres responded in order to boost his electoral prospects is insulting, especially since Peres delayed Israeli retaliation in search of a political solution. Similarly, the implicit suggestion from many that the answer is for Israel to unilaterally withdraw from its small security zone in southern Lebanon is facile, since the long-term problem is that the Lebanese governments have historically been unable/unwilling to prevent others from using Lebanese territory to attack Israel.

This is not to say that the Israeli military action is without problems. The targeting — albeit unintentional — of densely populated centres in Lebanon is highly questionable and seriously undermines Israel's legitimate military actions in southern Lebanon. Since Hezbollah are cowardly, holding the Lebanese population hostage as they hide behind them to wage their attacks, some loss of innocent Lebanese lives is unfortunately inevitable. However, Israel's policy of immediately and automatically (i.e. without human intervention) using radar technology to return fire in the direction from which it originated is inappropriate, albeit understandable. The current situation in Lebanon is extremely complicated. The current Israeli government has consistently chosen the political over the military option whenever possible.

Simon Rosenblum
National co-president of Canadian Friends for Peace Now Toronto

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Perspectives

Can Jewish refugees apply?

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Late last year, the Federal Court of Canada issued a ruling that sent a shudder through Canadian Jewry.

To some, it summoned the ghosts of decades past, when Jews claiming terrible persecution in the old country would clamor to get into Canada, and be refused by a now well-documented policy of "none is too many."

The November court ruling threatened to turn immigration law on its ear, stunned those who work with refugee claimants and sounded the loudest alarm bells in the Jewish community in years.

Today, a good measure of that initial anxiety has dissipated, thanks to studies and rulings that have taken the edge off the original decision. But some immigration lawyers and refugee advocates still cast a wary eye at Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), praying its panel members do not rely on the court's decision as a precedent.

In a nutshell, the court upheld an earlier IRB ruling that denied refugee status to a 65-year-old Jewish woman from Azerbaijan on the grounds that as a Jew, she could go live in Israel.

The court agreed with the IRB panel that because she is Jewish, Antonina Grygorian could have taken advantage of Israel's Law of Return, which guarantees citizenship to any Jew wishing to settle there.

Grygorian fled violent anti-Semitic persecution in Azerbaijan and came to Canada in 1994 to join her daughter. Although she has shown no interest in settling in Israel, she could have obtained Israeli citizenship "by a mere formality of application," the IRB panel had stated.

The decision was appealed, but Federal Court Judge Marcel Joyal agreed with the IRB, saying Canada's protection is "not a quick fix" and should only go to those who do not have "ready and automatic right to another country's nationality."

Joyal's six-page ruling, the first of its kind, outraged lawyers and Jewish refugee advocates, who feared that Canada's doors were closing for good to all Jewish asylum seekers — including those who have no connection to Israel — simply because they are Jews. For them, the court's message was, if you're Jewish, go to Israel, which must take you in.

To others, including Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), the ruling was reminiscent of Ottawa's dismal record of admitting Jewish refugees fleeing Nazism in the 1930s and '40s.

Indeed, Irving Abella, co-author of *None is Too Many*, wrote in the *Globe and Mail* that "once again — but for different reasons — Jews have been singled out as inadmissible. If the Grygorian ruling is followed, Jews will be barred."

Potentially, so could other refugees. Lawyers believe the ruling means that from now on, claimants will have to prove they have nowhere else to go, leaving Canada a nation of last resort.

A few weeks ago, officials of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) raised the matter in a meeting with Immigration Minister Lucienne Robillard.

Robillard was aware of the ruling but indicated there wasn't much she could do about a court decision, said CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone.

But Silverstone used the meeting to point out a supreme irony in Canadian immigration rules, namely, that Grygorian could, in theory, go to Israel and then return to Canada claiming refugee status because she had been "persecuted" in the Jewish state. Hundreds of ex-Soviet Jews have successfully springboarded to Canada via Israel, using that argument.

Today, Grygorian, now 66, awaits an assessment by immigration department officials on whether deporting her back to Azerbaijan or Russia, of which she's also a citizen, poses too high a risk. In the meantime, she lives in Toronto, where her daughter cannot afford to sponsor her.

Joyal denied her lawyer, Yehuda Levinson, permission to appeal the ruling.

Levinson told *The CJN* his "gravest concern" is if Grygorian is deported to Azerbaijan, where anti-Semitism is "rampant."

She cannot be deported to Israel, since she's not a citizen there, Levinson added. "It's a classic catch-22." It's possible, he said, that Grygorian can be allowed to stay in Canada on grounds of compassion.

If all else fails in Canada, Levinson said he will take the case to Amnesty International or the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva.

He and others say the ruling grossly misinterprets the Law of Return, which does not grant automatic citizenship to all Jews, and requires that immigrants actually be in Israel to make a claim.

There have been several recent developments in the case, among them:

- Just last week, immigration lawyer David Matas received a decision he said "will put an end to the uncertainty generated by the Grygorian decision."

A Winnipeg IRB panel boldly repudiated the ruling when it granted refugee status to a Jewish claimant from Russia. It found that "in contrast to the Grygorian decision, the claimant would have no ready and automatic right to Israeli nationality."

Matas said it would be "perverse" for panels to follow the Federal Court ruling and not this decision.

- In Montreal, a coalition of lawyers and refugee advocates, in a statement titled No Jews Need Apply, called on the chair of the IRB to issue guidelines to panel members to prevent future decisions "based on incomplete information and faulty logic."

But last week, John Frecker, the IRB's deputy chair, told *The CJN* the board will not be issuing guidelines, leaving individual panels to arrive at their own decisions.

"We don't think it's timely to issue guidelines at this point. This is better resolved by the courts," he said.

Frecker explained that the IRB issues advice to members only when courts arrive at divergent opinions, "to clarify confusion."

He said the board is waiting for other court rulings. "The sooner we get clarification, the better."

- The Canadian Council for Refugees has issued a scathing response to the Grygorian ruling, pointing out that "it is clearly not the case that Jews throughout the world are Israeli citizens. Potential nationalities are not relevant."

The council notes that Israel does not have to take in all Jews. Israel can refuse anyone it believes poses a health, criminal or security risk.

The council also points out that the Law of Return requires a person's desire to settle in Israel.

The Grygorian decision does not establish a precedent, in the council's view.

- Ian Fine, an Ottawa immigration lawyer, said that in the past 10 cases he's argued in which there has been a Jewish claimant, not once did the panel find that Israel is a country of nationality.

Fine believes the Grygorian matter is a "non-issue."

His opinion is bolstered by a recent IRB decision granting refugee status to a Jewish couple from Moldova, and stating that the Grygorian ruling should not be relied upon as a precedent.

It is "improper," the panel stated, to conclude that the Federal Court has told the IRB to assign Israeli nationality to all Jews.

The court's finding "does not stand for the principle that Israeli citizenship is automatic to all Jews ... The spirit of the Law of Return was not to force Israeli nationality on all Jews but rather to ensure that Israel would be a homeland open to all Jews desiring to settle there ... It is not an automatic process."

But decisions by IRB panels are notoriously inconsistent. Those in Toronto and Montreal are said to be stricter than panels in Ottawa and Western Canada. Some lawyers are less sanguine about how the Grygorian decision will affect future rulings.

- Montreal immigration lawyer Mitchell Goldberg said some hearing officers are using the Grygorian decision to deny asylum to Jews.

Panel members have invoked the ruling to deny refugee status to his clients, who fled anti-Semitic persecution in Russia, Georgia and Kazakhstan, Goldberg was quoted as telling a Montreal newspaper.

- Harvey Savage, a Toronto immigration lawyer, has found much the same thing. He said he had three hearings last month involving Jewish claimants from ex-Soviet republics, and in each, decisions were reserved.

"I would have gotten positive decisions on the spot" before the Grygorian ruling. Now, panels "are a little bit edgy.

"I sense the jury is still out on this. If the Grygorian ruling does become a precedent, then Jews need not apply to come to Canada."

"Every Jew has the right to Israeli citizenship. Israeli authorities have no discretion to refuse ... In Canada, the claimant, upon arrival, is but a refugee claimant with many hurdles to overcome before obtaining the right to Canadian citizenship. In Israel, upon arrival, she can, by expressing an intent to settle, be a citizen of Israel...

...the claimant is not a person who truly requires or genuinely needs protection – that protection is available to her in Israel, where she has an absolute right to citizenship, where the authorities have no discretion to refuse her and where, by her own testimony, she has no fear of persecution ... it would be perverse not to find Israel to be a country of nationality."

–Immigration and Refugee Board, in the matter of Antonina Grygorian.

"It is a long and sad story, but to members of the [Immigration and Refugee] Board, one that they here time and time again. After finding that Russian nationality, Azerbaijan nationality and Israeli nationality are open to the claimant by simple demand, the Board ruled that any other more liberal approach or less stringent obligation would violate the underlying rationale of refugee law as a remedy of last resort.

"In my view of the evidence before the Board, I cannot conclude that its decision is unreasonable. Nor can I criticize it on the basis of current refugee law for concluding that the applicant is entitled to Russian nationality by reason of her birth there in 1930, and that she is entitled to Israeli nationality under the provisions of Law of Return.'

–Judge Marcel Joyal, Federal Court of Canada.

At this time, Canada is not accepting Jewish immigrants. Please try another country.

– Paraphrase of a form letter received by Jews rejected entry into Canada in the 1930's, as relayed by Prof. Irving Abella, co-author of *None is Too Many*.

Opinions

Jewish studies growing in Russia

By Michael Brown

This spring the Centre for Jewish Studies at York University is inaugurating an exchange agreement with the State Pedagogical Institute in Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia, the first such agreement between a Canadian and a Russian university. Contact between the two institutions was established earlier this year, when I attended a conference in Moscow of professors of Jewish Studies in universities of the former Soviet Union. There I met with two Jewish Studies professors from Rostov, one a Jew and one a non-Jew.

The February conference, which was funded by the American Joint Distribution Committee but organized and sponsored by Sefer, the Russian association for Jewish Studies, brought together researchers and teachers in Russian-Jewish history, but also in Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish law, and other areas which we might expect to find in any full Jewish studies program in North America.

I was one of only a few non-Russian academics invited; the others were Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, Profs. Nehemia Levitzion of the Hebrew University, Ernest Frerichs of Brown University, Antony Polonsky from Brandeis and John Klier of the University of London. Levtzion was also representing the International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization under the Auspices of the President of Israel, the organization that spawned Sefer and has continued to nurture its growth.

One other notable academic at the conference was the Israeli ambassador in Moscow, Prof. Aliza Shinhar, a noted folklore scholar now on leave from Haifa University. Shinhar delivered greetings to the plenary and a scholarly paper, and she met privately over dinner with a few of us.

Most inspiring was the presence of some 50 graduate and undergraduate students whose commitment to the field ensures the future of Jewish studies in the states of the former Soviet Union. Also encouraging was the attendance of a vice-president of the Russian Academy of Sciences, which has recently admitted Sefer as a constituent society.

Exchange

My previous visit to the Soviet Union 12 years ago had as its purpose succoring refuseniks and bringing them contraband Jewish studies material proscribed by the regime. That only a few years later I would be speaking at a conference of professors of Jewish studies at Russian universities held in the Academy of Sciences was unimaginable then. Most of the refusenik leaders I met in 1984 have left Russia and are now in Israel. Miraculously, however, a new generation of effective intellectual and communal leaders has emerged to take their place.

One of the students at the conference was Motya Tschlenow, a descendant of Yehiel Tschlenow, a supporter of Herzl and a pioneer Russian Zionist who headed the All-Russian Zionist Convention in 1917. As we all know, Russia is hardly without its problems, including anti-Semitism. But Jewish life is being resurrected, and the mood at the conference was upbeat.

The professors and students are looking forward to a more knowledgeable Jewish future. That is what led Brandeis to make an exchange agreement with Kiev University, and York to do so with the Rostov State Pedagogical Institute; in the future, we expect one with Rostov State University, as well.

As the first stage of our exchange, two York professors, Martin Lockshin and Bernard Zelechow, will be travelling to Rostov next month for a week of intensive lectures on Jewish studies. Their trip is being sponsored by York's Centre for Jewish Studies and by the Canadian International Development Agency and the Association of Colleges and Universities in Canada Professional Partnerships Program. We hope in the not-too-distant future to host lecturers from Rostov at York, especially in the field of Russian-Jewish studies. And we look forward to an exchange of students as well. The Rostov academics believe they can build for the future through substantive contacts with Canada. And we at York can learn a great deal from the experiences and expertise of our Rostov colleagues. We look forward to the collaboration.

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Saving the children of Chernobyl

By Carl Alpert

At a time when the news from Israel is not always bright and encouraging, we report on a heart-warming, life-saving project which is little known, and even less understood. This is the ongoing rescue of the Jewish children of Chernobyl.

Though the nuclear disaster in the Ukrainian city occurred 10 years ago in April 1986, and took a death toll which by now has exceeded 125,000, the hideous effects are still claiming victims who remain in or near the contaminated areas.

Known in Czarist times as the Pale of Settlement, this area was home to millions of Jews; and several hundred thousand still reside there, though their numbers are dwindling rapidly as the children, most susceptible to the radiation-induced cancers, are dying young.

Six years ago, the Chabad movement initiated a rescue program which is comparable to the origins of the Youth Aliyah movement. In the present instance, Jewish families in the Chernobyl area place their children in the humanitarian care of Chabad and send them to Israel, where they are provided with crucial medical treatment and given the opportunity to grow up in a healthy environment. To date, close to 1,300 youngsters have been saved and given a new lease on life.

What is remarkable about this program — and sad, too — is that no help whatsoever is provided by any of the major Jewish rescue bodies — not the Joint Distribution Committee, not the Jewish Agency, not the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. All funds are raised privately by Chabad through individual donors. Several thousand children have been registered on the waiting list by their parents, but their turn can come only when funds are available for the flight and for their housing, education and medical care in Israel.

The children, aged from about six to 15, arrive in Israel as tourists and do not receive the benefits given by the government to new immigrants. They are housed at Kfar Chabad in the centre of the country, where a complete network of educational and medical facilities has been set up. They are clothed. They can phone home to their parents from time to time.

The sponsors pay for everything, for every band-aid. The Hadassah Hospital provides medical and clinical services, but I was shocked to hear that it charges Chabad full rates for the use of its facilities.

Even on its relatively limited scale, what Chabad is doing for the Jewish children of Ukraine, exceeds what the UN and all the agencies are doing for the general population of the area. The major international effort in Chernobyl is being devoted now to research, to learn what to do in case of a repetition of a similar disaster elsewhere.

The program is based on a two-year stay at Kfar Chabad. At the end of that period, in most cases, the parents come here as *olim*, pick up their healthy children and recommence family life with new homes and jobs.

The facilities at Kfar Chabad are spartan but comfortable. The children, who in Ukraine had been completely detached from any Jewish awareness, are taught Hebrew and English, and get a full academic program equivalent to what would be provided in many Jewish day schools.

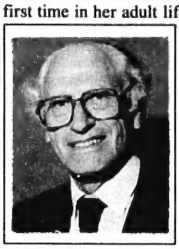
Medical care and attention are crucial, for many arrive with early symptoms of thyroid cancer and/or immune systems affected by their exposure to radiation back home.

Hundreds of Chabad personnel give their services in this life-saving undertaking. For example, Milwaukee-born Jay Litvin, who serves as medical director and liaison with world bodies, has immersed himself in the program.

With a minimum of bureaucracy and a shoestring budget, and with insufficient publicity, the Chabad Children of Chernobyl project serves as a shining example of Judaism and Israel at their best.

David Hartman and Emil Fackenheim will return next month

Use it or lose it



By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

In 1961 our family, including Mother, moved to Toronto.

She was in her early 70s and for the first time in her adult life did not work for a living. She became active in the community and then, one memorable day, she decided to make up for lost time and get an education. When she was 88, the University of Toronto became her new intellectual habitat. She had last seen school desks some 70-plus years before. It was a radical move, going by the standards of society.

Justifiably, in the course of her studies and the eventual attainment of an honorary BA from the university at age 100, she became a celebrity. In the process she had taught fellow students — most of them in their 20s — something that the professors could not get across to them in the same fashion: that education was a lifelong experience. When she died three years ago, she had converted many to the belief that age was an opportunity to learn and grow, rather a time to retract and shrivel.

Modern researchers have emphasized the truth of what she demonstrated in her life: that mental activity and continued study are, in fact, securing the continued acuity of the brain. Humans, so the latest studies prove, will lose muscle power as they age, while the brain follows a different rule, for it is not a muscle but a unique structure all by itself. It is kept alive by mental stimulation, and the more the aging person will diversify his/her interests and will face intellectual challenges, the more certain one may be of maintaining the continued proper and vital functioning of the brain.

"Use it or lose it" was a theory proposed some 30 years ago, when experiments at the University of California at Berkley showed that mental stimulation alters the brain structure and chemistry in rats. Since then, both animals and humans have been shown to have greater brain activity when the neurons in the brain are challenged and sprout dendrites, which are like branches on a tree. The more dendrites, the more communication there is between cells.

People who continue mental activity — and the more varied the better — literally upgrade their computer and thereby acquire a bigger capacity and memory. Researchers believe that there is a direct correlation between the density of dendrites and the amount of learning in which a person engages.

A recent article in the *Bulletin of the American Association of Retired Persons* brings this home and suggests a series of steps to maintain one's brain power. The more a person can take control of his/her life, the better the brain will age, which means abandoning the idea that with retirement one no longer has to think.

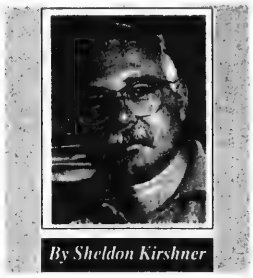
"That's a mistake, because the way to have an active mind in the later years is to think of education as a lifelong process," said Prof. Warner Schaie, a professor at Penn State University. My mother did not know about him, but simply did it and enjoyed every moment of it.

The Kirshner File

Separation policy fraught with uncertainties

Israel is battling the forces of Islamic fundamentalism on two fronts.

In the north, from its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, Israel is fighting a war of attrition against Hezbollah, which is supported by Iran, the bastion of Islamic fundamentalism. Last week's ceasefire ended the latest round of warfare, but failed to resolve the underlying problems between Israel and Hezbollah.



By Sheldon Kirshner

As fighting raged in Lebanon, Israel was busy building a two-kilometre wide security zone along its winding demarcation line with the West Bank, part of a system of patrol zones, fences, special crossing points and electronic barriers designed to deter Hamas and Islamic Jihad suicide bombers.

The new security measures, which are expected to take two years to implement, were adopted by Israel's cabinet on March 4 after the fourth suicide bombing in nine days to convulse Israel. These attacks left 58 people dead, battered confidence in the Oslo peace process and bolstered the prospects of the Likud bloc in the May 29 general election.

The concept of separation was originally unveiled by the late Yitzhak Rabin, following a suicide bombing in January 1995 in Beit Lid which killed 22 Israelis. Rabin envisioned a complex of fences, fixed positions and mobile patrols by infantry, armor and helicopters to seal off Israel from the West Bank. (A fence erected in 1994 and 1995 already encloses the Gaza Strip).

Rabin, however, had second thoughts about separation when the concept was found to be unworkable and far too costly.

In the wake of the latest wave of suicide bombings, Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, revived the idea. Peres did so reluctantly, having always opposed separation as contrary to the spirit and letter of Israel's agreements with the PLO.

Peres, whose vision of a "new Middle East" includes economic integration between Israel and the Palestinian autonomous areas in Gaza and the West Bank, once argued that separation would undermine Israel's accords with the Palestine Authority and sow hardship for Palestinians in the territories who depend on Israel for a livelihood.

But faced with the spectre of a deadly bombing campaign by Islamic radicals to destroy the Oslo accords and to eliminate his chances of defeating Benjamin Netanyahu at the polls, Peres opted for separation over integration.

It was, relatively speaking, a painless decision for Peres. Most Israelis, as well as Peres' chief cabinet ministers (notably Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and Minister Without Portfolio Yossi Beilin), favor separation as a necessity.

Yet separation hardly enjoys universal support. Closure of the territories — an inevitable byproduct of separation — deprives about 70,000 Palestinian day laborers of their hard-earned salaries, costs the struggling Palestinian economy about $3 million per day in direct and indirect expenditures, discredits the Palestine Authority and its rapprochement with Israel, and enhances Hamas' image. Besides, virtually none of the terrorism of the past three years has been perpetrated by Palestinian workers.

Separation, too, is an anathema to the political right in Israel, since it implicitly resurrects the old Green Line, accepts the inevitability of a Palestinian state and leaves Jewish settlements in the territories more isolated and exposed to Arab attacks.

And there are qualms about separation in Israel's left-wing camp, turning on the argument that it reduces the mainly Arab-populated territories into a pool of cheap labor for Israeli agriculture and industry.

The left-of-centre Meretz party, a member of the governing coalition, backs separation as a practical step to combat terrorism. But Meretz's platform leans toward a demilitarized Palestinian state.

No matter how you look at it, separation is a dicey notion. It is a tool in Israel's arsenal against Islamic fundamentalism, yet it is fraught with political, economic and moral ambiguities and uncertainties.

Kibbutzim marching to beat of materialism

Collectivism, once a sacrosanct tenet on kibbutzim, is being replaced by individualism.

As Israeli society grows more prosperous, Israelis are marching to the irresistible beat of materialism, and kibbutzim like Yahel, about 65 kilometres north of Eilat, have been deeply affected by this change.

Yahel, a mainly farming community founded 19 years ago as a joint venture of the United Kibbutz Movement (Takam) and the Movement for Progressive Jewry, has moved away from the model of the traditional kibbutz.

In 1989, Yahel became one of the first kibbutzim to give its members partial control of personal budgets. "It gave people the opportunity to be more independent," said Hillel Tobias, the former treasurer, in a recent interview.

Under the new system, free vacations and the communal laundry vanished, while subsidies for personal clothing, furniture and electric and telephone bills were eliminated.

Instead, outside consultants recommended that members receive a larger individual budget, with more freedom to set their own priorities. As a result, the kibbutz is spending less money and members have greater autonomy.

Yahel, however, still maintains the vestiges of a collective community. The kibbutz supplies members' meals — two of which are taken in the communal dining room — and looks after education and health costs.

In another departure from kibbutz tradition, kids sleep at home, not in a children's house, but this has been the case at Yahel since its beginning.

The economy of Yahel — an oasis in the Arava desert — is based in part on field crops like melons, peppers, onions, pomelos and tomatoes.

The harvest, much of which is exported to Western Europe during the winter season, is gathered by members with the help of Israeli Bedouin migrant workers and overseas volunteers. (Of late, some of the volunteers have been French Canadians.)

Two-thirds of Yahel's residents are Sabras, with the rest from the United States, South Africa, Britain and South America.

The other pillars of Yahel's economy are a dairy herd, fish ponds, guided tours of the Negev and Arava, and a seminar centre with educational programming.

Some members commute to jobs in the area.

Despite the diversified nature of its economy, Yahel requires the assistance of the Diaspora. Through its Project Renewal link with the Toronto Jewish community, Yahel receives funds for adult education programs and equipment for a youth lounge and a seminar centre.

Conceived by the late Menachem Begin, Project Renewal is a partnership between the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and individual Diaspora communities. Its overarching purpose is to improve the quality of life in Israel.

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Insurance benefits may be sold

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

What does a terminally ill patient do when his medical fees and other expenses become so exorbitant that he does not have the resources or income to meet his needs?

Comparative Law

One solution currently available is known as a viatical settlement. Simply put, this allows a terminally ill patient to sell the benefits of his life insurance policy to another, usually for around 50 to 60 percent of its value. The patient gets the money now in return for naming the investor as his beneficiary.

In response to the AIDS epidemic, over 60 viatical settlement firms were established during the last five years, creating a multi-billion dollar industry.

Some praise this idea as a way of providing desperately needed money at a time when the patient and his family really need it for medications, medical help and family support. Others oppose it, viewing it as a ghoulish way of taking financial advantage of people in desperate situations and of leaving the heirs vulnerable following the death of their loved one.

What is the opinion of Jewish law? A Talmudic parallel to the modern life insurance policy is the *ketubah*, a contract entered into between a husband and a wife at the time of their marriage, which, among other things, guarantees to a woman a certain amount of money in the event that the marriage ends in divorce or in her husband's death. At a time when a woman did not control her own financial assets during marriage and did not inherit her husband's estate, the *ketubah* was especially important to protect her interests.

Nevertheless, if a woman is in great financial need, she has the legal right to sell her *ketubah* and to assign it to others (Baba Kama 89b). In other words, for a certain amount of money that she receives now, she assigns to the buyer the proceeds of the *ketubah* that would normally be due to her at the end of her marriage. The purchase of a *ketubah* is a greater financial risk to the buyer than the purchase of a life insurance policy, because the wife receives her *ketubah* only in the case of divorce or her husband's death. If she predeceases him, no *ketubah* is paid.

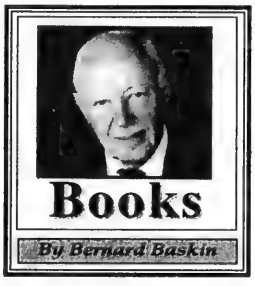
The sale of the *ketubah*, however, may not be absolute. If a *banin dichrin* clause is added to the *ketubah*, i.e., that the children will inherit their mother's *ketubah*, the children can claim their inheritance despite the sale. This is because it was her pressing need for money that compelled her to assign her *ketubah* to others, but other conditions of the *ketubah* are still in force and due her as well.

It seems to me that the selling of a life insurance policy is similar to the sale of a *ketubah* and is permissible under Jewish law. Regulated properly, it may even be an act of great kindness which enables the terminally ill recipient to receive funds, in order to care for himself and his family in a dignified way. It may also relieve the community of the great financial burden of providing for an indigent patient. And if civil law allows all of the benefits to be assigned to another, Jewish law respects those conditions.

However, there is a moral obligation to consider the financial welfare of a patient's family. Clearly, it is the pressing need for money which compels a terminally ill patient to assign the benefits of his life insurance policy to others. Efforts should be made to ensure that the patient's family will not face a financial crisis with the death of their loved one.

Rabbi Dratch is the spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in Toronto.

Jews helped to boost legal, civil rights



Search Out The Land by Sheldon J. Godfrey & Judith C. Godfrey, McGill-Queen's University Press $34.95

This impressive book has two basic aims, both of which are admirably achieved: to show how, over a century and a half, early Canada established the civil and legal rights of its religious minorities, and to describe the role of Jews in the development of that society.

The authors assert that "Jews through the milennia had wandered from one place to another searching for a land where they could be granted equal status and put down roots." Those who ventured into British North America, a huge and unsullied land of infinite promise, spread the good news to those in the "old country" in search of freedom and opportunity. Immigrants came slowly at first and later in substantial numbers. Jews and what was to become Canada were an agreeable match.

But the road to equality was replete with barriers; it was not quickly or easily travelled. This scholarly account reveals how the legal and political restrictions in the British North American colonies were gradually overcome. In 1831, the legislature of Lower Canada (now Quebec) decided that Jews were as equal as other citizens under the law. This enactment, the first of its kind in the British Empire, erased the injustice done to the Jews of Quebec when 20 or so years earlier, Ezekiel Hart, twice elected to the assembly was denied his position because he could not take the Christian oath of office.

The Quebec ordinance led, in time, to the elimination of the unfair oath throughout British North America.

In the most famous battle in Canadian history on the Plains of Abraham just outside Quebec City, in which the British conquered the French to capture all of Canada, few people know that two of the key players were Jewish. Alexander Shonberg, a Jew who was forced to convert to enlist in the British Navy, captained the largest ship in the British fleet. On the other hand, Abraham Gradis, a French Jew, was the major supplier of arms, food, supplies and soldiers to the French army.

The first Jewish immigrant we know about was a young boy who arrived in Quebec 250 years ago. When he was questioned, he confessed that he was not really Christian and not even a male. In fact, he was a she, an 18-year-old French Jewish girl. Esther Brandou wanted to travel and could not do so as a girl. So she disguised herself and took various masculine jobs. Finally, she became a sailor and landed in Quebec. The authorities tried to deport her unless she converted, since no Jews were allowed in Quebec. But Esther was steadfast and determined. Eventually, after a year of failed effort, she was shipped back home by the French authorities.

What will undoubtedly interest most readers is the description of the lives and accomplishments of some of the more than 100 Jewish pioneers and their families in the years between 1750 and 1840. Among them were George Benjamin of Belleville, Ont., who in 1863, was offered a position as minister of the crown; Ezekiel Solomons, a successful and intrepid fur trader; and the many members of the astonishing Hart family. Aaron Ezekiel Hart was the first Jewish barrister and solicitor in British North America. Aaron Philip Hart was appointed postmaster of Trois Rivières.

Sheldon Godfrey, a Toronto lawyer, and his wife Judith, a heritage conservationist, have carefully researched hitherto unexplored material. What they discovered about Jews and freedom in early Canada will be of immense interest to all students of history.

Jewish Life

A Lag b'Omer in Jerba

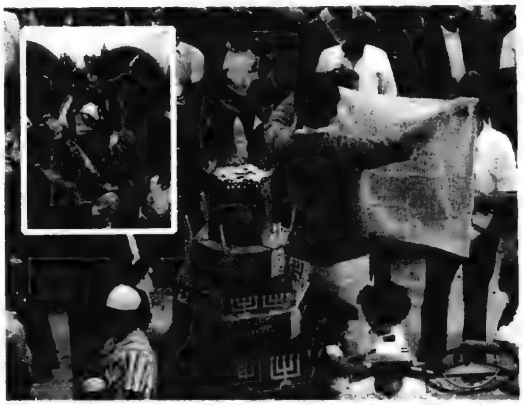
On May 7, Jewish communities around the world will celebrate the holiday of Lag b'Omer. Its name means, literally, the 33rd day in the counting of the Omer, which is tallied from the second day of Passover until Shavuot. Thus the holiday always falls on the 18th day of the month of Iyar.

Guest Voices

The origin of the holiday is uncertain. Some sources attribute the holiday to its being the last day of a devastating plague which took the lives of thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students. Some people state that the students did indeed die but not by plague. Rather they died in revolt against the Roman occupiers. Other people consider the date of the holiday to be the anniversary of the death of the great and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, considered to be the author of the Zohar.

Lag b'Omer is a festive occasion celebrated in many different ways.

The CJN *asked Sarah Taieb-Carlen, professor of sociology at York University in Toronto and an expert on Sephardi folklore to write about the Lag b'Omer celebrations among the Jews of Jerba in North Africa.*



The sale of the scarves before the decoration of the menara. Inset, is the menara after it has been fully adorned by the celebrants. [photos by Regine Rosenthal from *Le Pelerinage de la Ghriba*]

By SARAH TAIEB-CARLEN

Jerba is a small island off the shore of Tunisia in North Africa.

Local tradition maintains that Jewish settlement there dates back thousands of years. According to the Encyclopedia Judaica, the history of the Jews of Jerba includes three periods of serious persecution: in the 12th century under the Almohads; in 1519 under the Spanish; and more recently, in 1943 under the Nazis.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, the yeshivot of Jerba produced many rabbis and writers and provided rabbis for the communities of North Africa. In 1946, there were approximately 4,900 Jews in Jerba in al-Hara al-Saghira, al-Hara al-Kabir and Houmt-Souk, the principal town of the island. By the late 1960s, their number had dwindled to about 1,500.

It is believed that several *kohanim* escaped from Jerusalem to Jerba in 586 BCE, carrying with them a door and a few stones from the first Temple which they used to build the synagogue called the Ghriba.

According to historian Nahum Slouschz, who visited Jerba in 1905, much folklore exists about the synagogue and the site on which it was built.

One such tale revolves around a mysterious, beautiful young woman who lived all alone in a hut of branches that she had built by herself on a small deserted hill. She carried herself with such dignity that no one dared approach her.

One day, the people of the community saw flames devouring the hut. When the fire subsided, they found the girl's body, lifeless but untouched by the fire.

They interpreted this tragic event in metaphysical terms. They "understood" that she had been a saint, that they should have helped her in her solitude and that they should have acknowledged her holy character.

To acknowledge their omission and to commemorate her life, they built a synagogue, the Ghriba, meaning "the extraordinary," on the site of the hut.

To this day, once a year, pilgrims visit the synagogue. The pilgrimage, *ziyara* in Judeo-Tunisian, begins a month after Pesach and culminates on Lag b'Omer. It goes on between the 14th and the 18th of Iyar, the anniversaries of the deaths of Rabbi Meir baal Hanes and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, respectively, two very important figures of North African Judaism.

The pilgrims come to the Ghriba one by one. They enter the outer hall, take off their shoes, cover their head, devote themselves for a short while to solitary worship, and then proceed to the inner sanctuary where everyone lights a candle and makes a silent vow.

The pilgrims walk through the synagogue to kiss the ark of the Torah.

Under the ark is an alcove lit up by candles. Popular belief holds that this is the very spot where the young girl's body was found.

Visitors usually place one or more eggs inscribed with the name of an unmarried girl on the floor of the alcove. At the end of the day, they come back to retrieve their egg, which by then is thoroughly baked by the heat from the many candles illuminating the alcove. People believe that if a girl eats the egg that had her name, she will be successful in finding a husband within a year.

On the 18th of Iyar, Lag b'Omer, the festivities are heightened by the participation of the local Jerbians, who on that day join the visitors from other communities. A large candelabrum, the *menara*, is put on display, slowly decorated and borne in procession from the Ghriba for a distance of one kilometre to the nearby community of Dighet.

The *menara* is a hexagonal pyramid mounted on three wheels and consisting of five levels. It depicts the community's conception of the hierarchy of the Jewish people.

Its base represents the 12 tribes of Israel, all the Jews of the world. The layer above represents many famous Tunisians scholars whose names mingle at the third level with those of important biblical characters such as Abraham, Isaac, Rachel and Leah. The Hebrew inscription, which reads, "This candelabrum is in honor of Rabbi Meir Baal Hanes and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, may their merits assure us of protection," appears at the top of this level.

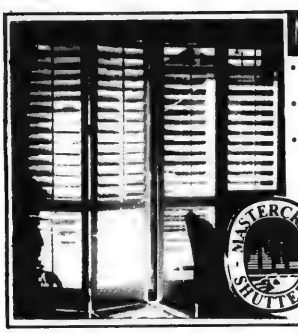
The name of God is inscribed in a Star of David on the fourth level. On the fifth and last level are the tablets of the law in silver, the crown of the *menara*.

Before the procession begins, the *menara* is wrapped in several layers of silk, which, together with the *rimonim*, the silver globes shaped as pomegranates, are sold during a lively auction that takes place in the courtyard of the synagogue, accompanied by music from the local orchestra and ululations from the women's gallery.

Once the last scarf has been sold, the procession sets out very slowly. The privilege of carrying the *menara* for just a few metres is offered to the highest bidder. The procession includes countless stops and it takes several hours to walk the kilometre between the village and the synagogue.

The orchestra is at the head of the march engaging people in the singing of cheerful *piyutim*, liturgical poems. The pilgrims follow and surround the *menara*. Some Muslims even join in the ceremony, whether simply to have fun or because, not infrequently, they also believe in the power of the Ghriba.

The fervor of the celebration and the enthusiasm of the day are hard to contain. Saying good-bye to the *menara* is very difficult indeed for the pilgrims.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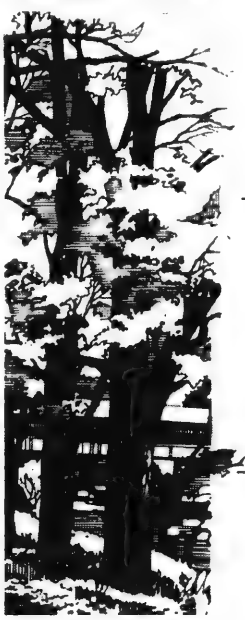
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Kinar stresses importance of recalling soldiers' sacrifices

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 1,500 people filled the sanctuary of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue for a sombre Yom Hazikaron assembly to honor the memory of those who fell in the struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel and in its defence.

Yom Hazikaron

Sponsored by the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto with the Israeli Boy and Girl Scouts Federation of Toronto, the ceremony began with the recitation of Yizkor in Hebrew by Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Doron Kadmiel and in English by Karen Menashe.

Taps was sounded by Ilan Gordon, as Imri Yung, Elad Winkler and Meron Darchenski of Zabar Scouts' Honor Guard lowered the Israeli flag to half-mast. Two minutes of silence followed.

Music, poetry, readings and speeches preceded Cantor Louis Danto's chanting of K'El Maleh Rachamim. Shimon Inbar recited Kaddish as a memorial candle was lit by Tsipi Erez, assisted by Zabar Scouts Roi Bar-Kat and Aviram Tzur.

Lighting the memorial candle at the Yom Hazikaron ceremony.

During the program, Israel David, Yitzhak Argaman and Reuven Zemer performed *Ahai Giborei Ha'tehila, Ha'Kotel*, and *Dudu*. Soloists Dafna Tzur and Ilana Millman sang *Uri* and *They shall beat their swords into ploughshares*, respectively.

Excerpts from the speech given by Yitzhak Rabin following the unification of Jerusalem were read in Hebrew by Maj. (Res.) Yehuda Marle.

Speaking in English and Hebrew, Yehudi Kinar, the Israeli consul general said we have to remember and remind others, especially the younger generation, of the sacrifice of the Israeli soldiers.

"We don't remember only the fallen soldiers, but all those who were killed and murdered so that we can live as it is written in our national anthem, *Hatikvah* — To live as a free nation in our country."

He said it was high time that the world reacted to the shocking acts of terror by Hamas and Hezbollah. "Conferences alone will not bring the solution. Wherever we are, we must fight against this new wave of terrorism by the enemies of Israel, but not of Israel alone."

This type of terrorism, he added, does not know or abide by any borders. "No distinction is made between toddlers, young mothers, the elderly or soldiers."

He noted that last year, 177 Israeli citizens were killed.

"When we speak of the victims for Israel's independence, the victims of terror are part of them. These soldiers and civilians were victims on a road which I hope will lead to the ultimate goal of peace."

Others participating in the memorial service included, Rabbi Barry Schneider, Lt.-Col. (Res.) Ehud Savion, Shimon Zer Aviv, Hagit Fishman, Shir Tsabari, Shir Landau, Galit Klein, Chen Tamir, Ayelet Berkowitz and Sharon Eshet.

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Balagan on Bathurst turns into joyous celebration

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ezeh balagan.

Welcome to a little bit of Israel on Bathurst Street.

A voice boomed through the jam-packed Leah Posluns Theatre, asking the 450 or more present to raise their hands if they were sitting next to an empty seat so those standing could be seated.

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Voices began shouting in Hebrew when some kids stubbornly tried to remain in the "seats" they'd made for themselves in the aisle. More announcements urged people to be seated so the program could begin.

The occasion was a community celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 48th birthday, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) Central region. Despite a shaky start that included staticky microphones and a singer's mike that wasn't even turned on, the evening's program turned into one of joyous singing and celebration.

Tillie Margolis, acting president of the CZF's central region, emceed the program, and Kurt Rothschild, national president of the CZF and Israel Consul General Jehudi Kinar offered brief remarks.

Traditional chassidic songs

Rothschild reflected on "the dream" of Israel in Jewish history, while Kinar recounted the tremendous advances the state has made in only 48 years. Its economy is booming, education is a priority and *olim* continue to migrate there at a rate of 60,000 per year, he said.

With the conclusion of Kinar's statement, the musical fun began.

Led by the three cantors, Louis "Luciano" Danto, Efraim "Placido" Sapir and Benjamin "Jose" Maissner, the audience was invited to sing along as the trio offered stirring renditions of traditional chassidic songs and more modern Israeli numbers. A particular favorite was Danto's moving solo performance of *Av Harachamim*.

They were followed by a performance of *Our Jerusalem*, a musical play in celebration of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary.

Perhaps more appropriately titled *King David and the Amazing Technicolor City Founder*, the show owed as much to Andrew Lloyd whatshisname and current musical trends — including rap — than to traditional Jewish music. Nevertheless the singers were excellent and the costumes first rate.

The show traced the founding of Jerusalem to the modern day through music, dance and dialogue.

It was performed by a teenage cast under the leadership of Doron Ophir, musical director, and Rivka Atzmony, choreographer.

The show was produced by Roni Kadmiel of the Jewish National Fund and Tami Savion of CZF.

King David proclaims Jerusalem the eternal capital of the people of Israel. Inset, the movement of the dancers depicts the feeling of celebration and historical significance. [Photos by Clifford White]

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ביי אונדז יידן איז דאָס געווען מער — אַ סך מער — ווי דערגרייכן פּאָליטיש-גאַציאָנאַלע פרייהייט און אומאָפּהענגיקייט. דאָס איז געווען דער מאָמענט, ווען מיר זיינען דערגאַנגען צו דער מדרגה פון זעלבשטענדיקייט (עצמאות); ווען דאָס פאָלק האָט בפּועל ממש גענומען זיין גודל אין זיינע אייגענע הענט; ווען יידן האָבן אויפגעהערט צו זיין אַ בלינדער און פּאַסי-ווער אָביעקט אין די הענט פון אַנדערע פעלקער און אָנגעהויבן אַליין צו באַשטימען דעם וועג אין וועלכן זיי דאַרפן און מוזן גיין, אַ וועג, וואָס פירט צו פון פאַראויס באַוואוסטזיניק באַשטימטע צילן.

וועט עס טאַקע נישט זיין איבערגעטריבן, אויב מיר וועלן זאָגן, אַז יעדן יידנ'ס געדאַנקען זיינען אין דעם יום-טוב, ווי אויך אַ באַנץ יאָר, מיט ישראל און אין ישראל. און עס איז קיין וואונדער נישט. האָבן דאָך דורות נאָך דורות יידן פּרעזערווירט אין זייערע געדאַנקען, אין זייערע הערצער און מוחות, אין די תפילות, ליטעראַטור און געזאַנג, אין זייער פאָלקלאָר און הומאָר, די בענקעניש נאָך שיבת ציון. עס זיינען געפלאָסן אין דער ריכטונג פון ירושלים די געבעטן און וואונטשן, חלומות און האָפנונגען, אויסגע-טרוימטע און אויסגעבענקטע גאולה-דערוואַרטונגען, טרערן, קרעכצן און קולות פון אַ געפּייניקט פאָלק. ביז עס איז אָנגעקומען דער הייליקער טאָג פון ה' אייר, תש"ח — מאַי 14, 1948 — און דער טרוים, דער חלום איז פאַרווירקלעכט געוואָרן; די בענקעניש האָט געפונען איר ציל און עס ישראל האָט זיך צוריקגעקערט צו ארץ ישראל. זיינען מיר טאַקע דאַנקבאַר, וואָס אונדזער דור האָט געהאָט דעם זכות צו זיין עדות צו דער היסטאָרי-שער דערגרייכונג —די עטאַבלירונג פון דער דריטער יידישער קאָמאָנוועלט.

עס איז שוין די טראַדיציע ביי יידן, אַז ביי יעדער שמחה דערמאָנט מען דעם טרויער. איז עס אפשר מער ווי דער היסטאָרישער גודל אונדזערער, וואָס האָט צונויפגעפּאָרט די דאָסע פון יום העצמאות בלויז עטלעכע טעג נאָכן יום השואה. מוזן מיר טאַקע איצט דערמאָנען די מיליאָנען קרבנות פון לעצטן חורבן. זיי זיינען זיכער גייסטיקע שותפים צו אונדזער היינטיקן יום-טוב. זייער אומשולדיק פאַרגאָסן בלוט האָט אויפגערודערט די וועלט און געברענגט צום באַשלוס אין די פאַראייניקטע פעלקער צו לאָזן דאָס יידישע פאָלק ווערן די באַלעבאַטים איבער זייער אייגענעם גודל.

די פרייד פון היינטיקן יום-טוב איז שטאַרק צעשטערט געוואָרן צוליב די בלוטיקע געשעענישן לעצטן יאָר. איינס פון די גרעסטע אומגליקן אין דער עקזיסטענץ פון דער יידישער מלוכה איז געווען דער מאָרד פון פּרע-מיער-מיניסטער יצחק ראַבין ע"ה אין די נאָוועמבער טעג פון 1995. די ישראלדיקע איינוואוינער און די יידן אין דער פאַרשפּרייטונג זיינען דערשי-טערט געוואָרן פון דער ידיעה, אַז דער ראש הממשלה ראַבין איז דערשאָסן געוואָרן פון אַ יונגן יידישן פאַנאַטיקער, וועלכער האָט עס געטאָן אין נאָ-מען פון גאָט. יגאל עמיר האָט מיט דעם מאָרד באַצוועקט אָפּצושטעלן דעם שלום-פּראָצעס. דערווייל איז עס אים נישט געלונגען. די יידישע וועלט און די נישט-יידישע האָבן באַוויינט דעם טויט פון דעם מאָרטירער און אויסגעדריקט זייער צער און צאָרן.

אויך צווישן די אַראַבער זיינען פאַראַנען אַ סך, וואָס ווילן אָפּשטעלן דעם שלום-פּראָצעס. די פאַנאַטישע האַמאַס-טעראָריסטן האָבן געזייט טויט און פאַרניכטונג צווישן דער באַפעלקערונג אין לאַנד. צענדליקער אומשול-דיקע קרבנות — מענער, פרויען און קינדער — זיינען געפאַלן פון די איס-לאַמישע זעלבסמערדער-באָמבעס.

האָט דאָס פאָלק — דאָס גאַנצע יידישע פאָלק — באַוויינט די דאָזיקע קרבנות און גערופן די רעגירונג נקמה צו נעמען פאַר זיי. אָבער דאָס פאָלק — דאָס גאַנצע פאָלק — איז אַנטשלאָסן אויך אויף ווייטער אַנצוגיין מיט זיין לעבן, מיט זיין בויען און מיט דעם שלום-פּראָצעס. עס איז אונדזער האָפנונג און אונדזער ברכה, אַז מדינת ישראל זאָל ענדלעך דערגרייכן די צייט, ווען שלום וועט הערשן אין לאַנד און איבער דער וועלט.

SHMOOZIN

"That should do – all I want right now is a nosh."

From coast to coast

Congress seeks to resolve plenary snafus

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Defeated presidential candidate Thomas Hecht, who at the committee's hearing in February described himself as the target of a "character assassination" attempt, does receive some sympathy in the report.

Noting Hecht's testimony that a "brown envelope" containing damaging allegations against him was sent anonymously to certain Montreal media,. the committee states "all people of goodwill and all those in the community with a *yiddishe neshamah* (Jewish soul) condemn such odious and pernicious behavior.

"This is especially distressing when the maligned person is a pillar of the community."

The committee recommends that applications for accreditation as an organizational delegate should be received no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the start of a plenary, and that approval of such delegates should be completed 14 days before the plenary.

The fact that organizational delegates may apply for accreditation up to and including the first day of the plenary is cited as "the most salient problem" at the 1995 plenary.

Under existing rules, with delegates at large chosen by the CJC regions a month in advance, candidates look to organizational delegates for additional support because of their much later deadline.

However, this system broke down at the last plenary when "hundreds" of applications were received during the week before and especially on Friday, May 12 and the 24 hours of Shabbat before the plenary opening Saturday night.

The result was up to six-hour waits to register, even for already accredited delegates.

The latest date for the election of delegates at large should remain 30 days before the plenary, as the bylaws now require, and only observers (who do not vote) should be registered at the plenary, the report says.

Each accredited delegate should receive by mail a form attesting to his entitlement to vote, and a delegates list should be published no later than 14 days before the plenary.

The report urges clarification and simplification of organizational representation. An eligible organization should be defined as one that has 50 or more members, holds at least one general meeting a year, and has an executive headed by a president. Qualifying organizations should register with CJC, and a list of approved organizations should be issued by CJC 30 days before the plenary.

Each would be entitled to appoint two delegates regardless of their membership, the report says.

The "good standing" requirement of all delegates should be spelled out as a minimum $18 contribution to one's local federation campaign.

In other recommendations, the committee says candidates for officer positions or those "who intend to play a prominent role in support" of a candidate should not be involved in organizing the plenary in the 90 days prior to its opening.

CJC facing funding cuts

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But despite what Climan said, Vineberg said no final decisions will be made until after the budgeting process gets into gear this month.

Moreover, Vineberg said cuts will not be made to the detriment of any particular program, service or agency seen a s a community priority.

"The framework we're working under are federation campaigns that have flattened down," Vineberg said, as well as situations such as government funding cutbacks to Jewish social services in Ontario and Jewish education in Quebec.

Although "it looks like there will be less dollars available," Vineberg said the goal will be "to keep the damage to a minimum."

Some members of the executive were quick to denounce the threatened cuts as part of a longstanding effort or trend to undermine the autonomy of CJC and to weaken or even eliminate it.

The executive committee approved the draft budget, despite it not being the final version, in an effort to "minimize the reductions" and "show some clout" when it sits down with CJF Canada.

"The future of CJC is on the line," said an angry Manuel Shacter, former chair of CJC's Quebec region, at the meeting of the executive.

Shacter accused Congress of being "complaint" for too long, and, as a result, CJC is "on its way out."

Frank Schlesinger, another member of the executive, said, "We can not let ourselves be whittled down and down and down like this."

"If we don't start to put a little starch in our backbone, it will be a disservice to the Jewish community."

"There is no easy way to resolve this," responded a frustrated Climan.

"I don't have any answers.

"The best information we had was that we would have the same amount as last year.

But now it's obvious "that something major is going to happen over time," he said.

The draft budget approved by the executive is divided roughly between national and regional programs, including for the first time $144,000 earmarked for CJC's national unity committee, 1/3 coming from FEDERATION CJA and the balance from CJF Canada and its "reserve fund."

Plans were also in the works to expand CJC's Ottawa operations.

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Thursday, May 2

RABBI DOVID GOTTLIEB

Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb of Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, speaks on All for One, One for All: Loving, Respecting and Even Liking Our Fellow Jews, 8:30 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. $5. 905-886-5730.

MEET THE AUTHORS

At Beth Tzedec Congregation, Meet the Authors series features **Senator Jerry Grafstein**, editor of *Beyond the Imagination: Canadians Write About the Holocaust*, 8 p.m. Co-sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood.

Friday, May 3

ISRAEL 1996

Charles Harnick speaks on Israel 1996: A Perspective by Ontario's Attorney General, at the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada luncheon at noon, Park Plaza Hotel. $20. Kashrut observed. RSVP to **Flavia** 594-1812.

Sunday, May 5

KOFFLER GALLERY

Koffler Gallery and Loggia Gallery public opening 2-4 p.m. for exhibits, 17 by Kurelek and Lisa Neighbour: Loot. Kurelek exhibit documents Jewish immigrant life in Western Canada. To June 16. 636-1880, ext. 270.

CELEBRATE MAY DAY

Emil Gartner Lodge of United Jewish Peoples' Order May Day celebration and discussion, Challenging the Tory Government and Winning, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. **David Rapaport**, vice-president, OPSEU, speaks on The Strike and Why We Beat Harris. 789-5502.

DESIGNER SPORTSWEAR

Sportswomen, take note! Rachel chapter of Hadassah-WIZO's sale of brand new from the manufacturer designer ladies sportswear (lots of golf outfits), noon to 4 p.m., Jerusalem Hall, 788 Marlee Ave. 487-7460.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Hungarian Jewish Community and Friends of the Simcha Congregation memorial services for Holocaust victims, 11 a.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue. **Brenda** 633-8155.

HOLDAYS ARE HEALTHY

Dr. Mel Borins, family physician, speaks on Holidays are Healthy — The Therapeutic Effects of Vacations, Temple Sinai. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast following, program at 10. $3.

GIANT BAZAAR

Bargains galore at Shaar Shalom sisterhood's annual giant sale of new and nearly new merchandise — clothing, denim jeans, household items, toys, linens, lamps. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

Monday, May 6

A WAY TO "C" THINGS

Eitz Chaim Schools public lecture by **Rabbi Paysach Krohn** on the topic Chinuch, Children and Communication — A Way to "C" Things, 8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill.

BONFIRE CONCERT

Lag b'Omer bonfire concert, Earl Bales Park, 6 p.m. at the fire pit for picnic and 9 p.m. for concert at Zukerman Amphitheatre featuring recording artist **Moshe Yess** and a light show by Laserlite F/X. $5. Sponsored by Tzivos Hashem Canada. 667-7677.

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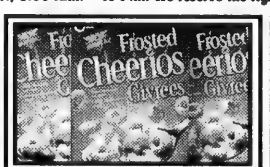

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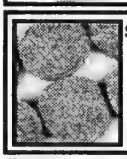

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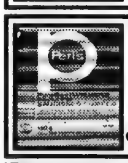

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DIABETES

Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting with **Dr. Michael Shea**, ophthalmologist, St. Michael's Hospital, speaking on Diabetes: Seeing Eye to Eye, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. CDA members $1, non-members $2. **Esther Schwartz** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** 225-1989.

Tuesday, May 7

GAY CHILDREN

Jewish Parents of Gay and Lesbian Children, in conjunction with Department of Jewish Living at Holy Blossom Temple, discuss Gay Sons and Daughters in the Jewish Family with **Marge Schneider**, Department of Applied Psychology at OISE, and **Nurite Adler**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 8 p.m., temple. 763-9111.

Wednesday, May 8

ABOUT MEDICATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda continuing education program on understanding and proper use of medication, Let's Talk About Medication, with pharmacist **Steven Schachter**, 8 p.m.

TALMUDIC STUDIES

Pride of Israel Synagogue's adult education series continues with More Talmudic Studies with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich**, 7:30 p.m. 226-0111.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement features the Awareness Project Players of Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living in *The Stepfather* by **Sylvia Batcher** and *Our Pride and Joy* by **Reta Duenisch-Turner** at noon. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies served. $1.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Women's Institute of Torah Study class, The Moshiach Charisma, with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, 10-11 a.m., Barbara Frum Library.

And What Else Is New...

JERUSALEM 3000 CONCERT

Cantor Yehuda Rottner and the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Choir accompanied by the Ted Labow Ensemble, present a concert, from the City of David to the House of David, honoring Jerusalem 3000, featuring choir soloists, Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., synagogue. $25 reserved seating, $10 general admission. 635-5500.

SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

Thornhill Ohr Somayach welcomes **Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb**, former professor of analytic philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, for a Shabbat Experience May 3-4, 613 Clark Ave. W. 886-5730.

BAYCREST CHALLENGE

Walk, run or dog it at the Baycrest Challenge, Sunday, May 12, beginning 9 a.m. with 5-km Run, followed by 10-km Run at 9:30, the 5-km Walk at 9:45, the 5-km Dogathon (with the family dog) at 10, and a Tiny Tot Trot for kids 5 years and under. Carnival, entertainment, prizes. Sponsored by Men's Service Group. $20 in advance, $25 race day. 256-2RUN.

OPERA TO BROADWAY

Beth Tzedec sisterhood features **Cantor Thomas Schwartz** and **Leslie Schwartz** in a program of songs by Jewish composers in musical theatre, from opera to Broadway, Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. Non-members $5. RSVP by May 7. 781-3511, ext. 10.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, celebrating its 70th anniversary this spring, is seeking addresses and phone numbers of former members. Jubilee concert featuring soprano **Claire Klein Osipov** is Sunday, May 26. Anniversary celebration is Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., with the premiere of the video *Keeping the Flame Alive: The Story of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir*, photos, memorabilia. **Ben Shek** 489-7681.

CAPE BRETON CLUB

The Cape Breton Jewish Club's Jewish Roots in Cape Breton event, highlighted by an overview of the recorded history of the Cape Breton Jewish community by **Irvin H. Sherman**, Saturday, May 11, 8 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. **Barry Lipkus** 905-731-5110.

THE LITTLE MINYAN

A casual, participatory, Conservative Shabbat service that welcomes daveners of all ages — the Little Minyan at Beth Tzedec. Next service Saturday, May 11, 9:45 a.m. Youth Chapel. 781-3511, ext. 27.

GYPSY

The Yorkminstrels' production of *Gypsy* at Leah Posluns Theatre runs May 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12. Box office 620-6608. Please bring canned goods for North York Harvest Food Bank.

U OF T YIDDISH COURSES

University of Toronto fall 1996 Yiddish courses — Elementary Yiddish (**Ellie Kellman**), introduction to modern Yiddish; Intermediate Yiddish (**Ellie Moidel**), grammar, Yiddish prose and poetry; Advanced Yiddish (Ellie Kellman) read, discuss, write about selections from Yiddish fiction and poetry; Introduction to Yiddish Literature (**Sharon Green**), Yiddish literature in English translation. Non-U of T students or graduates must register by May 30. Reduced fee for seniors. **Eva Cooper** 978-3186.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Solel Congregation, Mississauga: Saturday, May 4, Interfaith Dinner, Erin Mills United Church; Sunday, May 5, afternoon tea for prospective members (contact **Diane Adler** 905-820-6214 or **Marcy Binsky** 905-569-9653); regular services Friday, May 3, 8 p.m., Saturday, May 4 and 11, 10 a.m.; family services Friday, May 10 (Yom Yerushalayim with Ne'imot Singers). Tuesday minyan with breakfast 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

RIKUDIYAH '96

Israeli Folkdance Festival for Children presents Jerusalem 3000, with 22 participating groups featuring special performances by Bialik Hebrew Day School, Chai Dancers, United Synagogue Day School Bayview branch, Thursday, May 16, Tait McKenzie Building, York University, 7 p.m. Sponsored by Koffler Centre of the Arts and Toronto Board of Jewish Education. $5 adults, $1 children. **Teme Kernerman** 636-1880, ext. 364.

HEBREW COURSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., summer courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens, in conversational Hebrew, all levels, Wednesday mornings May 29-Aug. 28, and Thursday evenings May 30-Aug. 29. Beginners instructor **Joseph Klinger** 787-0197.

AISH HATORAH

Weekly classes ongoing to week of June 10; call 905-764-1818 for details:

At Aish HaTorah — The Living Parsha, Maimonides: The 13 Principles of Jewish Belief, and What's Cooking in the Kosher Kitchen, all with **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**; Patterns in Contemporary Mitzvot, Part II, **Rabbi David Green**; The Daily Prayer Primer, **Rabbi Aryeh Pamenski** and Rabbi Michalowicz; Women and Mitzvot — Intimate Issues in Marriage (women only), **Linda Green**.

At Village Shul — Jewish Daily Living: A Look at Mitzvot, **Rabbi Zale Newman**; Issues and Answers: Exploring Jewish Ideas and Ideals, **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Separation and Divorce, begins May 7; Living with Teens, May 2; Parenting the School Age Child, May 7. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

KIDS PEER GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service peer socialization group for kids who are shy or have difficulty making friends and asserting themselves with others. Group will improve social skills and enhance self-esteem. Begins May 9. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC Wednesday lecture series, Cataclysms in Jewish History, Historic and Halachic Responses, with **Rabbi Mark Dratch** of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, May 8, The Spanish Inquisition; May 15, Shebbetai Zvi — The False Messiah; May 22, The Holocaust. 12:30 p.m. 924-6211.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club, Memories of Summer with the film *My Grandfather Had a Hotel*, Thursday, May 2, 2 p.m. **Judy** 924-6211.

BJC Senior Adult Services courses starting the week of May 6: Ballroom; Needlecrafts; Bridge, beginners and intermediate; Tai Chi, beginners, intermediate/advanced; Yoga; Line Dancing. Courses co-sponsored with North York Board of Education. **Yvonne** 636-1880, ext. 259.

For Seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 2, lecture, Fruit for Health and Medicine by **Aahron Dahari** and film. May 9, movie *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club trips to Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23, and to Stage West Theatre Wednesday, June 26, to see *Lend Me a Tenor*; register at Borochov Cultural Centre or phone 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. Luncheon Wednesday, May 8, 11:30 a.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Mother's Day luncheon Monday, May 6, 12:30 p.m., singer **Lenka Lichtenberg**; Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Catskills Homowack Hotel, Aug. 4-11. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel, **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance May 12; Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls, June 5; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, June 18-20; Cullen Gardens July 10; Walk in the Park every Monday 10-11 a.m. starts May 13. 395-7881.

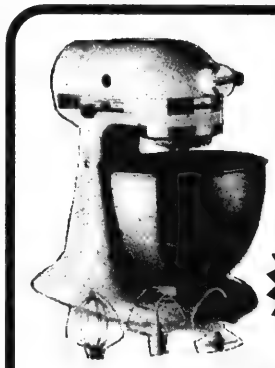
Young at Heart Seniors Catskills trips to Raleigh Hotel (9 days) or Pines Hotel (10 days), Atlantic City trip included. $1,065. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Sunday dances to the music of the Creative Band resume May 5, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural group, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Lecture is scheduled for May 8. **Anna**.



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Ottawa's 'warhorse' Gray fights toughest battle

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Herb Gray, the old Liberal warhorse and Canada's first Jewish cabinet minister, is fighting the toughest battle of his life.

Gray, who turns 65 next month, has been undergoing treatment for cancer of the esophagus, and has cut back on his office time, while he undergoes chemotherapy for the next four months.

It all came as a surprise to Gray who had successfully undergone his annual medical checkup only a month earlier.

About two weeks ago, he complained that he felt tired and lacked energy. For him, that meant something was wrong. He quickly went back for another medical examination at the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

The doctors there found small cell carcinoma of the lower esophagus, the swallowing tube for food that connects the mouth to the stomach.

Gray has always been in the best of health. He does not smoke and he drinks very little.

"It came as a real surprise. There was nothing like it in his family before. Both his parents lived well into their 90s," says Jerry Yanover, his trusted chief of staff, who was totally floored by the discovery of the cancer.

Cutting back his workload is something new for Gray, who is a pillar in the cabinet, a diligent 18-hour-a-day man, who works at his desk hour after hour without a break. Since 1994, he has been handling the portfolios of both government House leader and solicitor general, each one considered a full-time job in itself.

The doctors told Gray he has to stay at home while he undergoes chemotherapy, although he can come in to work on the weeks he is not taking treatment.

Gray called up one day last week from his home and growled at his staff, "So where are my files?"

Arrangements had been made to have his files shipped back and forth between his home and his office every day. Gray has also insisted that he be given a special

Herb Gray

briefing by aides every day after Question Period on who said what, and what happened.

"Chemo may affect how he feels," chuckles Yanover, "but it doesn't affect his brain any."

Gray went immediately to see Prime Minister Jean Chrétien as soon as the cancer was discovered and asked to stay on with a reduced workload. The prime minister approved the request before the treatment even began.

Gray was first elected in 1962, as a dedicated young Liberal MP and bright young lawyer from Windsor, Ont.

Seven years later, in 1969, then prime minister Pierre Trudeau appointed Gray minister without portfolio, on Oct. 20, 1969, making him the first Jew ever to sit in the federal cabinet.

Hard-working and discreet, Gray soon rose in the cabinet and a year later was appointed revenue minister. He went on to become president of the Treasury Board and eventually government House leader.

He holds the record as the dean of the Ottawa parliamentarians, the longest-serving MP in the Commons, an unbroken 34-year record.

Gray grew up in Windsor, the son of the local department store owner Harry Gray. The family came from Belarus at the turn of the century. The original family name was Gurarie, but as in the case of so many Jews who immigrated to Canada, an immigration official changed their name at the border — in this case to Gray.

Gray's mother was the late Fannie Lifitz.

Although Gray attended McGill University at a time when few Jews did, and later went to the Osgoode Hall Law School, Gray never forgot his family roots in Windsor nor his Jewish identity.

Gray doesn't make a big production of his being Jewish, but he did wear his yarmulke at his official swearing in as a minister into the Chrétien cabinet and posed for the official cabinet photograph with his head covered.

In Ottawa, he lives in the Alta Vista neighborhood near the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue on Virginia Drive, so he can easily walk to synagogue on the Sabbath. His second home in Windsor is also close to another synagogue he attends.

Last January, Gray was in Israel attending the World Congress of Jewish Parliamentarians.

At one point in the proceedings he ran into Lord Jacobovitz, the former chief rabbi of Great Britain, whom Margaret Thatcher had appointed to the House of Lords.

On being introduced to Gray, Rabbi Jacobovitz remarked: "Ah, Ottawa. My nephew is a rabbi in Ottawa."

Without missing a beat, Gray replied: "Yes, he's Rabbi Bulka and I go to his synagogue."

His lordship was pleased.

Sobolewski barred from meeting

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sigmund Sobolewski of Calgary, a Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, was denied the right to attend a special meeting of the Auschwitz International Council held April 30 in Poland to consider protecting the site from commercial encroachment.

Sobolewski said he was told by Stefan Wilkanowicz, council vice-chair, that he could not attend because of his public criticism of the director of the Auschwitz Museum.

"I think we should support Sobolewski's right to attend the meeting if it is not held in camera and the press is permitted to attend," said Nathan Leipciger of Toronto, the official delegate of the Canadian Jewish Congress to the council. "I don't agree with some of his attempts to gain international attention for the need to preserve Auschwitz but I agree with his objectives."

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Look who's talking? BBYO's pioneering program

The BBYO Parent Teen Dialogue Program is turning into the organization's biggest hit of the year. The program, supported by a UJA Federation continuity grant, was created to encourage dialogue between parents and teens about contemporary issues. Over 40 teens and parents participated.

Ferne Kappy and Anne Jacob, JF&CS family life educators, recently facilitated the *Attitudes Toward Israel* sessions which explored Israeli culture, politics and Israel-Diaspora relations.

"The program really allows parents and teens to hear each other and learn how they perceive different issues," explained Jacob. "The fact that the program takes place in a person's home also makes the atmosphere more intimate and conducive to discussion," added Kappy.

Evelyn Simon attended 3 of 4 sessions with her daughter Lisa and was thankful for the opportunity to "do something together related to Judaism."

Rachel Katz, another participating parent, said the greatest thing is seeing how much the kids care. "It's so rewarding," commented BBYO's Israeli representative Zohar Raviv. "It's so nice to see adults learning from teens."

Miriam Pilc-Levine, BBYO's Senior Regional Director, plans to implement the Parent Teen Dialogue Program in other chapters to "build on its success and positive impact."

BBYO Lake Ontario Region, which includes Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Buffalo and Rochester, has 500 members belonging to 24 local chapters.

The organization is funded both through UJA Federation and money raised by the BBYO Board of Directors.

For 18 year old Amiel Blajchman, becoming a member of BBYO helped him transform from a shy, introverted teen to a leader among his peers.

"BBYO has completely changed my life," explained Blajchman, who entered the youth organization when he was in grade nine and worked his way up to president of his chapter. "BBYO truly pulled me out of my shell, and I learned to be able to deal with other people."

Amiel Blajchman (left), Abby Rozen (center) and Michael Ross, participants in the Parent Teen Dialogue.

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Making it in Israel

Aliya lures growing numbers

Ehud Savion, better known as Udi, is in the business of making dreams come true. And the dream of moving to Israel is increasingly captivating.

As the Jewish Agency's Ontario and Manitoba representative for the Israel Aliya Centre, it's Savion's job to show new olim the ropes and to prepare them for life in Israel. The Jewish Agency is funded through UJA Federation contributions.

Last year, 232 people from Savion's region made aliya - a 65% increase since 1992. This year, so far, 54 people have taken the big step. Savion credits Israel's economic growth compared to the lingering remains of the recession here for heightened interest in aliya, in addition to aggressive promotion over the past few years.

A good absorption program is the key, according to Savion, along with employment. "An oleh's employability is of great concern to me. Moving to Israel without the security of a job would be very difficult even for the most idealistic candidate."

Savion's door is always open to help potential olim find their way.

Savion stresses the demand for workers in the high-tech, tourism, and education sectors of the Israel economy. The Aliya Centre runs a variety of training and recruitment programs for new olim.

The Aliya Centre also informs olim of all the available government benefits and incentives to help new immigrants ease into their new lives. Among them are transportation to Israel, subsidized by the Jewish Agency, rent and university tuition subsidies, special mortgage rates, six months free health care and free Hebrew lessons. "The benefits are very logical because they minimize costs that would otherwise make the move very expensive," says Savion. "It's not easy to be an instant success as a new oleh so we want to do as much as possible to make things easier."

Savion and his crew at the Aliya Centre have spent the last year and half promoting the many different absorption programs throughout the community. Savion also helped to set up a community aliya committee to rally more widespread support for aliya.

"Moving to Israel can be a real culture shock," he says, "so my role is to provide olim with a reality check so they know what to expect."

Israel attracts Toronto talent

The decision to make aliya is fueled first by dreams and then a large dose of reality supplied by the Aliya Centre. Contributing editor Adi Neuberger profiles three people who are taking the large leap from dreams to aliya.

Mandy Mather, 27, left for Israel on April 17 with three suitcases, a Hebrew-English dictionary and dreams of becoming a high school English teacher. On May 1st, she will begin a one year program at teachers college in Haifa after which she's guaranteed a position in her field.

"I saw the ad for the program in the paper and I knew what I wanted to do," explained Mather, who had spent a year on a kibbutz as a volunteer before deciding to return for good. "I know I'm going to have to work hard, but I've gotten a lot of help from the Aliya Centre and support from AACI (Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel)."

Mather, who had difficulty finding a teaching position in Toronto, will receive 800 shekels a month and subsidized rent during her training. She's also entitled to free transportation from her residence in Nazareth Illit to Haifa. UJA Federation contributions will help Mather make the transition from Canada to Israel.

It's been a life long dream for South African born Jocelyn Beigel to live in Israel and now that her kids are grown, she's decided the time is right. "I have no ties here anymore and the opportunity has finally come up," said Beigel, who expects to live with her father in Netanya until she finds work and a place of her own.

Beigel went on a five week pilot trip to Israel to see if she could continue her work as a Judaic artist or as a health food caterer. "For me it's already home," she added. Beigel has started learning Hebrew and all about life in Israel, thanks to the Aliya Centre. She too knows the aliya process won't be easy but looks forward to finding her own way in a place she's always thought of as home.

Dr. Karl Skorecki moved to Kiryat Shmuel from Thornhill seven months ago with his wife and five children. "It all began two and a half years ago with a call from the Dean of the Technion University in Haifa," explained Skorecki, who heads the Department of Nephrology and Molecular Medicine at Technion Rambam Medical Centre.

"The transition went much smoother than we expected because a lot of the small details were anticipated with the help of the Aliya Centre," Skorecki said in a phone interview. The Centre was even involved in negotiating his contract with Technion.

L'hitraot. Mandy Mather drops in to the Aliya Centre's Bathurst Street offices one last time before leaving for Israel.

HOW TO MAKE IT

A STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO ALIYA

1. All potential olim must go through the Israel Aliya Centre to make arrangements, so make an appointment by calling (416) 633-4766. You'll be advised about travel, employment, financing, education, housing and the financial assistance available to olim. Olim are eligible for a loan to cover their flight to Israel on El Al. After two years in Israel, the loan becomes a grant.

2. You'll need aliya approval from the Israel Aliya Centre, which will arrange reservations at an absorption centre, at your request.

3. Check carefully about employment opportunities in your field. Even though a guaranteed job upon arrival is not always possible, it's very important to have excellent prospects before you go.

4. A pilot trip to Israel is strongly suggested. The Aliya Centre runs its own trips and it can hook you up with others as well. The pilot journey will give you a feel for business, salaries, housing, education and the realities of daily life in Israel.

5. The Law of Return is on your side. Any Jew can make aliya as long as religious identity can be proven satisfactorily.

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From coast to coast

Rabin Scholarship Fund launched in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is launching the Yitzhak Rabin Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Peace on May 28, with a reception at the Westin Hotel.

The evening will feature a musical tribute to Jerusalem 3000, a video message from Leah Rabin and a speech by Shira Herzog on Rabin's legacy of peace on the eve of Israeli elections.

Herzog, a columnist for *The Canadian Jewish News* and vice-president of the Kahanoff Foundation, is a frequent speaker and writer on the Middle East. A niece of former Israeli president Chaim Herzog and daughter of former Israeli ambassador to Canada, Baruch Herzog, she has worked as an analyst and spokesperson on Canadian Middle East policy and the Arab-Israeli conflict for the Canadian Jewish community.

Jerusalem 3000: A Tribute in Song features three Vancouver artists. The song is being provided by Lisa Kort, who has just finished a four year tour in *Phantom of the Opera*. She is accompanied on piano by Wendy Stuart, who arranged the music and produced a CD and cassette called *Sing to Me in Yiddish*. The narrator is Gerry Claman Kline, a former Winnipegger, who has worked on stage and in film.

The funds raised by this campaign will help establish the scholarship fund. Some of the money raised for the fund will go each year to support a Rabin Scholar, an internationally known researcher in peace studies, to continue studying at the Hebrew University.

The balance of the money will go towards scholarships for graduate students in areas relating to the subject of peace. At least one scholarship a year will be available for a Canadian student.

The total Canadian goal for the Rabin Fund is $2 million. Winnipeggers who donate $10,000 or more will be invited to a private luncheon with Leah Rabin in Toronto.

B.C. launches hate crimes unit

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — British Columbia is setting up a hate-crime team to help fight hate-motivated crimes arising from prejudice against identifiable groups, Attorney-General Ujjal Dosanjh has announced.

The team will consist of one full-time community liaison person, one Crown counsel, two policy analysts and two police representatives. The team will investigate the nature and scope of hate crime in British Columbia, coordinate responses to hate-crime activities, disseminate information about hate crimes and liaise with communities concerned with hate activities, said Dosanjh.

He said the government is funding a symposium of community experts to advise the team. The experts will identify priorities as well as perceived shortcomings in current responses, and recommend action to combat hate-motivated activities across the province.

The government is also ensuring police participation in information-sharing on hate-motivated activities in British Columbia and across Canada.

Anti-hate activities will include educating and promoting understanding among the province's youth by: raising awareness of recruiting tactics of hate organizations; giving parents, teachers and other caregivers the tools to prevent youth from becoming involved in hate activities; increasing caregivers' awareness of their role in recognizing and discouraging hate and bias.

Dr. Michael Elterman, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region, said he welcomed the news that "the government is initiating the first steps toward a more comprehensive approach in this complex issue."

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Atlantic Jews recall war's victims

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Natan Nevo's voice broke.

"I was nine years old, I stood there [on the streets of Warsaw in October 1939] and saw the people beating three Chassidim. I turned away. I heard a shot and then saw two Chassidim standing and one on the ground. I ran home and will never forget hearing the Poles laughing, jeering and clapping."

Yom Hashoah

Nevo was speaking at Yom Hashoah ceremonies April 16 at Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax. He was joined on the podium by Tom Kuttner, a law professor at the University of New Brunswick, who outlined the importance of, and read transcripts from, the Nuremberg Trials, which took place 50 years ago.

An audience of more than 150, including the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, James Kinley, his wife Grace, and several politicians, sat awe-struck, as Nevo told of being smuggled out of Warsaw to the Soviet Union on the eve of the establishment of the Warsaw Ghetto.

"We were forced to go to Siberia, another hell, but at least we were alive," he said, recalling that he lost 155 members of his immediate family in the Holocaust.

In 1946, he returned to Poland but heard the same insults as before. Early the following year, Nevo, then a teenager, gathered 145 children hidden during the war, smuggled them through Czechoslovakia to France, and travelled semi-legally to Palestine with Aliyah Aleph Bet.

"When we saw Haifa on the horizon, everyone sang *Heveynu Shalom Aleichem.*

In February 1948, these Holocaust survivors founded a kibbutz, "determined to build Israel," said Nevo.

Nevo fought in the War of Independence and in the 1956 Sinai Campaign, eventually moving to Paris to study at the Sorbonne. In 1965, he came to Halifax where he taught Russian language and literature for 12 years before moving to Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S., where he teaches today.

"We all lost our families but had the will to start new lives," he said of the immigrants to Palestine in 1947.

"It is now the moral obligation of every Jew to tell what happened in World War II to our children and our children's children."

As part of the Yom Hashoah ceremonies, candles were lit to remember the six million who died at German hands.

In Fredericton, an interfaith Holocaust Memorial was held April 14, with Kuttner again discussing details of the Holocaust as revealed at the Nuremberg Trials.

He encouraged people to remember that war crimes exist today. "Nations of the world must have the resolve to bring those who engage in war crimes to justice. It's a good sign that in the recent past, with both Rwanda and Bosnia, that resolve has been shown," Kuttner said.

In Saint John on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust survivor Philip Riteman of Halifax spoke at an event sponsored by the Saint John Jewish Historical Society.

Holocaust awareness program in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — A name is every individual's most personal belonging. But for many of the victims of the Holocaust, even that last shred of dignity was taken from them.

Unto Every Person There is a Name is a new Holocaust awareness program, introduced by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, Midwest region, in conjunction with the Holocaust awareness committee of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, to remember by name the 4,000 to 5,000 Holocaust victims whose names grace the city's Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature.

"Judaism constantly urges us to remember," said B'nai Brith Canada's Bert Schaffer in introducing the program which was held recently in the Manitoba Legislative Building.

The names of those listed on the memorial — as well as other names provided by the Anti-Defamation League in New York — were read out by Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate High School students, survivors and children of survivors, and members and friends of B'nai Brith Canada. In some cases, the readers were reciting the names of their own family members.

"By personalizing the individual tragedy of its victims and survivors, this international project seeks to defy dangerous trends to indifference and ignorance of recent history which are ever present in the world at large," says Sophie Tapper, regional director, B'nai Brith Canada.

"Unto Every Person There is a Name restores some dignity to those who were stripped of their identities and robbed of their lives," says Lyle Smordin, senior vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada.

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Island Yacht Club gears up for 45th year

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Don't let this year's depressingly long winter fool you. As sure as God made windchill factors, the weather's bound to change and that will mean heaven on earth for yachting enthusiasts.

With the boating season just around the corner, the Island Yacht Club (IYC) is gearing up for its 45th anniversary season. The season officially kicks off on June 1 with the commodore's ball, followed the next day by the colorful sail past.

However, yachters itching to get their feet wet won't have to wait that long to get their boats in the water. The two IYC tenders, which ferry members to the club on Muggs Island in Toronto's innner harbor, began their work around the end of March, said the club's commodore, Ivan Lavine.

Early April is a busy time in the club's boatyard as people get out their paint brushes and repair kits to make their boats shipshape for the summer season. Lavine, a 40-year-member of the mostly Jewish club, said he expects to have his vessel, a 36-foot sailboat that sleeps six, in the water by the third week in April.

Others in the fraternity of boaters join him later in the season, but by mid-summer the club's 180 sail and power boats should all be bobbing in their slips.

Many of the boaters enjoy "cruising" around Lake Ontario and every week a fleet of between 10 and 35 boats (up to 100 people) head off to pre-determined destinations, like Niagara on the Lake, Rochester, N.Y., and Coburg, said Elaine Leve, the club's harbormaster and an 18-year member.

Elaine Leve and Ivan Lavine

In recent years, the IYC's focus has shifted from racing to cruising as the club became more family-oriented, she said.

For many avid boaters, spending the weekend at the yacht club is an alternative to loading the family in a van and spending hours fighting traffic en route to cottage country. In much less time, club members can head down to the foot of Portland Street, just off Queen's Quay, hop onto a club tender and be transported to the dreamy setting of the yacht club, Leve said.

"It's very peaceful out there. We have all the amenities. It's like going back to live in a small town. We rely on each other and there's kindness shown," she said.

There's plenty of casual socializing and members have access to the IYC's clubhouse and restaurant, tennis courts, swimming pool, lounges, card room and snack bar, Leve pointed out.

Many boats have all the comforts of home. Lavine's for instance, once it's hooked up to the marina's power source, has hot and cold running water, a shower, a TV, a fridge, a microwave and a "head" (washroom), he said.

Lavine estimates about 150 people sleep on the their boats during summer weekends and between 30 and 50 on weekdays.

Leve spends the summer on her boat and catches a 7:30 tender to work every morning.

Those who enjoy the competitive aspect of sailing get to test their skills during the weekly Monday night club races, while those looking for a bigger challenge sign up for other Lake Ontario races.

Members are charged a $3,000 initiation fee, payable over three years, plus a membership fee of $1,750 per year, a tender charge of $250 per year and a dining room minimum of $700.

Like many other institutions in Toronto, the IYC was formed because "Jews couldn't get into other yacht clubs," Lavine said. The majority of the club's members are still Jews and many families are now introducing their children to yachting.

About 90 kids aged 8 to 16 participate in the IYC's junior program. Not only do they learn how to sail, but they race against other clubs and some participate in major competitive races, including the Canadian Olympic Raceweek Kingston (CORK).

The IYC has slightly more than 200 senior family members. At its peak about 10 years ago, there were around 250 family members, but the recession took its toll as people cut back on their boating, Lavine said.

The club is now trying to attract both sailing and non-sailing members. For more information, Leve can be reached at 924-9397 or 787-6992.

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Judith Resnick: Astronaut with a dream

By LINDA ANDER
Special to The CJN

Think of some of the most unusual jobs you have ever heard of. Did you put astronaut on your list?

Some people imagine that being an astronaut means you have to be big and strong and a man, but that's not true. Judith Resnik wasn't any of these, but she became an astronaut.

From the time she was born on April 5, 1949, she wanted to know about everything and learned all kinds of things easily.

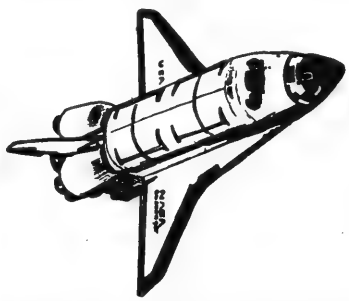
She was good enough at piano to become a concert pianist had she wanted. In high school, she was in the French and chemistry clubs. She was also the only girl to join the math club. Her score of 600 on the math scholastic tests was as high as it is possible to get. She went to religious school until her high school graduation.

Many universities wanted to have Judith as a student. She chose electrical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, because, "It appealed to me. If I want something I want it," she said.

Her first job as an engineer was at Radio Corporation of America (RCA). At night she worked on her doctorate degree and then returned to school full time to complete her PhD in engineering.

Her next engineering job was at Xerox.

The American National Aeronautics and Space Administration program (NASA) wanted to choose six female astronauts in 1978. Eight thousand women applied.



Judith thought being an astronaut would help her career and she started running and taking flying lessons to become better than the other candidates. Can you imagine her excitement when she got into the program?

But Judith didn't like being known just because she was a woman or because she was Jewish. She wanted people to accept her as an astronaut.

She said, "We're equal in the program. I'm going because it's something I enjoy doing. NASA has some objectives in mind that I can help out with in a small way."

Being an astronaut is tough. Early in the training you learn about the electrical wiring and communication systems aboard the shuttle. An astronaut has to know how to fix everything on a ship while it is going around the world at 17,000 miles per hour with a reverse thruster and no brakes to slow it down.

Later in the training you are dropped almost straight down in an AK-135 airplane so you experience 30 seconds of weightlessness. What a sensation, plummeting through space without a parachute or a bungee cord!

Judith was always calm and professional. She said, "I think something is dangerous if you are not prepared for it and if you don't have control over it or if you can't think through how to get yourself out of a problem."

She trained at Spar Aerospace in Toronto on the remote manipulator, or remote arm, which was Canada's contribution to the space program. Talking about her, Judith's boss said, "She had a great personality, was hard working, yet she knew how to relax like the rest of us. She went after something and didn't stop until she got it."

On Aug. 30, 1984, Judith went into space for the first time, on the shuttle Discovery. The mission successfully deployed three satellites. An icicle formed on the waste outlet and the toilet wouldn't unload. Judith used the remote arm to get rid of the ice. Her crew came to be called the ice busters.

Her next mission was on the shuttle Challenger. On Jan. 29, 1986, it was all systems go.

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Triumph ended in tragedy

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When the crew boarded the shuttle, they didn't know the engineers had some concerns because no shuttle had launched under such cold conditions. Some of the engineers thought icicles might damage the tiles and the O-ring seals on the rocket boosters. If they had shared their concerns, a disaster might have been avoided.

At 11:39 a.m. the Challenger took off and cleared the tower. Then something happened. A jet of flame from the rocket booster started around the fuel tank. Only seconds later the tank blew up and the rocket was torn free and fell apart. All of the crew died.

Millions of people around the world watched on TV and were horrified by the terrible tragedy.

The next day, Judith's father said, "Despite what happened, I feel that the space program should continue and I know Judy would feel the same way."

After the Challenger disaster, the space program changed to make safety a higher priority. Astronauts and engineers were given more say in approving a launch; so in the end, Judith Resnik's death helped her fellow astronauts.

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Time Line

- April 5, 1949 — Judith Resnik was born in Cleveland, Ohio, grew up in Akron, Ohio; attended Firston High School in Akron.
- 1966 — her parents divorced.
- 1970 — earned her BA in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. Worked at RCA in New Jersey and Philadelphia and part time on her PhD.
- 1974-1977 — As a biomedical engineer, she studied the inner workings of the eye, an interest she shared with her father.
- 1975-1977 — Back at school to get a PhD at University of Maryland.
- 1978 — Worked at Xerox in California. Applied and was accepted as an astronaut.
- 1984 — She spends 144 hours and 57 minutes in space on the shuttle Discovery.
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Trilateral medical research agreement developed

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The first formal trilateral medical research agreement between Canada, Jordan and Israel was developed by a planning group that met recently in Amman.

Looking East, the document outlining the agreement, has been recommended to the respective government ministries for ratification, said Dr. Arnold Noyek, the Canadian chair of the planning committee, in his capacity as executive director of the Isabel Silverman Canada-International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO).

The other members of the group are the surgeon general of Jordan and the chief scientist for the Israel Ministry of Health.

The program is built upon the goodwill established by a scientific day held in Amman in March under CISEPO, which dealt with cancer of the head and neck, which will be the focus, at least initially, of the venture.

A major project of the program is to develop a comprehensive cancer registry that will include scientific data on cases diagnosed and/or treated in Canada, Israel and Jordan. Taking active roles in this project for Canada will be Drs. Ian Witterick and Robert Bell of Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and Dr. Marty Black of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal.

They will utilize a research program on carcinoma of the nasopharynx which has been organized by Mount Sinai's Dr. Jeremy Freeman.

The model for the registry will be developed at Mount Sinai, while the operations site will be in Amman. It will collate data from all three countries.

The agreement also calls for "workshops, fellowships and other academic and health care projects," Noyek said.

An important tool for the projects will be REMSEN, a computerized medical tool which "has the ability to conduct live information transfer and exchange between countries in the region and between the region and Canada," Noyek explained.

In addition to the focus on health care and academic medicine, the Looking East program has been designed to contribute to the overall peace process by creating person to person interaction at many levels, including involving the respective governments.

Canada, for instance, Noyek said, has traditionally been a strong supporter of the Middle East, and both Jordan and Israel are looking to draw from Canada's expertise in medicine.

Canadian government response so far has been positive, Noyek said. Officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade "identified Canada's strong support of the Middle East peace process and are interested in encouraging programs like this."

Noyek does not see Looking East as merely part of his job. "Our people are doing noble work," he said. "Person to person, we are part of the peace process, [with] disease being the common enemy."

A pleased and supportive Ted Freedman, president of Mount Sinai Hospital, said, "The opportunity to contribute to academic medicine as well as the peace process in the Middle East through our involvement with the CISEPO Looking East program is consistent with our vision and most welcome."

BGU faculty serves as 'model'

TORONTO — The goal of the Faculty of Health Sciences of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is to provide a model of health services, not only for its own region, but also throughout Israel and internationally.

This assertion was made by the faculty's dean, Prof. Shraga Segal, on a whirlwind stop in Toronto recently. His visit was part of a Canadian tour, which included Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Segal called the approach of the school "revolutionary." Medicine in general, he said, is being "dehumanized, with less and less attention to the patients. We tend to treat them without consulting them, without understanding or compassion."

Ben-Gurion's opposite approach is reflected from the beginning, in the selection and training of its medical students.

"We want to train first of all a mentsh. Scholastic achievement isn't enough [for acceptance]. The applicants have to love people; they have to have shown this love by volunteer work; they must be committed to patients."

The students, he said, take the medical oath [not the Hippocratic oath, but Maimonides' prayer], not at graduation, but on the day of entrance.

"They start seeing patients on the first day. We look at them as junior colleagues," Segal said.

The faculty also trains nurses and physiotherapists and is planning to open additional schools in such fields as pharmacy, biomedical engineering, paramedics and clinical laboratory sciences.

Ben-Gurion works with directors of affiliated hospitals Barzili Hospital in Ashkelon, Yosef Tal in Eilat and Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, to provide preventive and primary health care to the people of the Negev, "which made up 60 to 70 percent of Israel's pre-1967 borders," Segal said.

The school has been directly involved, Segal said, in consulting and treating patients in Gaza.

"We worked out [providing and organizing] courses there even in the midst of the intifada. We arranged immunization and even performed open heart surgery on 80 kids from Gaza."

Segal takes pride in the faculty's leadership in medical education all over the world.

The faculty is also involved in creating new medical schools in Kenya and Ecuador, and in a planned new medical and dental school in Moscow, which will teach in English.

"We are recognized as an official World Health Organization centre for improving medical education programs and developing primary health care systems in the Third World," Segal said. — L.S.

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PNC revokes 'anti-Israel' clauses

By JON IMMANUEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The Palestinian National Council (PNC) voted last Wednesday to amend the PLO Covenant by 504 votes to 54, with 14 abstentions, after a short but not painless debate.

The majority was greater than predicted a few days ago and was attributed to the insistence by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that the PNC had no alternative but to annul the anti-Israel articles.

Arafat insisted that talks with Israel would lead to a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and therefore refusal to change the articles made no sense, whatever difficulties Palestinians were facing at the moment.

"All revolutions end in agreements. Do you think you can get everything you want?" he said in an angry exchange with Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, who headed the pre-Oslo delegation in Washington talks and is now Arafat's most serious opponent. Abdel-Shafi left the hall and voted against Arafat's proposal.

The council, with an official membership of 669, needed to amend the covenant by a two-thirds majority, or 446 votes. The actual result represented 75 percent of the members.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres expressed satisfaction with the PNC move, but said, "Look at the difficulties and sacrifices we had to endure to get to this change." He said that while he welcomed the move, there are still people among the Palestinians who are capable of "murdering the peace" and want to do so.

Connecting the PNC move with the current situation in Lebanon, Peres, speaking at a holiday gathering for ministers, foreign ambassadors and other public officials at his Tel Aviv office, said: "I am sure that just as we are currently straightening out our relations with the Palestinians, we will do the same with the Lebanese. Israel is not the enemy of the Palestinians and Lebanese, but rather the [Islamic] Jihad, Hamas and Hezbollah."

Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy welcomed the decision, "which demonstrates the commitment of the Palestinian leadership to the Middle East peace process."

The vote did not actually change the covenant, but gave authority to a PNC legal committee to do so or to draw up a completely new charter within six months. The PNC is expected to replace anti-Israel articles with a demand for a Palestinian state next to Israel.

Exactly which of the 33 articles will be changed has been left to the legal committee and could fall short of Israel's expectations.

Likud 'cautious' about move

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Not all Israeli leaders are sharing Prime Minister Shimon Peres' enthusiasm for the Palestine National Council's (PNC) decision to amend its charter.

Peres hailed last week's vote in Gaza, saying, "Maybe ideologically it is the most important change in the last 100 years."

Peres said,"The Palestinians removed all that was written in the covenant as required by Israel in the 1993 letters of mutual recognition" signed by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and then Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

But Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu played down the vote's significance.

"I would be cautious about giving unlimited credit to this step," Netanyahu said.

In its decision, the PNC did not adopt a new covenant, but appointed a legal committee to draw one up. The new document is not expected to be completed for several months.

The Israeli group PeaceWatch, which monitors implementation of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords by both sides, also said the PNC decision fell short of what was required by those agreements.

"The PNC did not actually amend the covenant, but instead approved in principle that changes would be made, without specifying which clauses would be changed, in what manner or by what date," the group said in a statement.

In legal terms, "there is a sharp difference between calling for something to change and actually implementing the changes," Peace Watch added.

Meanwhile, Hamas, which violently opposes the peace process, said it would continue its armed struggle.

In a statement issued by the Hamas spokesperson in Amman, Jordan, the militant Islamic group said many Palestinians still adhere to the original, 32-year-old covenant.

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Momentous week in Mideast

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

By any yardstick, it was a momentous week in the Middle East.

•A ceasefire, brokered by the United States, ended 16 days of fighting in southern Lebanon and northern Israel.

Mideast Analysis

•The Palestine National Council voted to delete all references in its national covenant to Israel's destruction and armed struggle.

•The Labor party, led by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, dropped its formal opposition to a Palestinian state and declared that the Golan Heights are no longer essential to Israel's security.

On April 26, following a week of intense shuttle diplomacy which took him to Israel, Syria and Lebanon, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher finally announced a truce which stopped the cross-border violence. Without the use of ground troops, Israel was unable to stop the Katyusha launchings by military means alone.

The parties to the ceasefire are Israel, Lebanon and, indirectly, Syria. Neither Hezbollah nor its chief patron and arms supplier, Iran, were directly involved in the protracted negotiations, which may not augur well for the future.

The latest round of fighting began on April 11, when Israel launched Operation Grapes of Wrath to silence Hezbollah's Katyusha launchers, scattered among the Shi'ite villages of Lebanon's southern region.

The ostensible purpose of Israel's air, land and naval bombardment of Beirut and southern Lebanon was to force Syria and its protectorate, Lebanon, to end Hezbollah's reign of terror, which caused widespread property damage in the Galilee but, miraculously, no deaths. By all accounts, Hezbollah fired about 700 rockets into Israel, more than the combined total launched by the PLO and Hezbollah between 1968 and 1995.

The written, though unsigned, understanding which brought the strife to a close, for now at least, is remarkably similar to a 1993 document which prompted Israel to call off its week-long Operation Accountability. That informal agreement, which broke down in late March and early April, was also arranged by the United States.

Like the 1993 accord, the new understanding forbids Israel and Hezbollah to fire on civilians and enjoins the antagonists to confine their military activities to Israel's self-declared security zone. This is a small strip of land in southern Lebanon adjacent to the Israeli border which Hezbollah has sought to wrest away from Israel.

Israel established the enclave in 1985 to better protect its northern frontier, but the Israeli army and its surrogate Arab force — the South Lebanon Army — have occupied the area since Israel's 1978 invasion of Lebanon (Operation Litani).

The newest understanding is anything but a victory for Israel, since the status quo ante in virtually every respect has been restored. Peres had said he would not accept an agreement that merely returned conditions which prevailed before Operation Grapes of Wrath. But with the notable exception of a clause in which Hezbollah promises not to operate from populated centres, the agreement, for all practical purposes, is a mirror image of the 1993 understanding.

Hezbollah has not been disarmed, nor has Syria offered guarantees that it will restrain Hezbollah or cut off the flow of weaponry to its band of fighters. Syria, with 35,000 troops in Lebanon, controls Hezbollah's supply routes in Lebanon, and uses Hezbollah as a lever with which to apply pressure on Israel on another front, the Golan Heights.

Nearly two months ago, Peres suspended Israel's bilateral talks with Syria over the Golan, saying they would not be resumed until Damascus reins in Hezbollah. Neither the Syrians nor the Lebanese authorities have promised to defang Hezbollah, whose prestige rose as Israel bombarded Lebanon — the real loser in the conflict.

Theoretically, then, a replay of last month's fighting cannot be ruled out in the future. Yitzhak Rabin, in his last interview, warned that Israeli soldiers would continue to die in southern Lebanon until Israel and Syria sign a peace treaty. It is a prophecy worth remembering.

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Two days before the ceasefire in Lebanon and the Galilee went into effect, the Palestine National Council — the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — voted by a substantial margin to revoke articles in its covenant that are at odds with the PLO's peace agreements with Israel.

The decision — fulfilling a promise made by the PLO in 1993 when it signed the Declaration of Principles in conjunction with Israel — capped a historic political process which began in 1988 when the PLO accepted Israel's existence and renounced terrorism.

Israel and the PLO will now proceed to final status talks, which are scheduled to start later this week. And, in keeping with the Oslo 2 agreement, the Israeli army will make preparations for a partial withdrawal from Hebron.

The Labor party's complementary decision to jettison clauses in its official platform which rejects a Palestinian state and deems the Golan as vital to Israel's security represents a sea change in Israeli policy.

It means that the PLO can look forward to a Palestinian state should the final status negotiations be successful, and it sends an important signal to Syria, whose readiness for a full-fledged peace treaty with Israel nevertheless remains a question mark.

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Palestinian state hinted at in Labor platform

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Israel's Labor party has approved a platform that no longer rules out the creation of a Palestinian state.

Voting last Thursday to change the party's 1992 platform, which expressly opposed Palestinian statehood, party members also withdrew a 1992 plank that the Golan Heights is crucial for Israel's security, even in a time of peace.

But the Golan regional council head, Yehuda Walman, succeeded in passing an alternative clause stating that Labor recognizes the Golan as an area of "national importance."

At the same time, dovish minister Yossi Beilin failed in an effort to replace a clause declaring the Jewish settlements in the Jordan River Valley crucial to Israel's security with a more generally worded statement.

Labor's decision to alter its position on Palestinian statehood came a day after the Palestine National Council (PNC) voted overwhelmingly to revoke the anti-Israel portions of its charter.

Labor's move was welcomed by the U.S. State Department and by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who told the 669-member PNC, "This is the first reaction to your decision yesterday from the other party."

Canada would favor the creation of a Palestinian state if the security of Israel was to be guaranteed, Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy said of the change.

The PNC reportedly ended its latest session by electing Arafat president of the 18-member executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

For the first time, the committee will include five members from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and eastern Jerusalem.

Faisal Husseini, the PLO's top official in Jerusalem, was among those elected to the committee.

The Week in Israel

April 22

• IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak appointed Chief Artillery Officer Brig.-Gen. Dan Harel to head an investigatory committee to examine the circumstances that led to the inadvertent shelling of the UNIFIL compound near Cana in southern Lebanon.

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Bank of Israel governor Prof. Jacob Frenkel raised interest rates by 0.78 percent, in order to achieve the inflation target set by the government.

April 23, Yom Hazikaron

• A two-minute memorial siren brought Israel to a standstill at 11:00 a.m., as people refrained from all activity to silently recall the country's fallen soldiers.

• The IDF stated that 18,211 soldiers have fallen in the the line of duty since the War of Independence. In the past year, 177 soldiers lost their lives.

April 24, Yom Ha'atzmaut

• *Ma'ariv* reported that Oded Eran, deputy director of the economics department in the Foreign Ministry, has been slated to become the next ambassador to he United Nations.

April 25

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported that Prime Minister Shimon Peres warned Iran, via French diplomatic sources, that Israel will retaliate against targets in Iran, if Jews or Israelis abroad are singled out as targets for terrorist acts.

April 26

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported the IDF will begin its redeployment in Hebron on May 5. After redeployment, 85 percent of the city will be under Palestinian jurisdiction; 15 percent of the city, including 15,000 Palestinians and 500 Israelis, will be under Israeli protection.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

Approximately 1,500 people were expected in Jerusalem to attend the 23rd ICHCA-International Biennial Conference, Exhibition and General Assembly and the second International Congress on Advances in Brain Revascularization.

Canadian professor vying for Knesset seat

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV – When Henry (Zvi) Weinberg left Toronto four years ago, he never thought he'd end up running for Knesset. But the ex-professor from the University of Toronto may soon be the only MK with a Canadian passport.

Weinberg, who immigrated to Israel in 1992, was recently elected to the sixth spot of Israel ba'Aliya, the new political party headed by former Prisoner of Zion Nathan Sharansky. Public opinion polls predict the party will get at least five or six seats in the May 29 election.

"I was as surprised as anyone to do so well in the party primaries," admits the 60-year-old professor of French literature, who teaches at Bar-Ilan University.

While Weinberg may be a newcomer to Israeli politics, he is not a new face to Russian immigrants. Before moving to Israel, he spent some 25 years as a Soviet Jewry activist, travelling to the U.S.S.R. to lecture on behalf of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

He was particularly involved in a campaign to free former Prisoner of Zion Yuli Edelstein, who after his release visited Toronto to thank Canadian activists. That is where the two first met. When Weinberg fulfilled his lifelong dream of making aliyah in 1992, Edelstein – who is number 2 on the party list – invited him to join the working committee of Israel ba'Aliya.

The ex-Torontonian was the only non-Russian on the 25-member committee and has been active in the movement ever since, addressing Russian audiences in what has become nearly fluent Russian. (Weinberg studied Russian literature at university, but began speaking the language only when he moved to Israel.)

When the movement became a political party, its leaders urged Weinberg to run in the party primaries. He did and beat some well-known Russian figures.

"I think I'm seen as someone who can articulate the Russian immigrant cause beyond Russian circles," explains Weinberg, who has campaigned in Hebrew, English and Russian, and hopes to mobilize support from North American immigrants in particular.

"I see this as a continuation of my 25-year struggle for Soviet Jewry. After encouraging Russian Jews to come to Israel, I feel a moral duty to help them," he says. "Hundreds of thousands of them are in trouble. The stories are legendary. Writers, engineers and other highly trained people are sweeping the streets. They work at menial jobs if they have a job at all. And they feel unwanted and humiliated by the way they are portrayed in the media," he says, noting the frequent references to Russians as criminals or prostitutes. (The rate is no higher among these immigrants than it is among any other group, he maintains.)

Although Weinberg repeatedly refers to Israel ba'Aliya as "a Russian party," he insists that it cannot be dismissed as an ethnic lobby group.

"Aliyah is not a narrow, ethnic goal; it's a national goal of primary importance. There is only one realistic reservoir of aliyah now – and that's Russia. Whether another million Jews arrive from Russia will depend on how Israel is able to absorb those already here," he says.

Weinberg warns that the prospect of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians returning as part of a final peace accord only underscores the importance of aliyah. "Demography is the lifeline of this country."

Weinberg, who was born in Krakow, Poland, but grew up in the United States, is not a complete novice at politics. In addition to writing extensively on political topics, he was an advisor to French President Francois Mitterrand and campaigned for Senator Robert Kennedy in his bid for the presidency in 1968. In fact, Weinberg – who lived in the United States for 30 years before moving to Canada in 1969 – says he was 10 yards away from Kennedy when he was shot.

But he would never have become involved in Israeli politics, he says, if not to help Russian immigrants. "Becoming a Member of Knesset was never my lifelong ambition," says the balding professor who has a copy of Flaubert's *L'education Sentimentale* on his desk. "I would not have contemplated politics; I have a profession."

If elected, he says his first priority would be funding retraining and housing programs to help Russian immigrants in the 45 to 65 age group.

"They are the most tragic cases, because they have established professions, but have difficulty learning Hebrew and are often doomed to work in menial jobs for the rest of their working life."

An observant Jew who lives in Jerusalem, Weinberg says he sees no conflict between his own beliefs and the party platform, which calls for civil marriage, secular burial and public transportation on the Sabbath. These clauses squarely address the secular nature of the Russian immigration and the fact that many of the immigrants are not considered to be Jewish according to the Rabbinate.

"The kind of solutions we will seek will alleviate hardship without insulting traditional Jewish views," says Weinberg. When pressed on these issues, however, he is vague. How can an observant Jew support civil marriage in Israel?

Weinberg admits that the solution is not one he would condone for his own family. "I wouldn't want my grandchild to marry a Russian immigrant whom the Rabbinate regards as a non-Jew," he says. "It's a problem, but when you're observant you want to make sure that marriage is within the fold."

What about non-Orthodox conversion? "That's another problem," he says. "I think a middle road is possible, but I can't give specific examples."

He expresses no such ambivalence regarding the party's security platform, which he says faithfully reflects his own views: no Palestinian state; insistence that Palestinians fulfil their obligations under the Oslo accord; and linking territorial concessions on the Golan with moderation of the Syrian regime.

The May 29 election is the first in which Israeli voters will fill out two ballots, one for a party and one for a prime minister. Israel be'Aliya leaders are not endorsing one prime ministerial candidate or another.

Israel to get laser defences

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If such a system is settled on, it would be operated by Israelis, Bacon added.

The administration intends to commit to spending $50 million for Nautilus development over the next three fiscal years, with Israel contributing $20 million, Bacon said.

The first Nautilus test was conducted earlier this year in New Mexico.

Bacon said work on Nautilus deployment may proceed simultaneouslywith the development phase, but this is not certain. The Pentagon will soon approach Congress for funding, he added.

The developments, as well as Secretary of State Warren Christopher's brokering of the ceasefire arrangement last week, are "opening a new road on the way to peace" and are an effort to "stop the attempt to stop it," Peres said.

He also said that the arrangement paves the the way for resuming negotiations with Syria.

Peres said he feels confident the truce in Lebanon will hold.

"It is holding. I believe it can hold on," he said at Blair House, the government guest house across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.

"The next step will be the renewal of negotiations with the Palestinians, opening the last and third stage of the negotiations for a permanent solution."

Perry also told reporters the United States takes seriously Iran's possession of short-range ballistic missiles that "already pose a threat" to Israel, and believes Iran is trying to develop long-range ballistic missiles.

Ceasefire reached in Lebanon

The U.S.-brokered ceasefire understanding reached last Friday between Israel and Lebanon includes the following:

• Armed groups in Lebanon will not carry out attacks using Katyusha rockets – or any other kind of weapon – on Israel.

• Israel and those cooperating with it will not fire any kind of weapon at civilians or civilian targets in Lebanon.

• Beyond this, the two parties commit to ensuring that under no circumstances will civilians be the target of attack, and that civilian-populated areas and industrial and electrical installations will not be used as launching grounds for attacks.

• Without violating this understanding, nothing therein shall preclude any party from exercising the right of self-defence.

A group consisting of the United States, France, Syria, Lebanon and Israel will monitor the application of the agreement.

The understanding also recognizes that a comprehensive peace in the region can be achieved only on the basis of negotiations between Israel and Lebanon and Israel and Syria, and that such negotiations can only occur in an atmosphere of calm and stability.

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Bankers' claims questioned

By MARILYN HENRY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

NEW YORK - The Swiss Bankers Association, facing an official inquiry regarding what became of Jewish assets from the Holocaust era deposited in Swiss banks, told a U.S. Senate committee last week that the bankers are dedicated to resolving the questions about the dormant Jewish accounts.

"Let me assure you that, at the end of the day, not one penny that could have belonged to victims of the Holocaust will be held by Swiss banks," said Hans Baer, chairman of Bank Julius Baer and a member of the executive board of the Swiss Bankers Association.

The bankers are "committed to resolving all outstanding questions about these accounts in a sensitive, equitable, open, accurate and professional manner," said Baer, a Swiss Jew whose family had fled to the United States during the war, fearing the Nazis would overrun Switzerland.

The Swiss association, which has 405 member banks, said that as of Jan. 31 it had identified about $32 million (US) in 775 dormant accounts in 36 banks.

The amount, and the methods for determining it, has long been disputed by Jewish groups.

It "defies credibility," said Edgar Bronfman, head of the World Jewish Restitution Organization. The amount, he told the committee, may be closer to "several billion."

In many ways, the hearing was more cathartic than climactic. For months there has been a spate of publicity about the Swiss banks, with what often seemed like daily revelations of, at best, miscalculation, or at worst, malfeasance.

Much of the publicity comes from newly unearthed archival or U.S. intelligence documents. One item, for example, showed that in 1946 one Swiss financial institution alone had deposits currently worth $29 million from primarily Jewish sources. Another suggests that two of Switzerland's top banks -- Credit Suisse and Union Bank of Switzerland -- continued doing business with the Nazis after Swiss banking rules barred such dealings.

The Jewish contention that the Swiss banks are holding more in assets than they claim is not new, nor was Baer's announcement that an independent commission will be authorized to make a final determination regarding the assets of Holocaust victims.

However, observers were pleased that the United States expressed its commitment to press Switzerland for a full accounting of the funds and to ensure that survivors recover their money. Where heirs cannot be found, said Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, the United States will try to ensure that funds "are distributed in the fairest way possible to benefit those who suffered the most during World War II."

"It isn't enough for the Swiss banks to say they only have $32 million available to settle this dispute and not provide an accounting," said Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York, the committee chair. "There is more. There has to be."

Six Swiss banks function in the United States, employing 6,000 people, and they paid more than $100 million in U.S. taxes in 1994, Baer told the committee.

This is the second review of Swiss accounts in more than 30 years. In 1962, the Swiss banks determined that they held 9.5 million Swiss francs belonging to victims of Nazi persecution, which by 1973 was returned to heirs and given to a domestic refugee-aid organization and the Jewish community.

"On the one hand, we are being asked to explain why there are any assets left at all," Baer said, referring to the 1962 determination, "and on the other hand, we are being asked why there are so little assets left."

Seen in context, he said, the amount is neither small nor surprising. Although the amount will change as the banks refine their figures, Baer said, "it is highly unlikely that they will dramatically decrease or increase."

Solidarity for Yaroslavl Jews

By LEV KRICHEVSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

YAROSLAVL, RUSSIA – The bombing of a Jewish community centre here has drawn sharp condemnations from local officials, including the regional police chief, who termed the attack a "crime against the state."

As police investigated the bombing of the centre, Jews from the 2,500-member community gathered in larger numbers than usual for Shabbat services the day after the attack in a show of solidarity.

The explosion in Yaroslavl came during the same week that a Jewish centre in Smolensk was robbed and daubed with anti-Semitic graffiti.

An explosive charge equivalent to more than two pounds of TNT was used in the Yaroslavl attack, a police spokesperson said.

Parts of the 80-year-old building housing the community centre suffered serious damage as a result of the explosion, which caused no injuries.

"Dozens of people, many of them just neighbors, came to help us with cleaning up the place," said Inna Davidova, director of the Hesed Charitable Society and member of the community's executive board.

Davidova said she was surprised by the larger than usual turnout for services on Saturday, with some people attending for the first time since the synagogue was reopened two years ago.

"People wanted to express their solidarity," Davidova said.

All 60 students of the centre's Jewish Sunday school came to class Sunday, said school director Nadezhda Nosova.

She said that no more than 40 children usually come to school each Sunday.

"But last Sunday was a different case," she added.

The chief rabbi of Russia, Adolph Shayevich, who visited Yaroslavl, spoke of the grave concerns such incidents raise within the Russian Jewish community.

"Today most Russian Jews are those who would prefer to stay here," said Shayevich. "But every such act emotionally disturbs the Jewish community."

Two Jewish families are leaving Yaroslavl each month, with most of them going to Israel.

Leaders of the community said they would not be surprised if this number soon increased.

The community centre is located in a synagogue that was built in 1916. In 1934, the building was confiscated by local Communist authorities. The Jewish community recovered the property in 1994.

Along with a synagogue, the centre houses local organizations that serve the needs of the Jewish community in Yaroslavl, located about 130 miles northeast of Moscow.

The explosion, caused by a bomb planted outside the centre, shattered all the windows in the building and in some neighboring houses.

An office of the Hesed society and a room that served as the community library suffered the worst damage.

Investigators said they believed that the explosion was merely an act of hooliganism.

But community leader Isaac Davidov said he has asked the investigators not to ignore the fact that Yaroslavl has a community of several dozen Lebanese and Syrian college students.

Davidov said that even though he had no evidence, he believed that some of the students might have wanted to attack local Jews after the April 18 shelling by Israeli forces of a UN base in southern Lebanon.

Jewish leaders said the bombing had caused $12,000 (US) worth of damages.

Yaroslavl city administrators allocated $2,000 to the community. The Russian Jewish Congress is expected to provide the remainder of funds needed to repair the building.

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Carpathian town, Cuba, Holocaust focus of films

Sheldon Kirshner previews several of the movies to be shown at the fourth annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival, running from May 2 to 9.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Once, before the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust, a pious, though impoverished, Jewish community flourished in the Carpathian Mountains.

In his elegiac documentary, *Carpati* (May 7), Yale Strom travels through parts of this remote region formerly under the sway of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Soviet Union but now in Ukraine.

His guide is Zev Goldinger, one of the last remaining Jews in the town of Beregovo, a kind of melting pot where ethnic Ukrainians, Russians, Hungarians, Jews and Gypsies coexist.

Goldinger, an ice cream vendor before his retirement, is the caretaker of the local synagogue, as well as the Jewish community's gravedigger.

During the course of *Carpati*, narrated by Leonard Nimoy, Goldinger — a likeable figure whom some refer to as "Uncle Zev" — drops in on dingy cafes where Gypsy fiddlers play lively klezmer music, chats with aquaintances and neighbors about the past, visits a fellow Jew in Beregovo, reflects on anti-Semitism and brings a donated Torah to his boyhood shul in nearby Vinogradov.

Goldinger is glum about the future. "You'll need a candle to find a Jew here in 10 or 15 years," he observes, in a comment that seems extremely apt.

Less than a year before the outbreak of World War II, 9,300 children from Germany, Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, the majority of whom were Jewish, arrived in Britain, having been sent there by their parents for safekeeping. The children, aged five to 17, were placed in Jewish and Quaker homes. In most cases, they never saw their mothers and fathers again.

Mellissa Hacker's documentary, *My Knees Were Jumping: Remembering the Kindertransports* (May 8), tells their story through archival footage, photographs and on-camera interviews.

The focus is on Hacker's mother, the late Ruth Morley, who was uprooted from her home in Austria at the age of 13. But the film, which at times is poignant, moves beyond Morley's experiences and explores the lives of her contemporaries and that of their children, both at a reunion in upstate New York and elsewhere.

As *My Knees Were Jumping* unfolds, we learn that all the refugees expected their parents to join them, that some placements were more successful than others, and that the U.S. Congress killed a bill to admit such children.

It is gratifying to know that this film cemented Hacker's relationship with her mother. Previously loath to discuss her childhood years, Ruth Morley unburdened herself of her memories just before dying of breast cancer.

Laura Paull's evocative *Havana Nagila: The Jews of Cuba* (May 5) is a documentary well worth seeing. Advertised as the first cinematic history of Cuban Jewry, *Havana Nagila* takes the story up to the present day.

Until the 1880s, Jews were not permitted to live on the island. But with the loosening of restrictions, thousands of European and Turkish Jews settled in Cuba.

Paull explodes the myth perpetuated by the St. Louis incident in 1937 that Cuba was hostile to Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution. From the late 1930s until 1942, Cuba admitted 8,000 Jews, more than any other country in the Western hemisphere relative to its population.

But, as a series of interviews with Cubans reveal, Cuban society was riddled with racism and anti-Semitism.

By the early 1950s, the generally affluent Jewish community, with 15,000 souls, reached its peak. Some Jews fought with Fidel Castro's forces, but 90 percent — none too happy with Communism — emigrated, leaving behind the assimilated and the poor. Indeed, two Jews were appointed to Castro's first cabinet in 1959.

While Castro demonstrated respect for Jews as a people and tolerated private Jewish schools, Cuba broke relations with Israel in 1973. Paull claims that Israel's alliance with the United States influenced Castro's decision.

Paull, whose sympathy for the Cuban revolution permeates her narrative, argues that Jewish life was revitalized in 1991 when the ban on religious observance was lifted. Cuba's estimated 1,200 Jews are free to practise Judaism, but the U.S. economic boycott, supported by Israel, has squeezed all Cubans.

In passing, Paull praises the efforts of the Canadian Jewish Congress in supplying the Cuban community with food and religious articles.

You, Me and Jerusalem (May 5) is an antidote to all those terrible television images of splattered flesh, bone and blood following a Hamas suicide bombing. The film, co-directed by an Israeli and a

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Palestinian, shines a beam of light on Arab-Jewish relationships in Israel's politically unified but spiritually divided capital.

The emphasis is on Jewish and Arab Magen David Adom ambulance paramedics who work together, sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Yet the most interesting portraits in this episodic documentary are of two newspaper distributors, an Arab and a Jew, who have been friends for decades.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Yiddishland Cafe: Well-known cabaret performer Beth Anne Cole, singer-comedian Stella Walker, actor Harvey Atkin, guitarist Brian Katz, folksinger Alan Merovitz and the klezmer band Chutzpah are set to open the new Yiddishland Cafe, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., on May 11, 8:30 p.m.

Producer and co-MC Hindy Nosek-Abelson says the cafe will present monthly programs and provide a venue where professional entertainers may perform works in Yiddish.

"You don't have to speak it to love it," she says. "I believe that Yiddishland will become a local hangout, a kind of Queen Street north, where professional musicians and artists can explore their heritage as well as create new Yiddish works."

Adults, $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Tickets available at Lasting Impressions One Hour Photo, Bathurst Manor Plaza. Or phone 416-783-5919 or 416-633-4212.

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Battle of the Bookstores: Earlier this year, the U.S.-based mega-bookstore chain Borders was denied federal approval to open a branch in Toronto, apparently because it did not fulfil the government's cultural ownership policy. However, Toronto entertainment lawyer Michael Levine – acting for the three Canadian investors Heather Reisman, Edward Borins and Michael Bregman – has suggested that the deal may not be dead.

"I think you can read between the lines and get a feel for what's going on," Levine recently told *Quill & Quire*, the journal of Canada's literary trade, adding that he couldn't say more at that time.

Quill & Quire reported Edward Borins has been trying to sell or seek investors for his bookstore chain, Edward's Books & Art, which peddles remaindered books. Evidently, fewer remainders would be available for independent stores like Edwards if any of the U.S.-based superchains expanded into Canada.

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Jolson Coming to Toronto: The Olivier Award-winning hit musical *Jolson: The Musical*, now playing in London's West End and reviewed glowingly in this column recently, is slated to play here in June and July 1997.

David and Ed Mirvish, proprietors of the Royal Alexandra Threatre on King Street West, recently announced that *Jolson: The Musical* will form part of the 1996/97 subscription season, along with the plays *Jane Eyre*, *Death Of A Salesman* and *The Glass Menagerie*.

The musical, which the *London Daily Mail* said is "worth walking a million miles to see," has opulent sets, a 42-member company, and a pre-production budget of $8 million. Season subscriptions start at $75. 416-593-4225.

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Kuper & Kosinski: Toronto writer-filmmaker Jack Kuper's critically acclaimed film *Who Was Jerzy Kosinski?*, which premiered this month on Vision TV, won a Bronze Apple recently at the National Educational Media Network Competition in Oakland, California.

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Experimental Music: *Crossing The Equator*, a new work by violinist and composer Malcolm Goldstein, is one of three pieces that will receive world premieres when the ensemble Hemispheres performs, with Goldstein as guest artist, May 11 at 8 p.m. at The Music Gallery, 179 Richmond St. W.

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In Brief: The Yorkminstrels present the musical *Gypsy* at the Leah Posluns Theatre, North York, May 4 to May 12. Attendees are asked to bring canned goods for the North York Harvest Food Bank. For showtimes and ticket prices, phone 416-620-6608.

New York-based guitarist Mordy Ferber and Toronto guitarist-composer Brian Katz present an evening of mostly original compositions May 8 at Mezzetta Cafe Restaurant, 681 St, Clair Ave. W., (at Christie), Toronto. Katz and Alan Merovitz perform Hartzedike-Lider, May 29. 416- 658-5687.

Elise Goldman, a 22-year-old student in York University's theatre studies program, has been hired to head the drama program this summer at Tyler Hill Camp in Pennsylvania. A resident of Thornhill, Goldman previously worked six summers as part of the music and drama staff for Robin Hood Day Camp, north of Toronto.

Toronto singer-actor Theresa Tova was born in Paris sometime in the 1950s. Incorrect information appeared in an earlier column.

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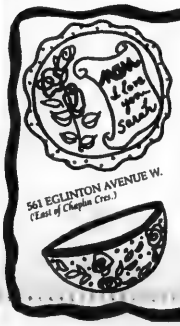
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Financial analyst blazes trail for other women

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Self-described fitness fanatic Sherry Cooper doesn't let her demanding career as senior vice-president and chief economist of Nesbitt Burns stand in the way of her exercise routine. It's not uncommon to see the trim 45-year-old scanning the *Financial Times of London* while she goes through an energetic workout on the Stairmaster.

With over 300 speaking engagements on her yearly calendar, many of them out of town, she says her daily workouts of 60 to 90 minutes are a necessity.

"To me giving a speech is physically exhausting. I'm sweating at the end of it. To do three or four in a day, you have to be fit. I know, because I wasn't very fit. I realized it about 10 years ago."

Cooper's mental workouts are as intense as her physical ones. She leads a team of economists who analyze and predict financial and economic variables like interest rates, inflation and unemployment rates for Canada and the United States in a global context. She is actively involved in policy analysis and consults regularly with provincial and federal governmental bodies.

On a typical morning at the First Canadian Place offices of Canada's largest investment dealer — a result of the 1994 merger of Nesbitt Thomson and Burns Fry — Cooper will hold four briefing sessions between 7:30 and 8:45.

Her daily reading material includes five newspapers — the *Globe and Mail, Financial Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times* and *Investors' Business Daily.*

"It's a research job. I'm constantly studying," Cooper said in a recent interview.

The result is a prolific output of written economic analyses, along with television and radio appearances to comment on economic issues.

Cooper is optimistic about Canada's economic future, but she cautions baby boomers to plan carefully for old age.

"We have to save for our retirement, and we better save a lot. Interest rates are down. It takes more capital to generate the same interest stream. We sure can't depend on government; so we have to be quite frugal, and I think it's happening."

She doesn't foresee widescale poverty or massive drains on the health care system as her generation ages. "We're more health conscious than any generation before us. We're looking very carefully at investments and analyzing the potential for further savings. That's not to say everyone will live like kings. People will probably work longer. I think people will want to be active into their 70s."

Sherry Cooper's hectic schedule often finds her on the trading floor at Nesbitt Burns. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

As a health care consumer, she likes the notion of extra billing for those who can afford it. "When the price of something is zero, there will be excess demand and abuse of the system."

Cooper, a native of Baltimore who lived in the United States until 13 years ago, sees major differences between Canada and the United Staes. "In the U.S., profit is not a dirty word. Canada is much more small-'s' socialist. The mentality is very different."

Before she moved here 13 years ago, Cooper expected Toronto to be similar to American cities. Instead, everything from the Canadian constitution to our plastic milk bags has taken getting used to.

Cooper believes it is essential that Canada eliminate budget deficits and begin to pay down debts. "That will help spur economic growth."

As an undergraduate student at Baltimore's all-women Goucher College, Cooper didn't really know what economics meant, she says now. Her interest in the subject was sparked by a course she took because it fit into her schedule.

She graduated first in her class in 1972, majoring in math and economics, before going on to earn her master's and PhD degrees at the University of Pittsburgh.

Cooper still loves economics. "It is highly methodological but it's also intuitive. I love it ... The content of my job — what I'm analyzing — changes hour to hour. Every cycle is different. No two days are ever the same."

The daughter of a lawyer and a stay-at-home mother, Cooper didn't realize until she entered "a hotbed of women's liberation" at university that she could pursue a non-traditional career.

A trailblazer for women in the financial world, Cooper got her early experience at the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal National Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. She became the first female chief economist in Canada in 1983 and the first woman director at Burns Fry. From 1989 to 1993 she co-headed the company's global fixed income department, directing worldwide sales and trading of bonds, money market securities and securitized finance.

While there are far more women in the business now, she said, including some in the executive ranks, women are still "clearly a minority."

Of course, men treat her differently, she said, but "for every disadvantage there's an advantage."

A believer in equal opportunity for women, she does not favor giving women any advantages over men.

Six years ago, she became a founding member of INNET, a networking group of about 50 women at the top of their fields who meet monthly. "For me it's a way to have peers. We have no mission. We enjoy each other's company. That's not to say we don't help each other careerwise — we do."

Married to consultant Peter Cooper, with a teenaged son from a previous marriage, Cooper sometimes struggles to balance family and work commitments. (She also serves on Temple Sinai's board of directors and executive committee.) She marked her son's school play on her calendar six months in advance to ensure she wouldn't be out of town.

Cooper believes the participation of women in the labor force has peaked in North America, as more women are deciding it's not worth the price. "Some choose not to have kids. Some choose to stay home when their kids are young, and are willing to sacrifice economically."

When Cooper's son was born in 1980, she took only four months off. "We would have felt we were selling out if we stayed home [longer]," she said of women who began their careers in the 1970s.

In a report issued last November entitled *Sex and the Economy: the Next Revolution*, Cooper noted that an excess of marriageable young men relative to women has resulted in increased birth rates and numbers of traditional families (father working, mother at home with the children) in recent years.

"We're seeing a real pendulum swing back," she said. "I think it's much more positive today. Women feel they truly have a choice."

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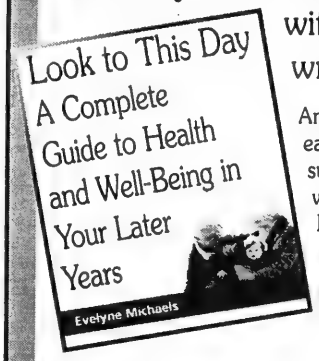

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Success is no accident for Al Gilbert

Recently, Al Gilbert donated original portraits of Yitzhak Rabin, taken 10 years ago, to all donors who attended Mrs. Rabin's speech in Toronto. Along with the portrait is a calligraphy of Rabin's last speech. The calligraphy was created by Laura Silver, which was also donated. "It is a priceless memento," says Gilbert. Recently, he was commissioned to take Mrs. Leah Rabin's portrait during her visit to Toronto.

Gilbert's photographs are prominent in a permanent collection, dating back to the early 1900s housed at Baycrest Centre. The collection includes individual portraits of every Prime Minister of Israel, dating from David Ben-Gurion to Shimon Peres. One of the portraits of Levi Eshkol was used for an Israeli stamp.

The Baycrest Centre also displays an historical collection of the Jewish community in Toronto dating back to the early 1900's.

To Gilbert, however, success is no accident. "Reaching a level of excellence requires the experience of a series of achievements. These help raise the photographer to higher and higher plateaus," he says.

In business since 1950 when his father, photographer Nathan Gilbert opened a studio for him on College Street, Gilbert boasts an almost endless list of credits recognizing him for his photographic achievements. Often called the Ambassador of Canadian Photography, he is recognized nationally and internationally for his unique style and has established himself as one of Canada's finest photographic artists.

He has been voted Photographer of the Year three times by the Professional Photographers of Canada and holds a Canadian Master of Photographic Arts degree as well as its fellowship. In addition, he has earned the Master of Photography, Photographic Craftsmen degrees and fellowships with the Professional Photographers of America, the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain and the British Institute.

As well, he is a Member of the Order of Canada, holds the Confederate Medal of Canada and in 1994, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Photographic Industry of America, and the International Award from the American Society of Photographers.

He remembers with fondness the early days of his career. "The war was just over and I took pictures of returning soldiers and displayed them in the window. The Jewish population congregated on College Street at that time, and the pictures were a hit. I was influenced by Hollywood photographers and used spotlighting instead of the usual window lighting. With spotlighting I was able to create glamorous and dramatic images of veterans, brides – anyone I photographed."

He cites his education in commercial arts as one of the biggest boons to his success. "This helped me to see light, reflections and to pose subjects and enabled me to analyze the features of subjects, choose the proper angles and select the correct lenses. However, a photographer must learn to wait before exposing the image, for that specific moment when the subject expresses a look that is appealing to him personally. That look is intended to evoke a particular response from the audience. I believe that a photographer photographs his feelings."

Photographic talent aside, Gilbert also attributes the success of his career to a keen interest in public relations projects. "I realized very early in my career that talent alone wasn't enough when it came to capturing the attention of the public. The secret was to capitalize on my interests and hobbies, thereby incorporating a personal involvement in each project."

In 1950 he began photographing such musical greats as Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Kay Star, Oscar Peterson, Eddie Fisher and Frank Sinatra, all had appeared in Toronto as part of a local radio station's promotion. Listeners who called the station were rewarded with a picture postcard of their favorite singers.

When a local radio station, just a few years ago, began featuring big band era music Gilbert approached them with the offer of trading original photographs of Frank Sinatra for free advertising. The success was immediate and there were over 1500 requests for that photograph. " A promotion of 30 years ago is still bringing in dividends," he says.

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The hysteria the media has created about the sun's rays is completely overstated. Many recent studies have shown how the sun can be beneficial to people suffering from fatigue, psoriasis, SAD (winter blues) and not also to mention the huge psychological and physiological advantages. This brings us to Heliotherapy, the positive effects of the sun I recently discovered during my investigations at Toronto's most authoritative indoor tanning chain **CLUB TAN**. With 6 locations it seems people are coming back to tanning in large numbers in the Toronto area as salons such as **CLUB TAN** really feel it is important to educate their clients.

When I chatted with owner Marshall Gottlieb, he informed me that since there isn't any regulatory body governing salons in Canada, he said it is very necessary to choose the right salon where they have the best and most up to date equipment as the industry is constantly evolving with safer beds. Marshall comforted me in letting me know his salons have the latest in safety and equipment using tanning beds that are fully climate controlled within a controlled environment. I witnessed a large 16 minute bed as well as facial tanners and this unique stand-up styled tanning capsule. I don't know about you, but when it comes to my body, I wanted to make sure I used the best salon out there as you can't really put a price on safety of your health. They prescribed a professional tanning schedule for the time before and after my vacation right through the summer according to the condition of my skin, objectives and budget. With more than $1 million invested into knowing their business, it is no wonder they are a successful and growing company for years to come.

Thanks to Marshall and his informative staff.

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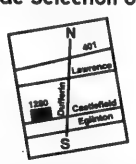

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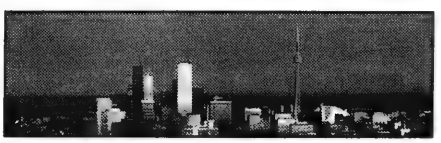

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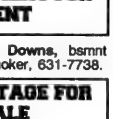

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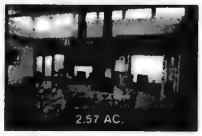

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Israelis are in a buoyant mood

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

TEL AVIV – The national mood-o-meter on Israel's 48th Independence Day showed a reading of optimism and good cheer that seem to defy history, if not reality.

Commentary

Only five months ago, in the aftermath of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the country appeared divided by a deep, dark and unbridgeable chasm. Two months ago, a series of suicide bombings appeared to open a new and unstoppable reign of terror. Last week a promising military operation against Hezbollah turned horridly sour with a single misplaced artillery bombardment. Yet the mood-o-meter, despite several smart smacks to check whether the gauge is stuck, persisted in reflecting a sense of buoyancy.

The navy and air force, booked for Lebanon this year, failed to show up for their annual display along the coast. But the public on the Tel Aviv beachfront found ready solace in beach chairs and in the cafes where coffee is modishly served in cups the size of soup tureens.

Inland, picnickers lazed about in family tableaus, seemingly unaware they are in the Middle East, not Minneapolis or Middlesex.

One factor in the sense of quiet contentment is the secular liturgy Israel has devised over the years to celebrate itself – events redolent with meaning and good taste.

The transition ceremony on Mount Herzl between Memorial Day and Independence Day, in particular, succeeds in projecting a sense of purpose and unity with both military flair and the authentic voice of those in the front line of nation building.

Likewise, the people we see interviewed on television during these two days, particularly the bereaved, project a dignity and depth that is uplifting.

Another soothing factor is the current political scene. While the divide opened up by the assassination is indeed deep and dark and probably unbridgeable, it has become clear that it is not down the centre, but along a narrow edge. If the left is now accusing the right of having stolen its peace slogan and if the main campaign issue shaping up is peace with strength or strength with peace, we are talking not about a divided nation but about a nation sharing a broad political consensus.

The most important factor in the nation's upbeat mood, however, is the nation itself, a reservoir of energies and communal will with few parallels. Stiffened by tragedy and buoyed by purpose, it has been performing its high-wire act for close to half a century – absorbing immigrants, battling enemies, kvetching, building, remembering always where it has come from, sharing a vague sense of the direction in which it wants to go.

On its beach chairs and picnic blankets last Wednesday, Israel took vengeance on its enemies.

Jewish groups 'outraged' at release of former Nazi guard

By HEATHER CAMLOT
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – Jewish groups reacted to the release from prison this week of a former Nazi concentration camp guard because she is ill.

We are expressing "revulsion and outrage at this development," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

In 1981, a German court in Dusseldorf found Hermine Ryan, a guard at the Majdanek concentration camp in Poland, guilty of murder and sentenced her to life in prison.

Some 200,000 people, including about 70,000 Jews, died at Majdanek.

Ryan, whose maiden name was Braunsteiner, had fled to the United States after the war and married an American. In 1975, she was extradited to Germany.

Ryan, now 76, was released last Sunday from the prison hospital where she had been since 1990.

According to German law, after a prisoner has served 15 years, the court must examine whether there are any grounds for parole.

The release of former Nazis on grounds of illness is "all too common an occurrence," said Steinberg, who did, however, add, "As brutal as she was, she should receive medical attention."

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Trim ladyfingers to fit sides and bottom of 9" springform pan. Brush cut sides of ladyfingers with half of liqueur. Fit ladyfingers in bottom and up sides of pan. Layer lemon sherbet, lime sherbet, and frozen yogurt in pan. Smooth top and freeze 4 hours or overnight. Place all berries in large bowl. Add remaining liqueur and toss to coat. Pile berries on top of torte. Release and remove pan sides. Transfer to platter. Garnish with fresh mint and serve. Serves 8.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

About people

Dear Ella,

A friend of mine recently shared a story about her daughter with me and I can't seem to get it out of my mind.

It seems that her class at school was doing a unit on the holidays, and the teacher had decided as one of the lessons to teach the kids how to make charoset.

My friend's daughter has an allergy to nuts. The teacher sent home a note explaining that as part of their Passover unit they would be making charoset, but that Linda (her daughter) would be sent to another classroom to avoid any possible contact with nuts, thus preserving her safety.

My very first reaction to this was the teacher was being very conscientious and cautious for the benefit of Linda's well being. The more I thought about it however, the more I thought this poor kid not only can't participate in a fun activity with her class, but her allergy to nuts has forced her to learn to deal with being made an outcast as well.

This whole incident didn't sit right with me. I wasn't sure whether or not to say anything to my friend.

Ella, what do you think about this story? Have I blown this all out of proportion?

Nuts to them

Dear nuts to them,

A teacher has a clear duty and responsibility for the safety of a child. If nuts were going to be used in the classroom, then obviously Linda should be nowhere near them, however I seem to feel that this teacher missed an opportunity to teach a far greater lesson.

She was so concerned for Linda's safety that she didn't see the forest for the trees so to speak.

What a great opportunity to incorporate a lesson on acceptance, tolerance and understanding of other children.

Although the traditional recipe for charoset contains nuts, there are other recipes available without them. (*The Passover Gourmet* by Nira Rousso). They could have made a recipe without nuts and maybe been handed out a copy of the recipe they are doing along with a copy of the traditional one, accompanied by an explanation of why they are making a recipe without nuts.

Linda is different from the other kids because of her food allergy and she will always have to be on guard as will the people responsible for her.

There are always ways around things and I'm sure if the mother had explained her position to the teacher things may have been different. This could have been a good lesson for everyone all around.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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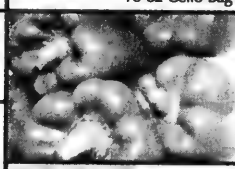

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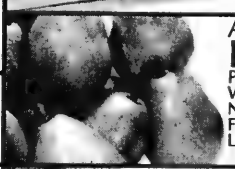

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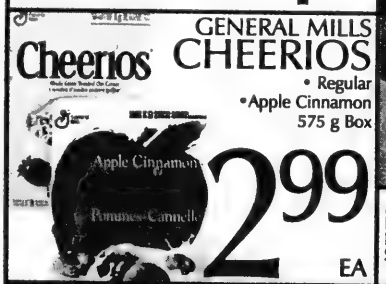

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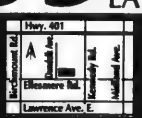

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Conflict over Hebron

By BATSHEVA TSUR & JON IMMANUEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's Prime Minister Shimon Peres does not intend to allow the Jewish community in Hebron to expand its presence in the city.

"There will be no changes in the status quo in Hebron, and I will not allow additions to buildings," Peres told the cabinet last Sunday.

He was responding to a demand from Environment Minister Yossi Sarid that the government make political decisions about the future of Hebron.

The cabinet or the security cabinet will discuss the issue some time next week, Peres said.

"The prime minister discusses things with the army, and decides alone. There is no government, no cabinet and no ministerial team negotiating with the Palestinians," Sarid charged, demanding that the withdrawal take place now, not after the elections.

"The impression is that the government gives in to pressure and worse – to threats ... from settlers, orchestrated by [Likud MK] Ariel Sharon and [former Kach activist] Baruch Marzel," Sarid added.

"This is not true. The government will stand by its commitment to the Olso accords," Peres reportedly replied.

The redeployment will be coordinated with the Palestinians, he added, saying Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir would meet with Palestinian Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), and OC Central Command Maj. – Gen. Uzi Dayan would discuss the situation with the Palestinian Authority police chief.

Israel is also keeping in touch with the Palestinians over the deployment of the international peacekeeping force, he said.

The overriding factor in the decision not to withdraw before the elections, has been security, Peres stressed. There have been repeated warnings of impending terrorist attacks.

General Security Service head Ami Ayalon, however, discounted a report in the daily Hebrew paper *Ma'ariv* that some half a dozen suicide bombers are already inside Israeli territory waiting to act.

Security sources added later in the day that there is no factual evidence to back up the *Ma'ariv* report. They said that some of those identified in the report are in the Gaza Strip or are being held by the Palestinian Police.

Meanwhile, Peres has distributed copies of the official English text of the Palestine National Council's (PNC) resolutions on the Palestinian Covenant, sent to him by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, to the cabinet.

Describing it as an "historic resolution," Arafat wrote to Peres in an accompanying letter that "the [covenant] is hereby amended

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CLOSURE PROTEST

Border police block Palestinian labor activists from reaching a military check point separating Jerusalem from the West Bank. The activists were protesting the continued closure of the West Bank, now in its 10th week. *[RNS photo]*

A bridge between communities

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The bitterness between the secular and religious elements of Israeli life has lessened considerably since the police report on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin concluded that "not one rabbi, either acting [pulpit] or educational, was involved in any way," says Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau.

Rabbi Lau, who was in Canada on a tour sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress, spoke to the media in a brief interview sandwiched between a meeting with the Toronto Vaad Harabanim and a visit to the Holocaust Memorial at Earl Bales Park.

He "condemned" the authorities for "bringing rabbis [to the police stations] like murderers, with TV and news media."

While he refused to comment on political or military matters, he said that he suggested the government "take a second thought about the Israeli army abandoning Hebron." He said that he would bring this concern to Prime Minister Shimon Peres on his return to Israel.

The rabbi said he saw his role as building a bridge between the Jews in Israel and those in the Diaspora, and "encouraging Jewish identification through Jewish education.

"You can understand my concern when in a city like New York, only 12 1/2 percent of children get any Jewish education and there is an intermarriage rate of 52 percent." If every Jewish child received even a bit of Jewish education, he said, "the map of Jewish survival would be changed."

The leadership must get its priorities in order, he said, to attract and recompense the best teachers possible.

Rabbi Lau gave a major address earlier in the week to a large crowd at Beth Avraham Yosef Congregation, where he spoke about the singular importance to Jews of the holy city of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau

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When the young soldiers touched the stones of the Kotel for the first time in 1967, "they didn't come like it was for the first time. They came like someone who returns, because the tears of their parents, and the blood of the soldiers were

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CANADA

Candlelight Vigil Held

VANCOUVER – A candlelight vigil for victims of hate crimes was held recently in the pouring rain at Vancouver's art gallery. It was sponsored by the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies, which includes the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Alan Rose Fund

MONTREAL – The Alan Rose Fund for International Human Dignity established in memory of CJC's former executive vice-president will hold its first event on May 14 in Montreal.

Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy will be the keynote speaker on The New State of Arab-Israel Relations in Light of the Middle East Peace Process: A Canadian Perspective.

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ISRAEL

Wolf Prize in Medicine

HERZLIA – The 1995-96 Wolf Prize in Medicine was presented last month in Jerusalem to Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner of the University of California, San Francisco, for discovering the "prions' which cause mad cow disease. The prions are a new class of pathogens that cause neurodegenerative diseases such as Creutzfeld-Jakob in humans and scrapie and BSE in farm animals through changes in protein structure.

Jewish Website Launched

JERUSALEM – The Virtual City of Jerusalem will be inaugurated on May 17, to coincide with Jerusalem Day.

This website will allow visitors to explore information within the city and to benefit from a number of features, including online chat sessions, study classes and a complete vacation guide with a listing of hotels in Israel.

The site can be reached at http://www.virtual.co.il.

NIF Campaign Levels Up

JERUSALEM – In a year when the campaigns of many Jewish philanthropies either declined or remained flat, contributions to the New Israel Fund in 1995 reached $10.6 million, surpassing last year by 15 percent.

The New Israel Fund also announced that it would award 90 grants totalling more than $2.8 million, to Israeli groups.

Food Conference

JERUSALEM – Officials from more than 40 countries convened last week in Tel Aviv for a five-day international conference on food and agriculture.

Finding ways to combat world hunger was a central topic of the conference.

WORLD

Reports Denied

BUENOS AIRES – Reports that a squad of Hezbollah suicide bombers were found on Paraguay's border with Argentina have been denied by authorities of both countries.

Despite the denials, the so-called "triangle area" in northeastern Argentina, on the border with Brazil and Paraguay, was placed on alert after intelligence reports claimed that 20 suicide bombers had arrived in Paraguay from the Middle East.

Syrian Terrorism

WASHINGTON – As the United States and Syria prepare to work together to monitor Hezbollah terrorist activity in Lebanon, the State Department has once again placed Syria on its list of countries that sponsor international terrorism.

Jewish Cemetery Marred

BUDAPEST – Anti-Semitic graffiti and slogans were painted on graves recently at the Central Jewish Cemetery on the outskirts of Budapest.

In addition to the swastikas and Stars of David on the graves, some 15 tombstones were overturned on the night of April 22.

Hungarian police said their investigation had not yet turned up any suspects.

Lion of Judah

NEW YORK – Jewish women from around the world will convene in October for the first-ever United Jewish Appeal National Women's Campaign International Lion of Judah Conference in Jerusalem.

Grants Offered

NEW YORK – The Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany has announced that grants are available for Jewish institutions and organizations that provide shelter and social care to elderly Holocaust survivors.

Lubavitch Prayer Book

BUDAPEST – For the first time in more than 60 years, a Jewish prayer book has been published in the Hungarian language.

The siddur, printed in Hebrew and Hungarian, was given an initial press run of 10,000 copies by the Lubavitch Jewish Heritage Centre.

Jewish Studies Institute

VIENNA – A university in Slovakia has announced plans to open an institute for Jewish studies.

The institute, which will be part of the academic program at Comenius University in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, will hold its first sessions in September.

Jerusalem One of Poorest Israeli Cities: Study

JERUSALEM – Jerusalem's population is becoming poorer, as well as more fervently Orthodox, according to a report on the capital released last week.

The report, prepared by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, found that 33.9 percent of the children in Jerusalem lived below the poverty line in 1994, compared with the 22.8 percent national figure.

The report also described Jerusalem as one of the poorest cities in the country, with the 1993 average monthly wage totalling about $1,200, as compared with $1,400 in Tel Aviv and $1,470 in Haifa.

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'Reality' begins to sink in following Calgary letter bomb

By JUDY SHAPIRO
Jewish Free Press'

CALGARY — The day after a parcel bomb shook the Jewish community, life was back to normal at the Calgary Jewish Centre.

Children played happily in the daycare, aerobics classes were full and seniors roamed the building. However, for many staff at the centre the reality of what had happened was just beginning to sink in.

"This was the real thing — this wasn't a bomb threat," said Joel Miller, executive director of the Calgary Jewish Centre and Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC). "We all think it can't happen here, but the lesson is that it can happen anywhere."

To recap what happened: At approximately 9:50 a.m. on April 29, Tove, the secretary in the Jewish National Fund (JNF) office, opened a gift-wrapped package that had arrived by mail the Friday before.

"I opened it and it went boom! with lots of powder. Adela [Boltec] and Aron [Eichler] came running and we realized a bomb had just exploded," Tove recounted. (Boltec and Eichler work in the office of State of Israel Bonds adjacent to Tove's.)

Tove was in shock, but Eichler ran to have the police notified. Within minutes the bomb squad was on the scene. The second floor was evacuated, but police concluded that there was no danger of a second explosion and the rest of the building remained open.

From the initial investigation, police ascertained that the detonating device had gone off, but the bomb itself had not exploded. And Tove was not hurt.

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Ted Switzer (left) holds daughter Sydney and listens to Police Insp. Brendan Kapuscinski answer questions outside the Calgary Jewish Centre following last week's letter bomb incident. [Canapress Photo]

Jewish centres increase security precautions

CJN Staff

Responding to a letter bomb that partially exploded at the Calgary Jewish Centre last week, community officials in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver have increased security precautions.

At the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) in Toronto, metal detectors have been installed for the first time ever in the mail room.

"Luckily, all our mail is delivered to one point and we'll retain that system," said Deborah Pinsky, BJC executive director.

The centre has called in a security firm and will consider any recommendations on restricting access, said Jim Emery, BJC senior manager.

Pinsky and Emery explained that the centre is open to members and non-members from 6 a.m. to ll p.m and that the many doors and exits complicate the problem.

Control desk

Asking members to show their cards before entering the building is not being contemplated at the moment, Pinsky said.

However, as before, members must show their cards at a control desk before using any facilities.

"We have had meetings with staff following the Calgary incident and impressed on them the need for heightened awareness of any gym bags that are left alone in the lobby or other areas," she said.

The use of restricted buzzer systems on some doors and of video cameras will be considered in the light of the security firm's report, she said.

Closing off the centre's rear doors would pose a hardship for disabled members who have no other access to the elevators to take them to the athletic and other facilities, Emery said.

In Montreal, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith Canada sent a joint letter to community institutions advising them to be "more vigilant, especially in relation to suspicious packages from unknown origins."

The community security coordinating committee of the two organizations, which brings together representatives of synagogues, schools and other institutions, met with Montreal Urban Community police after Israel's bombing of south Lebanon, to ask for increased surveillance of Jewish buildings here, said CJC Quebec region director Jack Jedwab.

Jebwab said there were no incidents "worth reporting" recently, but it is widely known that there was a bomb threat two weeks ago at the YM-YWHA.

Jebwab is satisfied the police take the community's concerns seriously and are taking "all possible steps ... to maximize" the security of Jewish institutions.

Community agencies in the Jewish Community Centre of Vancouver are also taking extra precautions in opening their mail.

A meeting of agency directors was called by Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, immediately after it received news of the Calgary scare, and each director was instructed to take special care, especially with parcels from unidentified sources.

The Jewish National Fund (JNF), which was the target in Calgary, often gets large packages of printed material and other supplies and is probably more at risk than other agencies.

Brig.-Gen. Itchak Fuchs, the JNF *shaliach*, told *The CJN* in Vancouver that he has received input from headquarters in Montreal and Israel on techniques to detect dangerous packages. "We're being extra careful," he said.

— With files from Ben Rose in Toronto, Janice Arnold in Montreal and Maurice Lucow in Vancouver.

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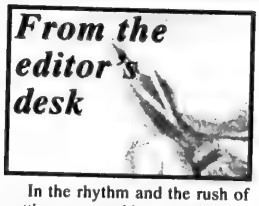

Trying our best to prevent mistakes

In the rhythm and the rush of putting out a weekly newspaper, we occasionally make mistakes. It is a testament to the character of our readers and the earnestness with which they pore over their *CJN* that our mistakes are invariably noticed and drawn to our attention.

Generally speaking, the mistakes are of two kinds. I will call them "invisible" and "visible." An example of an invisible mistake is an editorial decision which results in our "missing" a story. This usually arises in one of two ways. We simply fail to assign someone to cover a newsworthy event for reasons other than shortage of staff. Or, due to lack of space in the paper, we decide to omit one story, already filed and on hand, in favor of a different story which subsequently proves to be of lesser news significance than the one we have omitted. These mistakes are "invisible" because they are apparent to the discerning reader despite their absence, or invisibility.

The more common mistake is the "visible" one. This is the mistake which is usually apparent to even a casual reader and more often than not "leaps" off the page – except to me and to my staff in those very busy, quickly-moving few hours on Monday morning before deadline.

There are three kinds of "visible" mistakes. The easiest to identify is the writing mistake such as incorrect spelling, incorrect grammar, sometimes even lines that are dropped or misplaced.

The second type of visible mistake is, simply, a mistake of fact which occasionally creeps into the newspaper. For example, recently, one of our monthly columnists wrote that a dozen people lost their lives in the bombing of the Jewish community institution in Argentina. This, of course, was factually incorrect. The number killed was well over 100.

The third kind of visible mistake is factual inconsistency between a headline and the story to which it relates. This is the rarest of all mistakes. Unfortunately however, it has occurred twice in the last month.

In our Passover issue, on April 3, we featured a front page story by Sheldon Kirshner on the subject of a "mysterious" speech which Yasser Arafat was alleged to have made to a gathering of Arab diplomats in Stockholm, in which he purported to lay bare the blueprint of a plan for the elimination of Israel through the Oslo peace process. The headline over the story on the front page was Tracking down Arafat's "speech." It accurately reflected the content of the story.

The problematic headline appeared on the page on which the story was continued. It read: Contents of Arafat speech denied by all. This headline was incorrect. In fact, as the story made clear, the speech was not denied by all. It was denied by most, but not by all. Indeed one of the commentators mentioned in the story who did not deny the contents of the speech was Ehud Ya'ari, a prominent Israeli writer. At the most, the headline could have only read and should have only read: Contents of Arafat speech unverified.

The second instance of headline inconsistency occurred in last week's issue over the article dealing with the meeting by the PLO to revoke their charter provisions calling for the destruction of Israel.

The headline was: PNC revokes "anti-Israel" clauses. Even though this was similar to the headline carried in virtually all the newspapers in Israel, it was not an accurate reflection of the story to which it related. As the story itself indicated, "the vote did not actually change the covenant, but gave authority to a PNC committee to do so within six months." Thus, a more accurate headline might have been: PNC commits to revoke "anti-Israel" clauses, or PNC agrees to revoke "anti-Israel" clauses.

The fact that both of the occurrences dealt with Yasser Arafat-related stories was an unfortunate coincidence. It merely added grist to the grinding mill of those readers who are skeptically wary of the peace process and who criticized *The CJN* for publishing Kirshner's story in the first place, attributing to the paper unfounded and untrue motives of PLO apologetics for doing so.

Our readers should also know that the reporter who writes the story almost never writes the headline.

We are dedicated to the highest journalistic standards possible in *The CJN*. Credibility is a newspaper's most precious hallmark. Without accuracy, it will have no credibility. Thus, we spare no effort to ensure accuracy. We try very hard to make the right decisions to prevent the invisible mistakes and to perfect our systems and lines of responsibility to catch the visible ones before they are irreversibly committed to print. This is our commitment to the reader, whose loyalty to *The CJN* is the very reason that we publish. It is also our commitment to the paper itself, its history, its traditions and its mandate. All mistakes are preventable, but unfortunately, not all of them are prevented.

The editor, of course, is responsible and accountable for them all.

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Rabbi Lau on visit

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shed together on those same stones."

Rabbi Lau described his giving a Hebrew/French Bible to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien earlier that day. "I told him that the word Jerusalem appears 587 times in Tanach. That shows the centrality of Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel."

Jews all over the world, he said, must convince each other of Jerusalem's significance before they can convince the Christian world and "our neighbours" of it.

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An emotional break in the tour was a short stop at the Holocaust memorial at Earl Bales Park in North York. Rabbi Lau, who had asked to see the monument, spoke with sculptor Ernest Rabb. Then, against the backdrop of fading flowers, facing the names of the camps he himself had been in, along with Mizrachi executive director Rabbi Menachem Gopin and Holocaust survivors, he recited Kaddish and K'El Maleh Rachamim.

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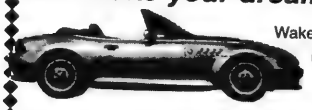

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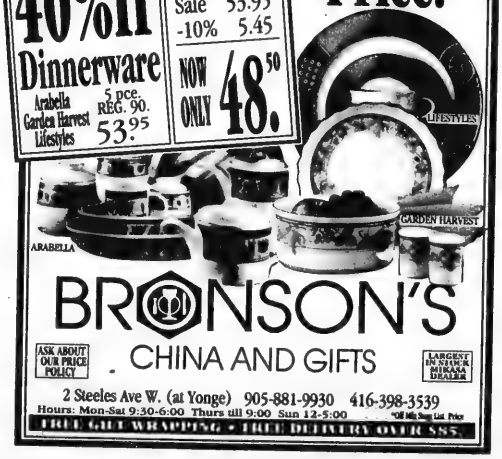

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Kalejs linked to killing unit

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Konrads Kalejs' name can be found on a number of wartime documents showing he was a member of the notorious Arajs Kommando (AK) during the time the unit participated in the murders of tens of thousands of Latvian Jews, an immigration adjudicator was told last week.

In one document, submitted in November 1941 to the University of Riga, Viktors Arajs, who headed the pro-Nazi police unit, attests that "1st Lieut. Kalejs has been a member of the Latvian Auxiliary Security Police (AK) from July 29 to the present."

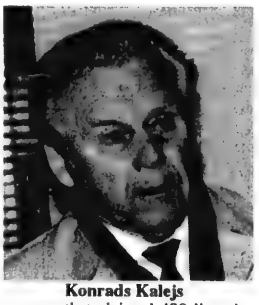
Another document, submitted by the deputy chief of the AK in November 1942, attests that Kalejs "has been in the service of the Latvian Security Section since July 30, 1941 and was at the eastern front between Feb. 14, 1942 and April 27, 1942."

A third document confirmed that Kalejs was on a list of men who were entitled to receive cigaret rations in 1944 after the AK was incorporated into the Latvian Security Police Battalion (the Latvian Legion).

A fourth document records 1st Lieut. Kalejs receiving a DM 290 monthly salary from October 1943 to December 1944 as a member of the Legion.

Yet another document introduced last week was a copy of an April 10, 1942 article by Kalejs that appeared in a Latvian magazine that describes the eve of battle against Russian partisans.

The Arajs Kommando consisted of volunteers who participated in a



Konrads Kalejs

pogrom that claimed 400 lives in the Riga ghetto and the liquidation of the ghetto, and who later guarded the area where thousands of civilians were shot, said historian Konrad Kwiet, an expert witness on the Holocaust.

Almost the entire complement of the AK participated in the liquidation of the ghetto, as well as cordoning off and guarding the killing sites while members of the German Einsatzgruppe (mobile killing squad) murdered about 30,000 Jews, Kwiet testified.

That took place over several days at the end of November and early December 1941, he added.

In March 1942, the Arajs Kommando, along with German forces, attacked a Latvian village, killed more than 90 inhabitants and burned it to the ground.

"This had nothing to do with war conducted under international law," Kwiet testified.

Kwiet testified that the AK also formed a reservoir of volunteers who served at Salaspils, a forced labor camp 17 kilometres from Riga, as well as being seconded to German security units in White Russia.

He agreed with a finding by a U.S. Court of Appeal that "outside of Latvia, usually in Russia, the AK followed the German SS in so-called anti-partisan activities which were little more than a cover for the arresting and murdering of civilians."

In 1993, the court ordered Kalejs, a citizen of Australia, deported from the United States for serving with mobile killing units.

Kalejs eventually took up residence in Toronto, moving into a North York condominium that also has a number of Jewish residents, including Holocaust survivors.

At the hearing last week, Win Thompson, Kalejs' immigration consultant, said Kalejs "wants to clear his name."

As the media surrounded him after the first day of hearings, Kalejs attempted to shield his face from photographers while saying only, "You're very stupid, all of you."

Outside the hearing room, about 25 of Kalejs' neighbors watched proceedings on a closed-circuit TV. One of Kalejs' neighbors, Vera Peter, a Holocaust survivor, said, "I wanted to make the statement that he's not welcome in Canada and not in the building in which I live."

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Concerns expressed over new health bill

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ontario's proposed Bill 26, designed to provide medical care for underserviced communities, has implications for Jewish doctors.

In order to prevent new doctors from congregating in what the Tory government considers overserviced areas like Toronto, it is suggesting that OHIP numbers (through which doctors are paid on a fee-for-service basis) be given only to those who establish practices in small communities, such as Red Lake, Kapuskasing and Sudbury.

Some Jewish interns and residents are strongly opposed to the proposed legislation. Cliff Posel, a resident in psychiatry at the University of Toronto, came to *The CJN* with his concerns.

"There are issues here specific to Jews," he said, such as the availability of synagogues, kosher food, Jewish schools. "For a Jew, living without any other Jews is very difficult."

There is no thought being given to such problems as ensuring guaranteed time off for Rosh Hashanah and Passover, let alone for Shabbat, Posel charged.

Posel is also opposed to forcing people to go to remote communities. "They will just stay as long as they have to and then leave. What good is that?"

Tariq Asmi, special policy assistant to Health Minister Jim Wilson said the government hopes to encourage doctors to go to underserviced areas voluntarily through such incentives as practice support, access to locums, continuing education guarantees, direct contract payment rather than fees-for-service, specialist backup and referral, and better pay for emergency services.

"Only if we have to, will we go the OHIP number route, and then we would look to introduce bases of exemption, such as humanitarian considerations.

"We realize that there are things integral to one's [religious] faith. We hope that the measures we propose will be enough to encourage phyicians to move on a voluntary basis."

Steve Tishler, past president of the Professional Association of Interns and Residents of Ontario (PAIRO) and a cardiology resident at the Toronto Hospital, is skeptical about the government's methods and about its insistence that this year's graduating class fill the service needs.

"The government is giving us only one year to solve a problem that has been going on for decades. "Such a short time-line is doomed to failure. They have to give it time to work."

Calling the relocation policy "completely unfair," Tishler, himself Jewish, said that "it is more than a freedom of practice issue. Jews would be culturally isolated."

PAIRO believes the government has not given sufficient assistance to physicians who choose to practise in underserviced areas.

The organization has proposed such additional supports as computer networks, increased benefits and more ability to communicate with specialists.

"We feel that offering appropriate packages will help recruit and retain medical personnel. Not only will it be more effective, but it will avoid forcing people to practise where it will be a major problem for them," Tishler said.

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Society's medical needs paramount: expert

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Under Jewish law (Halachah) it is more important to meet the overall needs of a society than to address the medical needs of one individual, even if it costs a life, an Israeli expert said here recently.

Owing to limited health resources, debate is underway on how best to share those that are available, said Dr. Avraham Steinberg, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. All the institutional needs of a community must be considered, not just its health needs, he said.

Asked how this applied to Ontario, Steinberg said, "Halachically, Premier [Mike] Harris is entitled to make decisions. Whether it is the right decision, I don't know. I don't have an answer for the minister of health.

When introducing the speaker, Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, said, "I hope and pray that Premier Harris will not be successful in all his endeavors."

In the opinion of Steinberg, who has consulted on medical issues with Israel's Chief Rabbinate, the time has not yet arrived for critical decisions in Israel or Canada on how to allot medical resources. Up to now, the issues in the debate have been "exaggerated," he believes.

However, he said much money is being wasted, citing the $10,000 cost for an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and CAT scan for a child who has a headache. "This is not necessary if a good history is taken," said Steinberg, who is head of child neurology at Hadassah Medical school.

Studies have shown, he said, that only one-tenth as many investigational tests are carried out in England as in the United States, but the outcome is the same.

He also cited unwarranted costs involving decisions on whether to pull the plug on life support systems and on malpractice insurance.

Steinberg said he was concerned that in the effort to cope with limited medical resources, physicians would be given incentives to save money and thus would neglect "the dying, the demented and the elderly."

The Jewish viewpoint, he said, is to avoid extreme positions on issues such as abortion and the terminally ill and to follow the precepts of Maimonides in judging case by case.

He spoke under the auspices of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of Ontario and the continuing education committee of Beth Emeth.

In thanking the speaker, and referring to his Toronto lectures, assistant Rabbi Barry Schneider said, "There is a tendency in the Jewish community to say, carte blanche, that [organ] donations are not allowed, but the situation is more complicated than that."

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IRB accepting fewer Israel refugee claims

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's repeated messages to Canada that the Jewish state does not produce refugees may finally be getting through.

Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) last year granted asylum to 121 claimants from Israel, almost all of them said to be originally from the former Soviet Union. It's the lowest total since 1992.

The IRB heard 569 claims from Israel in 1995 and denied asylum to 319 claimants. A further 1,745 cases from Israel are pending.

The numbers stand in stark contrast to 1994, when the board accepted a record 380 refugees from Israel, more than in the previous five years combined.

The national acceptance rate of refugees from Israel dropped from 50 percent in 1994 to 21 percent last year.

The latest figures may go some way toward patching up a long-standing spat between Jerusalem and Ottawa.

Since 1989, when the first wave of emigration from the Soviet Union took place, Israel has been trying to persuade Canada that ex-Soviets are taking advantage of the Law of Return to springboard to this country.

Typically, former Soviets allege that in Israel, they were harassed, persecuted, denied jobs and even beaten and raped because of their mixed marriages and questionable status as Jews.

Israel says their claims are spurious.

The issue boiled over in 1994, when Jerusalem publicly called on Ottawa to stop accepting the claimants, arguing that ex-Soviets were using the Jewish state as a stepping stone to the West.

An education seminar on the Law of Return and how Israel treats newcomers was held in Montreal.

But Canada, in effect, told Israel to mind its own business, and continued accepting the claimants.

The bulk of last year's claims were made in Montreal, where historically, IRB panels have been less favorable to Israel.

In 1994, Montreal IRB panels accepted about 75 percent of claims from Israel. But last year, Montreal's rate fell, to mirror the national average of 21 percent.

Eli Yerushalmi, Israel's acting ambassador to Canada, told *The CJN* he is "pleased" the numbers are down, "but not pleased that there's even one case from Israel.

"This has to be completely gone from the agenda," he said, adding that he believes Israel's message is being received.

Perry Romberg, acting national director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), attributed the overall decline to more and better information about Israel flowing to the IRB.

"The good news is [the acceptance rate] is coming down. The bad news is, it's still too high."

Sri Lanka, Somalia and Iran topped the IRB's list of source countries for refugees last year. Israel was sandwiched between Ukraine (129 refugees) and Romania (120).

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Act boldly

Like yesterday's matzah, left unsold in the storerooms of Quebec's groceries, Premier Lucien Bouchard's constant hectoring of the federal government is somewhat hard to swallow.

The *Globe and Mail* reports that at a meeting on the last weekend in April of the Parti Québécois (PQ) national council, Bouchard reiterated to his colleagues, and through the media to Canadians across the country, his no-compromise commitment to sovereignty.

"The Parti Québécois program provides for three things – sovereignty, all of sovereignty, nothing but sovereignty ... As you know, after a victory of the Yes vote in a referendum, we will make an offer of partnership to Canada. Two things will happen – either the negotiations are fruitful or they are not. In both cases, Quebec will become sovereign."

At the closing session of the meeting, the premier attempted to deliver a pre-emptive strike against all federalists. In response to no particularly recent statement or initiative by the federal government, he threatened to call a snap election, hold another referendum and unilaterally declare independence if Ottawa challenges Quebec's right to secede.

"We will never allow Ottawa to adopt a law that would restrict in any way the possibility for Quebec to hold referendums."

The suggestion that taking measures in defence of Canada is inherently offensive to Quebec is nothing but a demagogue's ploy, a sword that cuts into the darker corners of nationalism, not a shield that protects a people's history, their way of life and their culture against encroachment from global commerce and continental linguistic uniformity.

Quebec's secession means Canada's disintegration. Thus, the federal government, provincial governments, municipal governments and every individual in Canada who loves this country, have the right, if not the obligation, to oppose that disintegration.

The federal government must not retreat to the side as separatists prepare their final march forward. Rather, it should act boldly on behalf of Canada at every opportunity. It should use its constitutional authority to promote Canadianism throughout the country, including in Quebec. It should protect Canada's interests against all efforts to cause them harm. To start with, the federal justice minister should consider joining the action launched in the Quebec courts by Guy Bertrand to declare separation-by-referendum constitutionally invalid.

To preserve Canada, the federal government should walk on every legal, political and popular avenue without fear of alienating the so-called "soft" federalists in Quebec. Perhaps they might be more inclined to embrace the values and the idea of Canada if they were to see the conviction and the determination of a government and a people fighting to keep a country together rather than the dissimulations and defiant declarations of an extremist elite fighting to tear it apart?

If Canada is worthy of our prayers, it is also worthy of our actions.

Six months ago

It was only six months ago, last Saturday night, that Yigal Amir shot Yizhak Rabin in the back and killed him. What stood still in shock and mourning, for only a few brief, sorrowful moments – the lives of people and the life of a nation – have inevitably continued on and forward. And since that awful, horrible evening, the people and the nation have endured still many more sorrowful moments.

Though it was six months ago, the loss is unabated.

Even his political foes, even people unalterably opposed to the peace process, even people who would not sing the songs he sang, know in the deepest part of their hearts that what was lost on that evening was far more than the life of a man.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

Any ache, only not heartache. *(Shabbat 11, Talmud)*

THE ISLAMIC SUICIDE BOMBERS HAVE DISCOVERED A NEW MEDIA TRUTH IN LEBANON.
IT'S THE KATYUSHA PRINCIPLE.
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THEY GET BETTER COVERAGE WHEN THEY GET THEIR OWN CIVILIANS KILLED...
THAN WHEN THEY KILL OURS.

Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History

May 11, 1949 Canada voted to admit Israel into the General Assembly of the United Nations. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)*

Ottawa cares for Jewish students

As a Toronto student at Carleton University and as president of the Jewish Student Union-Hillel (JSU), I would like to respond to the article, "I'm Proud to be a Carleton Jew" *(CJN,* March 21).

Ottawa hosts a relatively large Jewish community of over 11,000 people. This community is very active in its programming and community support. After two years in Ottawa, I only became involved in the JSU last February. Through JSU mailings, which all paid members receive, the community has opened their homes to students for Shabbat dinners any Friday they wish, they have opened their doors to students for Passover seders and have helped fund students in residence for kosher for Passover meals.

The Jewish Students Union-Hillel, has also played an active role in outreach to its members. Once a month, JSU hosts a Shabbat dinner that attracts more Jewish students than similar event at McGill or U of T. We also held bagel brunches and weekly information tables on campus and monthly social events, and we have an active graduate student group.

Ruth Sternberg
Ottawa

Applauds decision on Malcolm Ross

In finding it irrelevant that teacher Malcolm Ross kept his opinions about an international Jewish conspiracy out of the classroom, the Supreme Court has illuminated a fundamental feature of anti-Semitic individuals: totality of mind.

The racist subscribes to a comprehensive attitude that cannot be selectively applied to a distinct group. It is a world view that is applied to people, to society and to history. By setting a precedent of protecting children not only from racist statements but from racists themselves, the court recognizes the fallacy of looking at an individual as a composite of elements whose individual ideas can be distilled and separately applied.

Jean Paul Sartre wrote that anti-Semitism precedes the facts that are supposed to call it forth. Experience and interpretations of historical and societal facts do not produce the anti-Semite's impression of the Jew, but rather vice versa. A teacher must expand, not narrow, the minds of students, encouraging them to develop their impressions of the world from their understanding of scientific, historical and societal facts. Racism enslaves the mind and cannot be confined to one sphere. Someone who finds it natural and intuitive to denounce another group necessarily has a perverted conception of humanity and should be prevented from influencing impressionable students.

Mark Korman
Toronto

Urges deportation of Kalejs

Konrad Kalejs is currently fighting deportation from Canada. We pray the authorities will not permit him to manipulate the system through delaying tactics as he did in the United States, where he fought off deportation for 10 years, through legal battles.

By promptly removing him from our midst, we will be sending a clear message that Canada will not become a safe haven for the new crop of war criminals.

Was it arrogance, contempt or guilt that prompted him to move into that particular condominium, which is home to a number of Holocaust survivors? For over 50 years, these tortured souls have been trying to come to terms with the nightmare of murdered family members.

Alex Bellan
Bernard Betel Centre
Toronto

Drinking a problem in Jewish homes

Re: Morton Weinfeld's article, "Alcohol use lower among Jews." *(CJN,* April 25)

I have seen demographic data taken from treatment centre populations where Jews have opted to hide their religion and to travel far from home to obtain help lest they be recognized or draw attention to their community. I have seen shock and disbelief in families, when faced with alcohol abuse in their homes. I have met Jews who described feelings of alienation from religious observance when they struggled with control over alcohol.

I also have witnessed signs of hope and caring. There are synagogues that have opened their doors to self-help groups for Jews desiring to recover from the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. Recovering Jews have gathered together for mutual support and religious observance. The efforts of such writers as psychiatrist Rabbi Abraham Twerski have been taken to community gatherings where the message that Jews are not exempt can be heard. These have been opportunities to address the *shanda* and denial that have marked alcohol misuse in our midst.

As the article proposes, alcohol use could perhaps be less in the Jewish community, but alcohol abuse and its effects on the sufferers and on those who love them are none the less devastating.

Rochelle Thompson
Consultant on Addictions
Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto

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Perspectives

Archeology casts light on biblical events

By ALEX GROPPER

A Herodian pool is discovered in the excavations undertaken by Nahman Avigad in the Jewish quarter of old Jerusalem after the reunification of the city in 1967. Inset left, the mummy of Rameses II, considered by some to be the pharaoh of the Exodus from Egypt, and the father of Pharaoh Merneptah. Inset right, William Foxwell Albright. [Photos from *The Bible as History*, Werner Keller, and *Digging up the Bible*, Moshe Pearlman]

At this time of the year, as we gather to observe our holidays, there is a strong link between them and the rich and varied tapestry of our history. Passover celebrates our exodus from the slavery of Egypt, and Shavuot our coming together at Sinai over 3,000 years ago to receive the law and begin the process which would see our evolution as a community through the continuity of our history.

This sense of community and continuity is nourished through the education of our young. It is by means of learning, both formally and informally, that succeeding generations partake of our values and our history. History is an essential part of our heritage. As a historian and a teacher at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto these past 25 years, I have been fortunate to have played a small role in this process.

Ours is a tradition that stretches back thousands of years. One of the tangible enjoyments of teaching history and archeology is to see the impact of the most recent archeological discoveries on the interpretation of our past. Barely a generation ago, scholarship had arrived at a tenuous consensus on the early history of ancient Israel. One of the most important people responsible for this consensus was the American biblical scholar, William Foxwell Albright.

It was thought by many that the stories of the patriarchs were rooted in the period of the Middle East Bronze Age (about 2000 to 1500 BCE) in the history of the ancient Near East. Discoveries of cuneiform tables at the Syrian site of Tel Madikh (ancient Ebla) indicated an even earlier date for the patriarchal narrative according to some scholars, especially Albright's disciple, the American specialist David Noel Freedman.

Today that consensus has all but disappeared as scholarship has become buffeted by widely divergent views, some of which propose a late date for the composition of the patriarchal stories, as late as the time of the destruction of the northern kingdom (about 721 BCE) according to John Van Seters, or even later according to the eminent Toronto Egyptologist; Donald B. Redford.

Much the same thing has happened to the historicity of the pivotal events of the Exodus and the conquest of Canaan. Thanks to the discovery of an inscription by the Pharaoh Merneptah, which contains the first mention of Israel as a people already living in Canaan, most scholars looked to Merneptah's father Ramses II, and his grandfather Seti I as the pharaohs of the oppression and the Exodus. Even Hollywood sanctified this view as the gospel according to Cecil B. DeMille. As a result, most of us indelibly see these rulers as Yul Brynner and Cedric Hardwicke respectively.

Archeology further seemed to substantiate this view of the subsequent conquest of Canaan as a large scale blitzkrieg involving the destruction of such major sites as Hazor, which was excavated by the famous Israeli scholar, Yigael Yadin, in the late 1950s; however, one key site, namely Jericho, stuck out like the proverbial sore thumb. Excavations in the early 1950s by Kathleen Kenyon, and by A.D. Tushingham of the Royal Ontario Museum, indicated that the site was abandoned at the time of its supposed conquest by Joshua.

More recently, in the 1990s, scholars such as Bryant Wood are attempting to prove that Jericho may well have been destroyed when the Bible says it was. Yet overall, this monolithic interpretation of the conquest and settlement of Canaan have been called into question by the work of such scholars as Israel Finkelstein of Tel Aviv University.

Even the most famous figure in Jewish history, King David, has been the subject of some disquieting studies by scholars such as Baruch Halpern, formerly of York University and now the head of Judaic Studies at Penn State. New finds, such as the discovery in 1994 of an inscription mentioning the "House of David" at Tel Dan in northern Israel, are enriching our knowledge of this fascinating period. Excavations at the City of David in Jerusalem from 1978 to 1985, led by the late Yigal Shiloh, former head of the Institute of Archeology at the Hebrew University, have added to our knowledge of this crucial site which David conquered and made his capital. Thanks to the various Jewish excavations in Jerusalem since 1967, especially those by Prof. Nachman Avigad, we now know that many of the so-called Ten Lost Tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel survived its destruction by the Assyrians in 722 to 721 BCE and made their way south to Judah, settling in Jerusalem after 721 BCE until the Assyrian siege during the reign of Hezekiah in 701 BCE.

Archeology has also shown us that our ancestors did not fully heed the biblical injunction against idol worship. Many deities were found in households in Jerusalem, thereby deepening our understanding of the prophets and their dire warnings of destruction.

Indeed the excavations of the City of David, in which I was fortunate enough to have participated from start to finish, vividly reveal the depth of destruction, especially the Babylonian one which culminated in the obliteration of the First Temple and the beginning of the ensuing exile.

There is one poignant discovery of that destruction that has embedded itself in my heart and mind. It occurred in 1982, while we were excavating Area G., the location of the monumental Step Stone Structure and the riots of the previous year, which the world press dubbed "The War of the Bones."

The excavations turned up over 50 lumps of clay which were actually impressions of seals, known as bullae. Amongst the names on the bullae, one stands out — the name of Gemariah Ben Shaphan, who is inextricably bound up with the prophet Jeremiah in those tumultuous years preceding the destruction of the First Temple.

"In the fifth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of the Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the Lord.

"Then, in the hearing of the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the secretary, which was in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the Lord's House." Jeremiah 36:9-10.

I pondered the significance of this small piece of clay no bigger than a thumbnail, which I held in my hand. The thought of it still sends shivers down my spine. The last time that seal impression had seen the sunlight of Jerusalem was on that fateful ninth day of the month of Av, as the first Temple and state were about to collapse in the flames of the Babylonian destruction. In the blink of an infinitesimal eye, it would next see the light of day 2,500 years later, cradled by Jewish hands in a new Jewish state.

The reason this discovery meant so much on a personal level was that at the time, my wife was pregnant with our first child. For me this discovery amongst the ashes of the Babylonian destruction is symbolic of our existence, continuity and rebirth as a nation. It has come to stand for the history of our people and ultimately our miraculous ability to arise from the ashes.

My daughter's grandparents were Holocaust survivors who arose from the ashes of Hitler's destruction to play a role in, and be present at, the birth of a new Jewish state, created after over 1,800 years of wandering and persecution.

We can only ponder these miraculous events of our history and wonder. Ultimately much of the answer lies beyond our grasp, obscured by faith and hope. Faith is almost impossible to verify by means of the quasi-scientific methods of the historian and the archeologist. Another more obvious reason for our survival is the emphasis that countless generations since that first group was exiled from Jerusalem "by the waters of Babylon" have placed on the *beit knesset*, as both a house of prayer and as a place to educate their children in the history, traditions and faith of our people. It is this role that institutions such as the Community Hebrew Academy fulfil and that makes them of paramount importance as transmitters of our priceless heritage as well as the training ground for future generations. It is a rare privilege to be a small part of this process.

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Opinions

A letter to Prime Minister Peres

Dear Prime Minister Peres:

As the elections in Israel near, I am saddened to see once again the distasteful negotiations between you and the religious parties.

By Jean M. Gerber

I am no stranger to the process of coalition-building, in which every Israeli government since the inception of the state has engaged. I deplore it, but I know about it. However, in this election, surely there are factors which make it clear to all that this time around, some modicum of principled political behavior is not only desirable, but necessary — necessary, that is, if Israel is ever to free itself from the ugly and, in some cases, unethical deals which need to be made in order to entice religious parties into an election-winning strategy. And necessary, too, for continued accord between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

Let me be clear. First, I do not believe that the statement "religious party" is necessarily an oxymoron, although it is close. Second, if a party wants to call itself religious, then it better show some *derech eretz* in the way it operates. I fail to see this in any current processes, and so I consider that there is no such thing right now as a religious party. There are parties of people who call themselves religious. That's another thing entirely.

Let's look at what these people demand. They demand that two recent Supreme Court of Israel decisions be overturned by acts of parliament. The first case concerned the issue of nullifying conversions done by non-Orthodox rabbis; the second, that religious councils be allowed to disqualify non-Orthodox members (who, I believe, are duly nominated by constituencies).

In the latter case, the court overturned the council's disqualification of non-Orthodox members in Jerusalem and Haifa solely on the basis of religious affiliation. In the other decision, the Court ruled that there were no grounds to invalidate non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel. Mr. Prime Minister, you have set up committees to prepare legislation that would circumvent both these rulings.

As well, a member of your cabinet whom I respect greatly, Rabbi Yehuda Amital, is introducing a bill that would allow converts to be registered with the Interior Ministry only when they had a certificate from *beit din* of the Chief Rabbinate — which would mean continued refusal to recognize conversions done by non-Orthodox Rabbis. Reportedly the language of those bills would affect conversions both inside and outside Israel. I note that since 1980, all conversions outside Israel have been accepted and registered with the ministry.

Have you forgotten , Mr. PM, the uproar over who is a Jew the last time around? If you have, our local federations can supply you with ample evidence that the proposed changes were anathema to the vast majority of North American Jews. Ugly is too nice a word for the rhetoric that accompanied that last set-to. It was degrading, vicious and about as far away from halachic or any other principled discourse as any I ever saw. And craven is too nice a word for the government that was ready to contemplate wiping out at a stroke thousands of committed Jews in communities all over North America.

Please don't do this. Maybe it is time for Israel, a country which prides herself on the mission to be a light to other nations, to set aside one little candle for her own use in showing the way out of a moral morass.

And the religious councils? Of course they are just another symptom of the fear of the Orthodox establishment in Israel that if they allow any other voices to be heard except their own, somehow the people of Israel (in the widest sense) will be immediately weakened to the point where the whole edifice will collapse in a matter of days or weeks.

No it won't, Mr. PM. If Hitler couldn't destroy us, if we came out of that furnace with the strength to found a state and maintain strong Diaspora communities, then we can stand a little diversity of opinion within councils that have a common mission to support and strengthen community standards.

So I have several requests for you. One, please don't tamper with your Supreme Court decisions. I don't always agree with ours (you should see what recent Canadian Supreme Court decisions have produced; maybe it was the phase of the moon), but I will defend to the death their right to make them. Two please don't make distasteful deals with people who not only manipulate the political system for their own ends, but probably won't support you whenever they feel like it. Three, you may disregard my letter, but I refuse to believe that the Israeli people are not sick and tired of politics as usual and would not respect and reward principled behavior on your part.

Your obedient servant...

Jewish themes thriving on Broadway

This spring season, Broadway, New York City's famed White Way, has exploded with a rich and eclectic array of 60 shows. Revivals and restagings of hits of the past — *The King and I*, *State Fair* and *Miss Saigon* — are drawing record crowds. Probably the best of the revivals is Edward Albee's finely crafted *A Delicate Balance*.

By Arnold Ages

What is particularly interesting is the number of plays which deal either directly or indirectly with matters Jewish. *Tovah: Out Of Her Mind* at the Jewish Repertory Theatre is a one-woman extravaganza which permits Tovah Feldshuh to deploy her special charm in a rousing potpourri of songs and monologues on Jewish life. Her soulful rendering of a Sephardi chant called *Avraham Avinu* is worth the price of admission.

Tovah, whose dazzling smile first gained her an internation reputation for her role in the television series *Holocaust*, uses her extraordinary linguistic ability and talent for mimicry to transform herself from an 8-year-old child to an 80-year-old bubbie and from a retired Irish working man to Sophie Tucker, the "Yiddishe Mama" herself.

Jackie Mason is back for his third Broadway run in *Love Thy Neighbor*. He could just as easily have called it *Too Jewish* (by coincidence the name of an exhibition at the Jewish Museum on 91st Street, because the irrepressible Mason continues to have a lot to say about Jewish insecurities in a gentile world.

Mason's hilarious observations about Jewish-gentile relations today are inspired. "When I was a kid growing up on the East side, the Italian kids used to attack me for killing their savior. I told them I wasn't even in the neighborhood. It is true, that they are no longer blaming us for that [the crucifixion]; now they are accusing us of selling them [the Romans] the lumber!"

Mason's most brilliant repartee, however, is non denominational and focuses on the inanities of computers, the Internet and e-mail. "With computers, they tell me that you can read 3,000 newspapers. Who wants to read 3,000 newspapers?" In the uproarious 10-minute segment on the computer, Mason projects a time in the future when someone will invent, wonder of wonders, a newspaper.

Newspapers in the early 1970s were full of the Watergate scandal and the resignation of president Richard Nixon. One play, Russel Lee's *Nixon's Nixon*, purports to recreate a scene which took place in the Oval office between himself and secretary of state Henry Kissinger on the eve of the resignation. The play exploits the well-known Nixonian paranoia and depicts Nixon's not so latent anti-Semitism ("the Jews own the press").

Where it enters new and controversial territory is the near libellous portrait it offers of Kissinger, shown here as a brilliant but equality ruthless and unscrupulous politician anxious to protect his own exposed flank. Here Kissinger tries to persuade Nixon to resign "for the good of the nation" and to urge Gerald Ford to keep him on as secretary of state.

The mood changes, however, when Nixon shows him a transcript of Kissinger's taped conversations that contain material so compromising and inflammatory that Kissinger explodes into a paroxysm of indignation, panic and visceral fear. Kissinger now discovers that it is in his interest to keep Nixon on as president. The only topic on the minds of patrons leaving the Westside Theatre was the possible content of the Kissinger tapes.

There is no overt Jewish theme in *Jack*, the story of John Barrymore, interpreted by the gifted Nicol Williamson, which opened last month at the Belasco Theatre, the very place where the famous American actor presented some of his most inspired Shakespearean roles. But there is a subtle Jewish subtext in the second act of the work.

After a meteoric rise on the American and British stages in the 1920s and 1930s, Barrymore, having no new worlds to conquer, emigrated to Hollywood, where a series of bad roles, advancing alcoholism and marital problems soured the career of the theatrical genius.

A fourth element is identified by Barrymore himself as the vulgar eastern (read Jewish) financial interests behind the producers whom he encountered during his acting career and who treated him shabbily. This disquieting note, which few in the audience even noticed, does not in any way detract from Williamson's magisterial performance and incarnation of Barrymore.

Reversing history

When you travel from Tel Aviv to Haifa and look eastward to the hills, you will see one of the oldest settlements in Israel, Zichron Ya'akov, which is located on the southern spur of Mount Carmel. It was founded about 115 years ago by Romanian Jews who belonged to the Chovevei Zion movement, and their settlement became for some time one of the country's favorite health resorts. It is indeed a place of beauty, with pleasant orchards and a long tradition of famous Jews who lived there. Baron Edmond de Rothschild became its patron and gave it the name of his father James de Rothchild, whose Hebrew name was Jacob (Ya'akov).

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The events of the last few weeks have once more turned public interest to Zichron Ya'akov and to a special group of Germans who live there. Many Israelis wonder and say: "What do these people do in our country? Let them go home and contemplate what they have done to the Jews."

Who are "these people?" They came 30 years ago from Germany, fundamentalist Christians whose reading of the Christian Bible made them believe that in the impending Divine judgment of the world, the Jews need to be protected from their enemies, and especially the Jews in Israel, without whom no universal salvation is possible.

The Germans have established a factory called Beth-El, which specializes in the production of NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) filtration systems designed for use in collective shelters during an enemy attack.

Their mission is to defend as many Jews in Israel as possible from unconventional enemy attack. Thus, the Beth El factory is today Israel's only producer of complete NBC filtration systems for communal shelters. Believing that sooner or later Israel's enemies will resort to chemical or biological weapons in their desire to wipe out the Jewish state, NBC filtration is considered one means of protecting the civilian population.

But why is it that these Christians have come from Germany to protect Jews — an odd reversal of history? Because they have adopted a fundamental Jewish saying: "If you can save one life, it is as if you have saved the whole world" — and thus they can help to make up for the sins of their own people.

Do they find their industrial pursuit profitable? Yes, but the profits go primarily to charities in Israel. The government has on occasion been suspicious of their activities, but lately their contribution has been recognized.

What precisely does their contribution do to a people who, during the Gulf War, were already accustomed to wearing gas masks? The answer is simple: Not everyone can wear a gas mask. Claustrophobia is heightened by its wearing and some people simply cannot manage it. I know, because that's how I lost a cousin in Israel during that war. He was asked to go into a sealed room and don a mask. He died in that room from an attack of claustrophobia and anxiety.

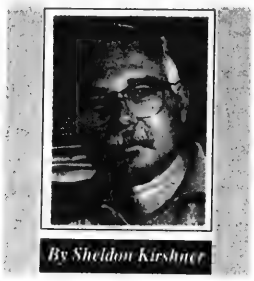
Next time you drive up to Haifa or take the bus, cast a glance at the first reaches of the Carmel and think what unusual people Israel contains.

The Kirshner File

Multilaterals vital to success of peace process

Call it the stealth peace process.

Everyone is familiar with the bilateral track of the Mid-



By Sheldon Kirshner

dle East peace process, referred to in shorthand as the bilaterals.

Not as many people, however, are aware of a second set of Mideast negotiations known simply as the multilaterals.

The bilaterals — which deal with the multitude of problems accumulated from the past — have generated significant general interest and massive press coverage. By contrast, the multilaterals — which focus on the future of the region — have drawn yawns from the public and have elicited surprisingly little response from the media.

Fundamentally political in nature, the bilaterals turn on such basic Arab-Israeli questions as territorial withdrawal, the demarcation of final borders, security arrangements and the nature of normalization.

The offspring of the 1991 Madrid peace conference, co-sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union, the bilaterals revolve around Israel's negotiations with the PLO, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. (For the moment, Israel's talks with Syria and Lebanon are in a state of suspension.)

Complementing the bilaterals, the multilaterals are designed to find solutions to theoretically non-political issues of mutual concern, so that regional cooperation and security can be fostered in an atmosphere of shared confidence.

Launched in Moscow in January 1992, the multilaterals are divided into five working groups: water resources, environment, economic development, refugees and arms control/security.

Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the PLO are the main participants. Syria and its protectorate, Lebanon, have boycotted the sessions. The Syrians claim that such issues cannot be properly addressed until Israel promises to withdraw from the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon.

Syria's attitude has not inhibited other Arab countries from attending the multilaterals. They are Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

The multilaterals have also attracted the United Nations, the World Bank and the European Union, as well as 26 nations, notably the United States, Canada, Britain, Germany, Japan, China and India. The expertise and financial resources of these countries and institutions are deemed vital to bolster a comprehensive and lasting peace accord.

Unlike the bilaterals, the multilaterals have not been restricted by geographical constraints. The water working group, for example, has called meetings in Austria, Jordan, Oman, Greece and Switzerland. The venues of the refugee working group have been Canada, Norway, Tunisia, Egypt and Turkey. The environment working group has met in Japan, Holland and Bahrain.

The economic development group has been hosted by France, Belgium, Italy and Sweden. The arms control and security group has had meetings in Russia, the United States and Qatar.

Chaired by the United States, the water resources group has planned workshops and research projects in such realms as water conservation/enhancement and desalination. A regional data bank and a research centre are to be built in the region.

Recently, Israel, Jordan and the PLO signed a declaration on the management of water — the first of its kind in the Middle East.

The environment working group, chaired by Japan, grapples with topics ranging from maritime pollution (in the Gulf of Aqaba) and wastewater treatment to desertification and environmental management.

The economic development group, chaired by the European Union, is the largest of the five working groups. It seeks to create "a new set of mutually beneficial relations between the parties and the building of a new era of economic prosperity for the region as a whole."

Projects encompass transportation (highways, railways, ports and aviation), energy (linking the electricity grids of Israel, the Palestinian autonomous areas, Jordan and Egypt), tourism (regional cooperation), agriculture (plant protection), regional trade (Germany is producing a study of potential avenues of cooperation), and finance (training of banking personnel).

This working group has arranged major economic summits in Casablanca (1994) and in Amman (1995). These conferences endorsed the decision by the Gulf Cooperation Council to rescind the secondary and tertiary boycott against Israel, and agreed to set up a Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Regional Tourism Board and a Regional Business Council.

The refugee working group, chaired by Canada, has drawn up an agenda to establish a data bank on the Palestinians, to facilitate family reunification and to improve the welfare and living conditions of Palestinian refugees in their present location.

The arms control/security group, chaired by the United States and Russia, focuses on operational and conceptual matters.

There have been workshops on verification mechanisms, communication measures and the exchange of military information.

A Regional Security Centre in Jordan, with branches in Tunisia and Qatar, is to be established.

In retrospect, the multilaterals have been fairly successful, though, as Joel Peters points out in an exhaustive monograph entitled *Building Bridges*, they have dealt mainly with procedural rather than substantive issues.

Cases in point:

•The working group on water resources illustrates the difficulty of separating non-emotional functional questions from hot-button political disputes. Syria's snub of the multilaterals means that problems relating to the Jordan River, its tributaries and the Sea of Galilee cannot be placed on the agenda.

•The Palestinian refugee problem can only be resolved on the bilateral level, once final status talks between Israel and the PLO get under way.

The Palestinians regard this working group as a forum for addressing their political rights and solving the substantive concerns of the refugees. Israel, on the other hand, regards the issue in mainly humanitarian terms.

•The practical usefulness of the arms control working group is inherently limited. First, the Arabs perceive arms control as a means by which to impede their military capabilities. Second, Israel has turned a deaf ear to Arab demands to discuss its nuclear arsenal. Third, Syria, Iraq and Iran are not even present at the negotiating table.

•The economic development working group is dogged by Arab fears that Israel's ultimate objective is to dominate the Middle East.

Despite these stumbling blocks, the multilaterals have allowed Israel and most of its Arab neighbors to address and focus on long-term issues, which will have to be settled once the bilaterals are finished.

Viewed in this light, the multilaterals are not only necessary, but absolutely vital for the success of the peace process in the Middle East.

Impressions of Poland

Worth reading...

In 1924, Alfred Doblin, the German-Jewish novelist, playwright and journalist (*Berlin Alexanderplatz*) travelled through Poland for two months, visiting 10 cities and recording his impressions of Polish Jewry. *Journey to Poland* (Paragon House, $21.95 US) was originally published in 1925 in German. The English edition, ably translated by Joachim Neugroschel, is a fascinating spiritual journey of a non-practising Jew who was startled by the lifestyle of Orthodox Jews, shocked by their poverty and appalled by the hatred in which they were held by Poles.

Fine reference books are hard to come by. *A History of the World in the Twentieth Century* (Harvard, $39.95 US), filled with cogent essays, is one of them.

Eli Evans is in his most engaging mode when he plumbs the depths of the Jewish experience in the American South. He did so in two previous books — *The Provincials* and *Judah Benjamin*. In his latest book, *The Lonely Days Were Sundays* (University of Mississippi Press, $25 US), a collection of eclectic essays, Evans shines when he addresses the subject he knows best. But when he enters the realm of U.S. presidential politics and Israeli history, he is less interesting.

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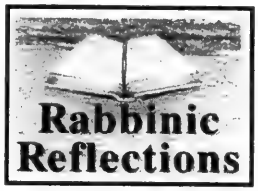

Developing chesed

By RABBI RONALD WEISS

Many people know that the Hebrew word *chesed* means lovingkindness. As Jews, we are urged to develop our nature to display this distinctive and important quality. Being kind and sensitive to the needs of others is one way to demonstrate our concern and involvement with those around us — as well as our commitment to better the society in which we live.

Perhaps one can see a reference to this teaching in the Torah portion this week. In Parshah Behar we are told: "Do not give your money on interest and do not give your food for which one will have to give increase." (Leviticus 25:37)

As is well known, the taking of interest violates one of the laws in the Torah. This prohibition is of such importance that there is a midrash which states that on the Day of Judgment, all sins a person has committed will be presented for debate between accusing and defending angels, with the exception of the sin of taking interest. For this sin, we are told, there will be no deliberation, just immediate condemnation.

Why should the commandment against the taking of interest be seen so harshly by the midrash? One may suggest the following as a possible response. The loan of money to one in need is clearly an act of *chesed*. However, when the loan is only given on interest, the act of generosity and goodwill becomes a business transaction. *Chesed*, where the giver is motivated by concern for the welfare of the recipient, disappears and in its place is greed — where the giver is prompted to action by the prospect of his own personal gain.

Kindness should be performed altruistically, without regard to compensation. If one has the opportunity to lend money interest-free to a person truly in need, and instead charges the recipient for the use of the money, perhaps the lender fundamentally changes the very nature of this situation. No longer can these circumstances be described in terms of *chesed*, as this quality has been completely removed in favor of personal greed.

I think that this may be why the midrash views the sin of taking interest so severely. One opinion in our tradition teaches that the world was created to make possible the performance of *chesed*. Therefore, any dimunition of this essential characteristic is deemed worthy of immediate condemnation.

We do not claim to be angels; indeed, our survival in G-d's world requires that we do many things for ourselves. But the things that we do for ourselves should not be to the exclusion of what we can do for others. If we see the taking of interest as an act that diminishes *chesed* in the world we can see why it would be prohibited by the Torah. However, we should come away from this teaching with a renewed commitment to treat all people with kindness and sensitivity, and do acts of *chesed* altruistically wherever possible.

Rabbi Weiss is the director of Chaplaincy Services for Jewish Family and Child Services in Toronto.

Kiev has long Jewish history

By MICHAEL CRELINSTEN

Kiev has the forlorn air of royalty fallen on hard times. Soviet-style architecture, designed for an intended 20-year lifespan, stands bleak and faded grey 40 years later. It is ironically appropriate to the unsmiling mood of this city, its people and the winter-barren greyness of both the sky and the winding Dnieper River.

Guest Voices

And yet, particularly for the Jewish community, royalty it was. It is the home of Shalom Aleichem, who lived in the apartment building at Krasnayarmeski 5. At 29 Schekovitskaya St., you can still find Kiev's synagogue, now run by Rabbi Bleich and looking in some ways as regal as it did when it first opened in 1894.

The city hall still houses a Jewish day school, a mikvah and a matzah factory, the latter of which proved to be one of the warmest places in the city, thus warranting several visits.

Kiev is also the site of Babi Yar. In late February, we visited this bleak ravine on the outskirts of town where, by conservative count, more than 33,000 Jews were shot and killed during World War II. We visited the site of the Jewish monument erected on Sept. 28, 1991, the 50th anniversary of the first killings. The sanctioning of an explicitly Jewish memorial, that it had so long prevented, was one of the last official acts of the government of the Soviet Union, which would itself pass into history later.

The day that began at Babi Yar would end later at ulpanim and youth clubs run by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), symbolizing one of the greatest triumphs of our time — the ability of a people to transcend their experience and extend the limits of the possible.

We were given to further reflection later that day following visits to some of Kiev's elderly Jewish residents. Sitting in their homes, we were exposed to the numbing, desperate poverty they face, along with the inspirational work of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to help these isolated Jews.

Subsequent to our apartment visits, we descended the peeling, crumbling, cold staircases and climbed back onto the bus which would carry us to the JAFI ulpan. Here, Kiev Jews who wish to learn Hebrew and emigrate to Israel are being taught a new language. We noted painfully that many of the youngsters studying in the Na'aleh 16 program will not realize their dream of studying in Israel, in significant part because of limited resources.

In discussing this dilemma with Dr. Joseph Tropiansky, head of the JAFI unit in Ukraine, we noted that this was not simply a function of fundraising limitations, but also a function of priorities — not solely local versus international priorities but also of priorities within the Jewish Agency itself.

The following day, we visited Zhitomir.

The work being done at the JAFI youth clubs in Zhitomir is remarkable in that it creates a climate of community solidarity and a sense of purpose, as well as providing a welcome respite from the drab minimalism of daily life.

Throughout Ukraine, the frustrations and difficulties of daily life are mirrored in the continual array of cars with their hoods up, obviously in a state of disrepair. The roads, apartments, buses and street cars all reflect, as well, the economic free-fall that confronts the citizens of Kiev and Ukraine.

Our visit cast an entirely new light on the gordian knot of local needs versus overseas commitments and reminded us, in graphic terms, that we, as Jews, belong to a people and a history. Our community cannot simply cocoon itself within the admittedly compelling realm of our local needs. If we essentially disengage, we have to understand that we are abandoning our partnership with the Jews of the FSU and of other distressed lands.

In removing ourselves from this partnership, we risk diluting the nature of who we are and eviscerating some of the most fundamental and central components of our identity as Jews, both historically and in contemporary times. Our visit to Kiev instilled deep pride in our community's contribution to this work. It reminded us that there remains a frontier to inspire us that we have a critical place on that front.

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Jewish Life

Israel election hits the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

When Israelis go to the polls on May 29, they will have a wealth of information available to them to help them decide their future. And for the first time, some savvy political parties and lobbying groups are using the Internet to convince voters to choose them. Because the Information Highway stretches around the world, you can look in on these sites to understand the choices facing Israelis.

Most of the sites which we will visit in this column are in English or are bilingual but some are in Hebrew only. (For information about reading Hebrew on the Internet, please see the Jewish Highway of April 25.)

For a good overview of how Israelis do politics, take a look at the explanation offered by the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs **[http://www.israel.org/news/elec1996.html]**. Thanks to electoral reform, Israelis will actually vote twice – once for Prime Minister and once for their choice of Knesset party. Some of Israel's 21 registered political parties **[http://www.israel.org/news/parties.html]** have produced sophisticated sites with profiles of their candidates and a summary of their platforms. Others have minimal Internet presence or none at all.

In fact, I could not find an official web site of the ruling Labor party. However, there is a detailed biography of Prime Minister Shimon Peres at **[http://www.israel-mfa.gov.il/gov/peres.html]**. For his views on the peace process, check out Peres' recent interviews and speeches at **[gopher://israel-info.gov.il:70/1m/new/leaders1]**.

The opposition Likud party offers a nicely designed home page **[http://usa.likud.org.il/]** with a detailed discussion of party policy. There you'll find links to a Benjamin Netanyahu page with transcripts of recent speeches and interviews given by the Likud leader.

Meretz is a left-wing coalition partner in the Labor government and offers a Hebrew-only site **[http://www.meretz.israel.net/]**. However, there is a short English language biography of Meretz leader Yossi Sarid at **[http://www.israel-mfa.gov.il/gov/sarid.html]**.

New on the Israeli political scene is Yisrael Ba-aliya **[http://www.ix.co.il/y_aliya/home.htm]**. Best known for its leader Natan Sharansky, this party wants to make immigration and absorption of Jews a top national priority.

If you have been able to find other official sites of registered political parties in Israel, please e-mail me their addresses and I will try to mention them in a future column. While some parties have been slow to make use of the Internet, there are many Israeli political and special interest groups with a strong presence on the Jewish Highway. Many of them are listed in the Politics section of The Ultimate Jewish/Israel Link Launcher **[http://ucsu.colorado.edu/~jsu/politics.html]**.

Now that you've brushed up on the nuances of the Israeli political system, it's time to make your voice heard. You're not an Israeli citizen? Don't let that stop you. Vote in The Israeli '96 Elections CyberPoll. You can have your choice of political parties at The Ultimate Israel Knesset Ballot **[http://www.agmonet.co.il/agmonet/elect/vote/kneset/ultvote.htm]** and for Prime Minister **[http://www.agmonet.co.il/agmonet/elect/vote/prime/ultvote.htm]**. By the way, this poll won't have quite as much impact as the one on May 29.

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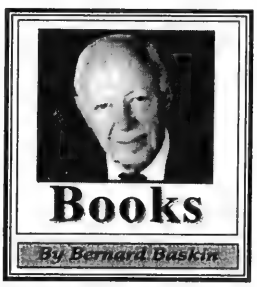

Undeniable truths

Hitler's Willing Executioners, by Daniel Jonah Goldhagen Knopf ($39.95).

The message of this explosive work is clear and definite: the vast majority of Germans shared Hitler's hatred of Jews and willingly — sometimes even eagerly — participated in the crime of genocide. With impeccable scholarship, the author refutes the usual defences offered by apologists for German behavior: they didn't know about the mass murders; they were following orders or compelled to commit atrocities against their will; they were mere cogs in a gigantic bureaucratic machine, not of their own making or comprehension.

To all of these excuses Goldhagen, a 36-year-old Harvard professor shouts an angry denial. He asserts that most of the murderers were not people trained to kill, not members of the dreaded SS or even fanatical Nazis.

After studying the personnel of work and death camps and police battalions he makes clear that commanders allowed anyone reluctant to engage in killing to assume other duties and that the choice could be made without penalty. Yet, of the 4,500 men in the nine battalions, "virtually all of them chose to kill and to continue to kill and many went beyond the call of duty by volunteering for improvised search and destroy missions."

Even when Heinrich Himmler, chief of the SS, hoping to negotiate with Americans at the end of World War II, forbade the further killing of Jews, some Germans kept on.

Goldhagen makes clear that anti-Semitism permeated all segments and classes in Germany including the proletariat, the professions and the churches. It was a society in the grip of a pervasive hallucination that went back 400 years to the fulminations of Martin Luther.

Did something develop in the German character that made possible the Holocaust? "Germans were treating Jews as they did, not because of any military necessity, not because German civilians were dying in bombing raids ... nor for any traditional justification for killing an enemy, but because of a set of beliefs that defined the Jews in a way that demanded Jewish suffering as retribution, a set of beliefs which inhered as profound a hatred as one people has likely ever harbored for another."

Especially agonizing to read is the author's description of death marches toward the end of the war, which had no purpose other than the sadistic killing of helpless victims. On the day before a Nazi area came under American army occupation, "three ethnic German guards removed the Jewish women from the barn, marched them through a wood, always uphill, as if to sap them of their meagre remaining strength. During the half hour of unremitting climbing, the women began to fade. The three guards shot whoever could not continue the ascent, one by one, until 14 of the 17 women were dead. They finally allowed the three who were still standing to go free."

This book will be published in Germany next August. It has already been denounced there as defamatory and extreme. In a recent interview, the author was quick to acknowledge that Germany is a very changed country: "After 1949, it was against the law to make an anti-Semitic statement. It's very hard for an individual to maintain views the whole world is saying are wrong. Germany is the great success story of the post-war period. The Germans have remade themselves into liberal democrats."

This disturbing work with its terrible and undeniable truths is a major, irrefutable contribution to our understanding of the most calculating and destructive genocide in human history.

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Tougher affirmative action laws urged for Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Skin color remains the "deepest" obstacle to the integration into Israeli society of Ethiopian émigrés, Israel's minister of immigrant absorption said here last week.

Yair Tsaban said he wants stronger affirmative action laws for Ethiopians, to counter what he called a "tremendous" cultural gap between them and other Israelis.

Tsaban was in town for the opening of an exhibit on Ethiopian Jews at Beth Tzedec Congregation's Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum. The display, Beta Israel: The Jews of Ethiopia, combines everyday artifacts with photos depicting life in Ethiopia and in Israel.

After touring the exhibit, Tsaban told about 200 people, including representatives from 15 ethnocultural groups in Toronto and members of the city's small Ethiopian community, that no other immigrants receive as much government aid as do Israel's 57,000 Ethiopians.

Israel invests up to four times as much in Ethiopians as in other newcomers, including almost free 28-year mortgages and low-interest student loans. "And believe me, it's not enough," Tsaban said.

Israel has enacted its first-ever affirmative action quotas for Ethiopians, but "much more sensibility is needed. We must prove that we can overcome our differences. For Israeli society, this is a test of honor."

Tsaban did not mention the recent debacle over the Israeli blood agency's discarding of blood donations from Ethiopians.

Over 30,000 Ethiopians have come to Israel in the last five years, including the 14,000 airlifted by Israel in May 1991, Tsaban said.

Barbara Ribakove Gordon, director and chair of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ), recounted the story of the miraculous airlift carried out over just 36 frantic hours while rival armies faced each other in the capital, Addis Ababa.

The exhibit, on loan from NACOEJ, provides a fascinating glimpse into Ethiopian Jewish life with its brightly colored fabrics, metalwork, religious articles and musical instruments. It also conveys the sheer joy of the fulfilment of what Ethiopian Jews believed was their destiny: to one day reach the Promised Land.

The exhibit is not to be confused with a similar show at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on Ethiopian Jewish life before and after Israel's 1991 rescue.

The Beth Tzedec exhibit runs through June 28. Hours and information on group tours are available by calling 416-781-3511.

Ethiopian Jewish activist Baruch Tegegne points to an exhibit photo of his brother Pinchas, who today lives in Israel. [Ron Csillag photo]

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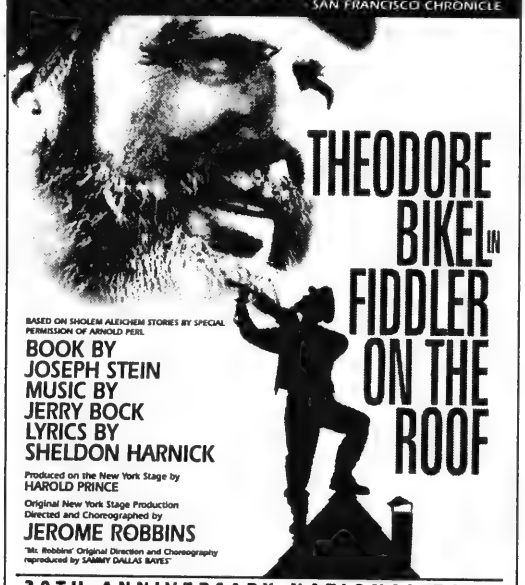

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Historian Draper documents survivors' testimony

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — People are often surprised to learn that Paula Draper is not a child of Holocaust survivors, nor did she lose any family members at the hands of the Nazis.

By 1904, in fact, her relatives had left Europe for North America, some as far back as the mid-1800s.

Draper, a Toronto historian with a down-to-earth manner and a penchant for dramatic jewellery, is committed to documenting the testimony of Holocaust survivors, a task she first undertook in 1977 as a graduate student at the University of Toronto, where she completed both her MA and PhD degrees.

In 1986 she became director of the oral history project of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, conducting many of the 400 interviews now in its collection.

Most recently, in addition to having a book and documentary film in progress, she has been working as a lead trainer of interviewers for the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation (filmmaker Steven Spielberg's international project to document survivor testimony.)

"I feel very strongly that as a Jew I'm as connected as anyone else to the Holocaust," Draper said in a recent interview. "The Holocaust is part of our history. It's something we must understand."

As an undergraduate student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1973-4, Draper enrolled in one of the first courses on Holocaust Studies, and decided she wanted to continue in that field.

She traces her interest in history to her late father, Darrell Draper, an Ontario Court judge who had "a real interest in and love for" the subject.

In the past year, for the Spielberg project, Draper, an enthusiastic traveller, has been to Amsterdam, Tel Aviv, Johannesburg, Capetown, Frankfurt, Berlin, Paris, Prague, Buenos Aires, Warsaw, Sydney, Australia and a number of American cities to train Jewish and non-Jewish volunteer interviewers.

Paula Draper

For her, one of the most profound lessons to be learned from survivors is that it's possible to rebuild a life after a life-shattering experience. "We have a lot to learn about the human capacity for rebirth."

Public reaction to Spielberg's award-winning movie *Schindler's List* "has legitimized the experience of the survivors and given them a comfort level [with] which to record their stories."

Reclaim past

Three years ago, Draper interviewed a Holocaust survivor living in Saskatoon who had never spoken of his wartime experience. Recently he sent her a package containing the first 13 chapters of his autobiography. She was tremendously moved that he had "begun to reclaim his past" as a result of her interview.

Her work with Spielberg's Los Angeles-based foundation has affected her in a similar way. "It's the most meaningful experience I've ever had and I imagine I'll ever have, with the exception of creating the Holocaust museum."

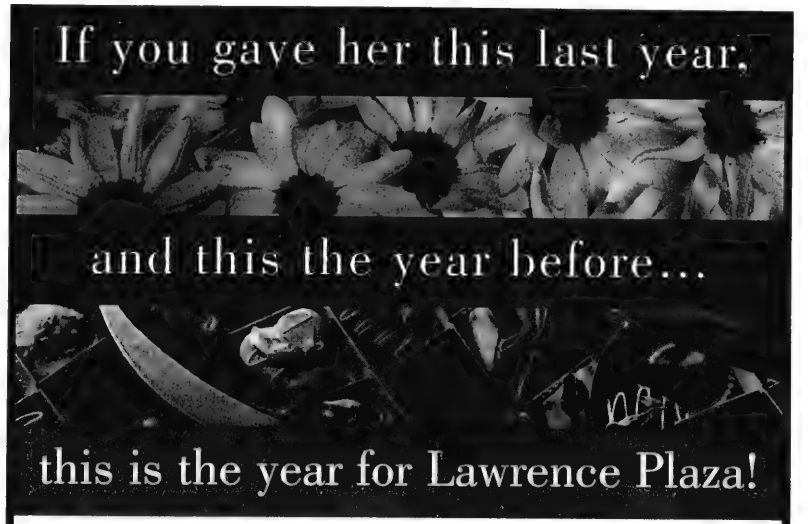
Draper wrote everything in Toronto's 10-year-old Holocaust Memorial Centre, from the display captions to the script for the short documentary film.

Her career has led to her involvement "in very significant issues of our decade, of our community and of our history."

One of those issues was the 1987-88 trial of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel, where she served as historical consultant, an experience she recalls on one level as "an interesting intellectual exercise in deconstructing historical fabrications. I examined every quote in his pamphlet and showed how he took [each one] out of context."

But she is angry over the pain he and other deniers have caused Holocaust survivors.

She had no career path, she claims. "Did I know? I'm not particularly ambitious. I've gone down this very winding path and it's taken me to very significant issues in our community."



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Arditti launches support group for MS patients

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Perla Arditti

TORONTO — Perla Arditti wants to make life better for people who, like herself, have multiple sclerosis (MS).

In 1993 the 36-year-old Toronto woman, who was diagnosed in 1982, began co-ordinating a program for "MS-ers" as the first step toward creating a multi-faceted resource for people with MS. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) and the then Jewish Community Centre (now the Bathurst Jewish Centre [BJC]), the project offered life skills workshops, educational programs, counselling, an exercise program and a Jewish context.

Although the program closed last August — partly because of funding cuts and partly because of a need to expand — Arditti continues to coordinate twice-weekly programs for MS-ers as an interim measure. The sessions, held at the BJC, offer exercise and social networking.

Most of her time, however, is taken up with a new project that she says will be the only one of its kind in Ontario. Arditti has created the MS Access Support Association, of which she is executive director, to offer a range of MS-related services — educational, aquatic and social programming, one-on-one physical training and a resource library — under one roof.

The non-profit association is a registered charitable organization with a 14-member board of directors handpicked by Arditti. Among them are a neurologist, two MS-ers, two parents of MS-ers, an occupational therapist, a lawyer and two professional fundraisers. Negotiations are under way for a centrally-located facility which will include a swimming pool.

Members will be charged an annual or monthly fee to use the facilities, Arditti said. She intends to have exercise equipment including wheelchair-accessible weight training machines and a Motomed, which is a stationary bicycle with an active-passive mode for the physically challenged.

Exercise is very important for MS-ers to maintain muscle tone which would otherwise be lost, Arditti said.

The disease breaks down myelin, the substance which covers nerves, resulting in symptoms such as weakness, visual disturbances, fatigue, poor balance and lack of coordination. Over 6,000 people in the Toronto area are known to have MS.

"The need is tremendous," said Arditti. The new association, which will have a small staff to begin with, is seeking volunteers, funding and donations of equipment.

They have obtained corporate sponsorship, but not as much as they need, Arditti said. JF&CS has offered to provide counselling services and facilitators for educational workshops, she added. She would like to have counsellors on staff once the association is more established.

Arditti believes her association will answer a need by housing the services under one roof. "Right now for any services, individuals have to go to different places throughout the city. There is no one clearinghouse, so to speak."

Arditti hopes to have her facility up and running by the end of this summer. She can be reached Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 4:30 at 905-882-9327, or fax 905-882-4656.

Security measures evaluated

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Most users of the centre returned the following day, but three families said they were planning to permanently remove their children from the Babe Care Centre.

Immediately after the bombing, all Jewish institutions in Calgary went on high alert and began an intensive evaluation of security measures. A security expert from the Israeli Consulate in Toronto was sent by the Jewish Agency to evaluate the situation.

At both Akiva Academy and Calgary Jewish Academy, security measures were re-evaluated and some changes were made.

"Among parents and children there is caution and concern," said Gay Libin, president of Calgary Jewish Academy. "But the attitude is that whoever is behind this is not going to get the best of us — we're going to go back to normal ... with increased caution."

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the bomb.

"With the information we have today, it is impossible to know whether any long-term meaning can be taken from this incident," cautioned Hal Joffe, community relations chair of Canadian Jewish Congress and co-chair of CJCC.

Although this is the most serious attack Calgary has experienced, it is not the first. In 1991, Molotov cocktails were thrown at the Jewish Memorial Chapel, causing minor damage. In 1989, two white-supremacists were sentenced to five years in a failed plot to blow up the Jewish Centre.

JNF *shaliach* Ron Krumer said it is too early to tell if there is any significance in the fact that the parcel was addressed to his office.

Members of the Calgary Jewish community were encouraged by the many expressions of support which poured in to the Calgary Jewish Centre. The letter sent by Premier Ralph Klein, the flower arrangement from Oakridge Co-op, calls from friends and family everywhere, all helped the community recover from the shock.

Meanwhile, Calgary police and the RCMP have began an intensive forensic study of the bomb components, which will hopefully reveal clues as to the perpetrator of the crime.

Inspector Bill Sherlock of the Calgary police cautioned members of the Jewish community: "If you get a package you were not expecting and if it looks suspicious to you, exercise utmost caution. And don't hesitate to call us — we'd rather come out and look at the thing than come out later to pick up the pieces."

THE BIG M SCORES WITH KIDS
Hockey legend Frank Mahovlich signed autographs at a recent Skate With the Greats afternoon sponsored by Associated Hebrew Schools.

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Ner Israel Yeshiva celebrates 36th anniversary

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If you want to raise your children well, get involved in communal life, advises businessman and philanthropist Sandy Hofstedter.

Hofstedter and his wife, Kitchie, were honored recently at the 36th annual Ner Israel Dinner, held at the Constellation Hotel. The date coincided with the anniversary of their marriage 50 years ago.

"Enjoy your life, yes," he said. But "you can send your kids to the best schools, but if they don't see an example of how you live your life for others too, it won't mean anything."

In a voice that frequently broke with emotion, Hofstedter told of both he and his wife returning from the concentration camps, to find that most of their families had been murdered.

"We were broken in spirit and financially. We were going like drunks, asking ourselves 'Where was G-d?' "

But after a few months, he said, "we began to make peace. We realized that we don't understand G-d's ways. That we had to rebuild our lives; to do what we had to do.

"And now we thank HaShem for helping us build a new life together."

The Hofstedters' family and friends established a Torah Endowment Fund in their honor, which will give scholarships at the yeshivah to 15 boys a year.

Guest speaker Rabbi Yakov Perlow, the Novominsker Rebbe, called Hofstedter "a yid from the *alter heim*, with a burning commitment to transplant and rebuild our [the Orthodox] way of life" in North America.

He "represents those people who lived through the *churban*, remembered the world before, and were given the strength to see it again in their own families and in their new communities."

Special greetings were brought by Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue, to which the Hofstedters belong; Rabbi Gavriel Ginsburg, rosh yeshivah of Ner Israel, and Zvi Hofstedter, a student at the yeshivah and the couples' oldest grandson.

Son George Hofstedter acted as dinner chair, and David, another son, and son-in-law Mordechai Mandelbaum also took part in the program.

George Hofstedter noted the presence of Markham Mayor Don Cousens, and Vaughan councillors Bernie Green and Mario Racco.

North York, Haifa to sign friendship agreement

NORTH YORK — North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna will sign a friendship agreement between the two cities when the Haifa mayor visits Metro Toronto June 2 to 4.

The agreement will be a prelude to the "twinning" of the two cities, a concept generated when Lastman and a North York delegation including councillors Michael Feldman, Denzil Minnan-Wong and David Shiner visited Haifa last June for the Israel Forum International Economic Conference.

Haifa, a beautiful northern city on the Mediterranean, has a population of 350,000 and is Israel's third largest city.

The history of excellent relations among Haifa's populations of Jews, Arabs, Christians, Druze and Bahais, predates the British mandate era. Two of Israel's institutions of higher learning make their homes in Haifa — the Technion and Haifa University.

The current accord undertakes to promote a friendly exchange between the people of the two cities, to cooperate in such fields as economy, trade, culture and science and technology for the benefit of both Haifa and North York. Also to be explored will be the possibility of exchange between hospital personnel and cooperation in medical technology.

Mitzna, who serves as chair of the Haifa Foundation will participate in An Evening in Haifa, an event sponsored by the Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation on June 2 at 8 p.m.

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קלילות הנוסע ותדירי:

אנשים מדברים בקלות על כל מה שנוגע בהם ישירות: עבודה, ילדים, כאלה דברים. אז ככה: בתור מי שמבלה חלק לא קטן מחייו בשדות התעופה ובמטוסים, אני מפתח חכמת חיים טיפשית וספציפית ללווינים. חוק ראשון: לקחת כמה שפחות. ממילא לא משתמשים בחצי ממה שלוקחים. חוק שני (יותר קשה): אם בכלל אפשרי - קחו איתכם ואל תשלחו בבטן המטוס. זה כמובן קשה בנסיעות ארוכות, אבל מה - יש עכשיו מזוודות קטנות, זולות, על גלגלים שמתאימות לתקן עליה על המטוס איתכם. כמעט כל יום אני שומע סיפורים על מזוודות שלא הגיעו. ועוד יותר חשוב: לתגיע למקום רחוק עייפים אך רצוצים ולחכות למזוודה שעה - ממש ענוש! חוק שלישי: אל תאכלו (שלא תעיזו) בטיסה רק בגלל שמגישים לכם! בטיסות טרנס אטלנטיות זה תמיד באמצע הלילה, כשבני המעיים ישנים ונוחרים. - תעזבו אותם בשקט! תאכלו בזמן הטיסה רק מתי שאמורים הייתם לאכול ממילא. זה ימנע מיכם להרגיש עייפים, מנופחים ומפלצים. רבים מחברי, כדי לישון טוב בטיסות טרנס אטלנטיות, לוקחים כדור שינה קצר טווח, שעוזב את הגוף תוך מספר שעות ומונע את תחושת הטשטוש הממושכת של ואליום. או תשמעו סיפור: חבר טוב שלי, גם כן רופא מעופף, היה צריך לטוס לאירופה כדי לתת הרצאה כמה שעות אחרי הגעתו. עולה למטוס, לוקח כדור שינה, שם משקפי שינה ושוקע. כעבור שש שעות מעיר אותו מישהוא. זה הדייל, הוא אומר לו: דוקטור, רציתי רק שתדע שבגלל תקלה במנוע עוד לא הגענו". עושה הדוקטור חשבון מהיר ורואה שלא יצליח, אפילו אם יצא עכשיו, להגיע להרצאה שלו, יורד מהמטוס ונוסע הביתה. לך תספר אחר-כך שישנת בשדה התעופה שש שעות.

סמר חדש: "וְאֶל-אִישֵׁךְ תְּשׁוּקָתֵךְ"

בשנים האחרונות נצר דור חדש של סופרים דתיים שמגלים לנו, החילוניים, כל מה שרצינו לדעת ולא העזנו לשאול על החוויה הדתית תרדית. יהושע בר יוסף כתב הרבה בעניין, אבל הכתיבה שלו היתה ברובה שטחית, גסה, כמו מי שמנעו ממנו את התנועות העולם הזה שנים רבות. לכן ניגשתי בקצת היסוס לספרה של נעמי רגן והופתעתי בגדול. מה אגיד לכם - סיפור שונה לחלוטין! נעמי רגן היא יהודיה שעלתה לישראל מארה"ב והתיישבה בירושלים בשנות השבעים. היא עדיין כותבת באנגלית וספריה מצליחים מארד בקהילה היהודית בצפון אמריקה. הספר הנוכחי "וְאֶל-אִישֵׁךְ תְּשׁוּקָתֵךְ" תורגם לעברית ומספר את סיפורה של בחורה תרדית יפה ותאבת חיים שעברה על הדיבר החמור ביותר בתורה. יש בספר איכויות נדירות בתיאור חייה הקשים של האישה החרדית, בנורמות החברתיות הקשות, בהיירכיה הנוקשה. אבל יש בספר גם הרבה נשמה, רגישות, וגם עלילה מרתקת. מאחר והוא נכתב על ידי אישה דתייה שגדלה בתרבות המערבית - יש גם פיתרון. יש פשרה, יש תהליך של ריפוי. ספר נהדר! בקשו שישלחו לכם, או שתביאו בעצמכם בנסיעה הקרובה למזרח התיכון.

מאבדק יורם:

יורם פירוצקי, צלם ומפיק ב"גלובל טי.וי." מוכר היטב לא רק בקהילה הישראלית, אלא גם בחוגים המקצועיים. לאחר שזכה מספר פעמים בג'ימיני היוקרתי (פרס "האוסקר" הקנדי) השלים, יורם את חמשימה בזכיה בפרס אגודת צלמי הקולנוע הקנדיים בקטגוריה של סרטים דוקומנטריים. זהו הכבוד הגבוה ביותר לצלם קולנוע, משום שהפרס ניתן על ידי הקולגות שלו, שיודעים מה זה צילום. חסרט עצמו עסק בטיפוס הרים ויורם (איך לא!) טיפס איתם למקומות בלתי אפשריים ומצלמתו בידו. הבאת לנו כבוד, יורם!

JRC holds dinner

TORONTO — Over 500 guests recently attended the first black-tie dinner of the Jewish Russian Community (JRC) at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto.

Leslie Dan, chairman and CEO of Novopharm Ltd. made the toasts to Canada and to the State of Israel. Art Eggleton, minister of trade, brought greetings on behalf of the federal government and Garth Drabinsky, CEO, Livent Inc., addressed the guests as the evening's keynote speaker. The head table was introduced by Mark Breslin.

Yaacov Erez, JRC campaign director and the event coordinator, discussed the significance of the dinner as an indication of the growth of the community.

In his remarks, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader and executive director, reminded the guests that this was the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who had sent Rabbi Zaltzman to Toronto 10 years ago to work with the Russian Jews who came to live here.

Silent and live auctions later in the evening were followed by a video entitled *Biography of a Revival* and a music program by Russian performers.

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Community March and Festival fever

There's more than ever before in store for Community March for Israel participants on May 26, once they finish their journey. The March starts once again this year at the Promenade Shopping Centre.

For the first time, the Festival following the March, co-sponsored by UJA Federation and Canadian Zionist Federation, is being held indoors at North York Centennial Arena (Finch west of Bathurst). That means Festival fun rain or shine.

"This year's Jerusalem 3000 Festival will be the best ever," predicts CZF coordinator Tillie Margolis. "There will be something for everyone," adds Marcy Kroach, who with Gilda Naiman represents UJA Federation on the Festival committee.

In keeping with Jerusalem 3000 celebrations, Festival organizers have lined up entertainment, activities, refreshments and food with a Jerusalem flavour. "Even the entrance to the building will make all festival goers feel like they've just passed through the Old City gates," says Margolis.

From 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Festival goers will be treated to Israeli music, performing troupes for adults and kids and a Jerusalem-style shuk (market). Among the many additional Festival features are:

This year's Jerusalem 3000 Festival is designed for both younger and older community members.

- A live auction for bidders to buy everything from toys to vouchers for weekend getaways
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- Prize presentations to the winners of the Halleluya 1996 song competition
- A special excerpt from the musical play *Our Jerusalem*, performed by 35 Toronto area high school students
- A petting zoo, pony rides and clowns
- A 12 year old Canadian chess champion to challenge any eager opponents.

Israel's Consul General Jehudi Kinar and North York Mayor Mel Lastman will deliver greetings during opening ceremonies at 1 p.m.

Registration for the 10:30 a.m. March begins at 9:45. Look for the sponsor sheet on this page to be handed in with collections.

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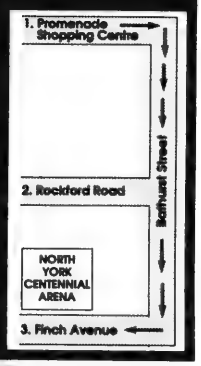

Canada Trust joins the March

Canada Trust is sponsoring the Community March for Israel. It's the first time a financial institution has backed UJA Federation's most popular annual event.

"We're thrilled," said Jeff Cohen, who is co-chairing the March with Maura Cooperberg. "It's the beginning, we hope, of an ongoing association that will benefit both Canada Trust and UJA Federation."

Sherry Weiss, Manager of Branch Banking for Canada Trust, sees her company's association with UJA Federation as a "big advantage" for the community.

Starting Monday May 6, any Metro area Canada Trust branch will accept Community March collections in a special account. A receipt, issued by Canada Trust, will provide proof of deposited donations in order for marchers to receive a free T-shirt or qualify for a free trip to Israel. A T-shirt will be given to anyone who collects at least $18, and for every $50 collected, a marcher's name will be entered in a draw for the Israel trip.

Sponsor sheets will be available at selected Canada Trust branches in Jewish areas of the city.

Joel Sheinfeld speaks to Mission 3000 participants at a lookout at Kfar Haruv overlooking the Golan. Many Mission members will be taking part in a special challenge at this year's Community March for Israel.

March and mission combine for Israel

Mission 3000 participants are challenging each other to raise the most money at this year's Community March for Israel. The call to action came from the Mission's bus 18 after a recent reunion.

Mission 3000, February 19-29, sponsored by UJA Federation and United Israel Appeal of Canada, was the largest organizational visit to Israel in Canadian history.

Elaine Waltman, the official challenger, thought it would be a great way to unite Mission participants and give something back to the community. "It's our way," she says," of thanking UJA for providing us with an incredible Israel experience."

Waltman sent 400 letters to Mission members explaining the challenge before contacting bus captains to ask for their support. "Everyone is really excited about the idea," she reports.

Community March for Israel walkers, who participated in Mission 3000, will be trekking together under a special Mission banner. Another bus 18'er, Ruth Altman, is even preparing a song for the group in order to "add spirit and to keep it cohesive."

Please call your Mission 3000 bus captain to get involved in the challenge. And may the best bus win.

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Trials and Jewish justice probed

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The O.J. Simpson case and several other recent "trials of the century" fall far short of meeting the traditional Jewish concept of justice and law, a U.S. legal expert and TV commentator told a Toronto audience recently.

The Simpson case in particular reflects contemporary society's values and how those beliefs can subvert a just result, said Laurie Levenson, a Los Angeles-based criminal lawyer, CBS legal consultant and student of Jewish law.

"If you think he got off because he didn't [do it], check your drinking water," she said.

Levenson, a member of the academic advisory council of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, analyzed the Simpson case and others from a perspective of Jewish law and found the results wanting.

Speaking to about 100 people at the Beth Sholom Synagogue, Levenson said the Simpson case raised issues of "idolatry," race, contempt for women, overreliance on unqualified jurors and an inexperienced judge.

Jewish law requires equal treatment under the law, but Simspon, one of society's "false idols," got much more than that.

Laurie Levenson

Which other alleged double murderer would be allowed to turn himself in? Who else would be allowed to hang four of his courtroom suits in the judge's chambers or have his jail cell renovated? she asked.

Why is a man who carried a football even considered a hero, when there are teachers, rabbis, doctors and parents who are more deserving? she asked.

Turning to the issue of race, Levenson said one-third of young black men are defendants in criminal justice cases. For many blacks, the Simpson case contained a "mentality of payback" as they asked why would it be so bad if one of their own got off.

As for the role of women in the trial, Levenson said that while the Jewish ideal for women is "not perfect," it includes a tradition of woman as judge and warrior (Deborah) and as the voice of justice and peace (Leah Rabin).

In the Simpson case, on the other hand, Nicole Simpson was a "trophy wife," who was virtually sold into "bondage" by her family.

Prosecutor Marsha Clark was repeatedly criticized by the media for her outward appearance, while Judge Lance Ito rebuked her when she asked court to recess at 6 p.m. on Friday night so she could pick up her children. Ito said "real lawyers" sometimes work all weekend, Levenson stated incredulously.

Turning to Ito, Levenson, who was in court for the entire trial, suggested "he got swept up by this case."

He didn't have the life experience required of judges by Jewish law and he didn't know how to keep the lawyers under control.

Furthermore, because his wife is a top policewoman, he left himself open to defence attacks if his rulings favored the prosecution.

Under Jewish law, the judge should have no personal stake in the case, Levenson said.

The lecture was sponsored by the new leadership division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and by Goodman Phillips & Vineberg.

Census to examine ethnic origins

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This month's national census will not ask Canadians about their religion, but will inquire about their ethnic origin.

And as in previous headcounts, among the choices for ethnic origin will be Jewish.

Respondents will be allowed to list up to four ethnic groups to the question, "To which ethnic or cultural group(s) did this person's ancestors belong?"

The ethnic question, however, will appear only on the long form of the census, to be mailed to one in five Canadian households.

Ottawa is asking everyone to mail in their census forms by May 14.

Censuses in years ending in "6" — the so-called mid-point tallies — do not ask about religion. But those in years ending in "1" do, Statistics Canada spokesperson Vanessa Mungal told *The CJN*.

In 1991, many Jewish Canadians said they found the question too personal. Last year, Canada's Privacy Commissioner agreed, and after consultations with StatsCan, said questions about religion, fertility and dwelling status would not appear on the 1996 forms.

However, a question on common-law relationships does appear on both the long and short forms this year.

As for being Jewish, Ottawa has considered it both a religion and ethnicity for decades.

The 1991 tally found that 318,070 Canadians were Jewish by religion, while 369,565 listed Jewish as an ethnic background.

Those results were then analyzed and blended at McGill University in Montreal for a more accurate snapshot, which found that in 1991, there were 356,315 Jews in Canada.

Excluded from the total were those who said they were Jewish by ethnicity but who stated another religion.

Among the findings of subsequent studies were that more people identified with Judaism as a religion in Ontario and Quebec than in British Columbia, which had a high degree of identification with Judaism as an ethnicity.

Numbers culled from the census have traditionally yielded a treasure trove of data for planners and officials in the Jewish community, who use them to chart everything from migration, poverty, assimilation, intermarriage, education levels and employment.

Thus, Jewish organizations are asking respondents not to shy away from answering the ethnic question accurately.

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By Miriam Herman

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Thursday, May 9

ART AUCTION

United Synagogue Day School Parents' Association annual art auction at Adath Israel Synagogue. Preview 6 p.m., auction at 7:30.

Friday, May 10

OTTAWA CONCERT

Northern Sketches, a choral suite with poems by **Donia Blumenfeld** **Clenman** and music by **Srul Glick** performed by the Ottawa Choral Society in Ottawa.

Saturday, May 11

YIDDISHLAND CAFE

The Workman's Circle, supported by a grant from the action committee for Jewish continuity of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, presents the opening of Yiddishland Cafe starring **Beth Anne Cole, Stella Walker, Harvey Atkin, Brian Katz, Allan Merovitz** and klezmer band Chutzpah, 8:30 p.m., 471 Lawrence Ave. W. $10 in advance, $12 at door, $8 students, at Lasting Impressions 635-0720.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Marco Ben-Shimon presents Yom Ha'atzmaut Jerusalem 3000 celebration, Israeli folkdances and Israeli singer **Meytal Golan**, 9 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. 905-771-0363.

Sunday, May 12

ISRAEL FAIR

Jerusalem 3000 Israel Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bloor JCC, Israeli dancing, slide lecture on Archeology in Jerusalem by **Alex Gropper**, booths, video *The Many Faces of Jerusalem*. Sponsored by Downtown Jewish Community Council, Downtown Jewish Community School, Bloor JCC. Free health club pass to every mother.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP

At Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda brotherhood breakfast, motivational speaker **Susan Stern** discusses Chicken Soup for the Mind, Body and Soul. Services 9:15 a.m., program at 10. $3.

Monday, May 13

BEREAVED FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families of Toronto, families who have lost a child through death, Family Night, 7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue. **Stephen Fleming**, professor of psychology, York University, speaks on The Nature and Dynamics of Grief. 638-7800, ext. 202.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER, JWI

At Nagillah chapter, JWI, general meeting, **Fran Abelson** talks about her recent trip to Israel and the Children's Home, 7:30 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue. $2. **Marci** 905-731-6939 or **Marilyn** 487-7792.

SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group for Parents and Families of Gays and Lesbians, 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Phone, in confidence, **Ruth**, 763-9111.

Wednesday, May 15

ETHIOPIAN JEWS

Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum presents Tears of Joy and Sadness: The Ethiopian Experience in Israel, slide lecture by **Maxine Blendis**, Canadian branch of Amichai, the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry, 8 p.m.

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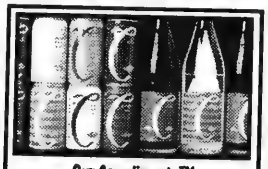

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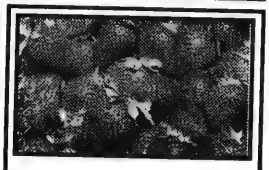

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What's New

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KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL
Kosher Cooking School course, Baking and Other Treats for the Sweet Table, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. 635-9550.

Thursday, May 16

YOM YERUSHALAYIM
Song and food of Israel commemorating Jerusalem 3000, N'imot Choir, conductor **Doron Offir**; Holy Blossom Temple Singers, conductor **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, **Nadya Adler** on piano, and Ted Labow's Ensemble, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom.

SEARCH OUT THE LAND
Beth Sholom sisterhood and adult education committee guest speakers **Sheldon and Judith Godfrey**, co-authors of *Search Out the Land: A Historical Overview of the Jews in British Colonial America*, 7:30 p.m., synagogue.

MEET THE AUTHOR
Beth Tzedec Men's Club and sisterhood series, Meet the Authors, **Wendy Eisen**, author of *Count Us In: The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews: A Canadian Perspective*, plus tribute to Beth Tzedec members **Genya Intrator** and **Herb Landis** and the late **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** for dedication to the cause of freeing Soviet Jews, 8 p.m., synagogue.

And What Else Is New...

SHABBATON
Kavannah and Bloor JCC Tree of Life/Family Tree Shabbaton with **Arthur Kurzweil**, May 17-18 at Bloor JCC. Friday, Getting to Sinai: Genealogy as a Spiritual Pilgrimage, candlelighting, kiddush, desserts, 7:30-10:30 p.m. $18 prepaid, $25 at door. Full Shabbaton on Rabbi Steinsaltz's teachings, $72, limited registration. Information 961-8123, tickets Bloor JCC, 924-6211.

REFORM MINYAN
Downtown Reform Minyan Shabbat services at Bloor JCC: Friday, May 10, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 24, Shavuot service, student rabbi **Allison Henteloff**, 7:30 p.m.

OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE
Four Seasons Connections, an outdoor maintenance program assisting seniors and adults with disabilities living in the City of North York, links clients with students and adults who do a variety of outdoor jobs. Students, ages 12-17, $7 an hour; 18 years or older, $12 an hour. 447-5074.

ABOUT SYRIAN JEWRY
At Beth Sholom Synagogue sisterhood service, Saturday, May 18, guest speaker **Judy Feld Carr's** topic is One Woman's Mission: The Untold Story of the Rescue of Syrian Jewry. Luncheon following services. $15. Prepaid reservations only by May 13. 783-6103.

HAVURAH RETREAT
National Havurah Community, an egalitarian Jewish renewal network, weekend of study, prayer, song and spiritual renewal at the annual Canadian/American Shabbaton at a lakeside retreat near Buffalo, June 14-16. Open to all ages, singles and families. Children's programs and childcare available. 927-1796.

BBYO GOLF TOURNAMENT
BBYO (B'nai Brith Youth Organization) Alumni Golf Tournament, Tuesday, June 4, Glenway Country Club, Newmarket. $125 per golfer, includes green fees, cart, pictures, prizes, lunch, dinner. $10,000 cash prize for hole-in-one. **Jeff Wagman** 361-2020 or BBYO 635-9411.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Women's Institute of Torah Study classes at Barbara Frum Library, $5 per class. 905-881-2012.
Tuesday, May 14, 8-9 p.m., Naomi's Saga, **Chana Perman**.
Wednesday, May 15, 10-11 a.m., Why Judaism Rejects the Notion of a Christian Messiah, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

SINGLE PARENTS PICNIC
Jewish Single Parents picnic, with or without the kids, Sunday, May 19 (rain date May 20), 11:30 a.m., Earl Bales Park. Bring lunch, sports equipment. There'll be races, prizes. Meet in front of brown building nearest Bathurst St. **Penny** 905-881-6860.

NEWS FROM SOLEL
Solel Congregation, Mississauga: auction, Sunday, May 26; general meeting, Monday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.; last adult education class, Tuesday, May 28; regular services Thursday, May 23 (Shavuot service, yiskor) and Friday, May 31, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 18 and 25, 10 a.m.; family services May 17 (Awards Night), 7:30 p.m., and May 24, 10 a.m. (Shavuot service, Yizkor) and 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday minyan with breakfast 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

SEPHARDI CENTRE
A new Sephardi centre and synagogue, Kol Torah, at the Promenade offers Shacharit morning services; Business Minyan; Shabbat, Friday evening Minchah (same time as candlelighting) and Saturday morning services; plus Shabbatons and special events centered around the Sephardi heritage. 905-707-9510.

WHAT TO TELL THE KIDS
Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) session, When You're About to Separate, What to Tell the Kids, deals with children's typical reactions and questions, how to deal with a "loving out" day, how to best meet your children's needs in early stages of separation, June 6, 7 p.m., JF&CS Promenade office, Promenade Mall, 3rd floor. **Elinor Gertner** 905-882-2331.

ATTENTION SINGLES
New Jewish Theatre Company, forming in association with Morris Winchevsky Community Centre, invites anyone interested in acting for fun — musicians, writers, dancers, artists — to the first meeting, Monday, May 27, 7 p.m., 585 Cranbrooke Ave. No experience or Yiddish necessary. First project is to create and perform original collective script. 256-2606.

HEBREW SCHOOL
Ahavat Israel Hebrew School offers Sunday school program for children ages 5-12. Curriculum includes Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history, Bible, sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking, Purim party. Register now for 1996-97 school year. Previous Jewish education not a prerequisite. **Leslie Shapiro** 905-731-5054.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Bereavement Group, Widows/Widowers (daytime) begins May 28; Adult Child Losing a Parent begins May 30. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

For Seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River Cruise, June 27; Thousand Island cruise planned for July 15; *Chorus Line* at ArtPark, Aug. 1; Catskills Homowack Hotel, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dances with live band, May 12 and 26; Markham Mall, May 9, $5; Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls, June 5; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, June 18; Cullen Gardens July 10; Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 22-28. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 16 is bingo. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club: Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23, and Stage West to see *Lend Me a Tenor* June 26, register at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., or phone 630-9444. Ladies line dancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at the centre.

Young at Heart Seniors Catskills trips, 10 days at Raleigh or Pines Hotel, Atlantic City, included, $1,065. **Doreen** 636-7124 after 6 p.m.

Sunrise Group is going to see *Forever Plaid*, Wednesday, May 29, 2 p.m. $20. **Esther** or **Monique** 223-9165.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
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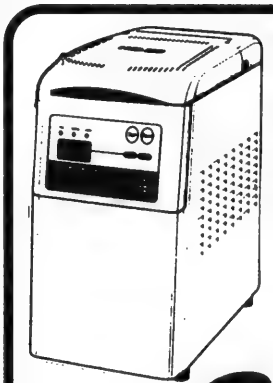
Etrog, an Israeli cultural club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. May 15 is Jersualem Day celebration. **Anna**

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC Books and Bagels book launch, Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m., **Janis Rapoport** reads from her new book of poetry *After Paradise*. 924-6211.
Bloor JCC Good Age Club celebrates Mother's Day Thursday, May 9, 2 p.m. with the Rockettes. **Judy** 924-6211.
BJC Israeli Folksinging course, **Ritasue Charlestein-Fisher**, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m., in May. Co-sponsors Senior Adult Services, and North York Board of Education. **Yvonne** 636-1880, ext. 259.
July/August toddler programs, Summer Fun Parent/Caregiver Co-op and General Store Program for Tot and Parent (Caregiver). 636-1880, ext. 248.

SHAARE ZEDEK GOLF OPEN

From left, Evan Sone, Stephen Caffrey and Brad Fox are co-chairs for the sixth Shaare Zedek Hospital/Solursh Feldman and Partners Annual Open June 20 at Kleinberg Golf and Country Club. Proceeds go to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem. For information, 781-3584.



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Leo Baeck Day School students are seen preparing for a Yom Yerushalayim celebration in this 3000th anniversary of the city of Jerusalem. Seen (from left) Lior Gruner, Dean Medina, Aviva Rubin and Deborah Cole, kneel in front of their class "mural" of the Kotel in Jerusalem. This mural is one example of the creative learning activities that have been taking place at the school this year.

B.C. United Church resolution deplores 'anti-Jewish' sentiments

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

PARKSVILLE, B.C. — A resolution calling on British Columbia members of the United Church of Canada to encourage "firm and positive attitudes" toward the Jewish community and stress continuity with Jewish history was unanimously approved by the church's B.C. conference at its annual meeting here May 4.

According to Rev. Tom Bulman of Vancouver, the resolution was passed unanimously by the 642 members of the clergy and lay leaders in attendance. The resolution was submitted by the Vancouver South Presbytery, which comprises some 20 United Church congregations. Delegates attended from all parts of the province.

The resolution acknowledges that anti-Jewish feeling and teaching in the church "have contributed to and are in large measure responsible for anti-Jewish atrocities through the ages."

It noted that one-third of the world's Jews were murdered in the Holocaust and this "continues to haunt us as a vision of the dark side of Western culture ... We as Christians can no longer deny nor avoid our responsibility in this matter."

Anti-Jewish feeling is represented in Scripture readings and preaching, "in spite of clear evidence that anti-Jewish sentiment goes against the spirit of both the Scripture and the central message of church doctrine."

The resolution says "there may well be residual and anti-Jewish sentiment present in United Church congregations."

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Rev. Bulman told *The CJN* five Vancouver rabbis were consulted in the preparation of the resolution and that further consultations will be held with all streams of Judaism in B.C.

He said the resolution is not binding on church members, but clergy will be encouraged to get the message across. Copies will be sent to all United Church provincial conferences in Canada and it is hoped it will be discussed at the annual national conference next year.

Dr. Richard Menkis, who lectures on Jewish-Christian relations at the University of British Columbia, said in an interview the acknowledgement that the Jews did not kill Christ is important.

"The change of deicide has been the point of departure for some very ugly attitudes toward the Jews," he said. The debate within the United Church reflects discussions among liberal theologians who have been rethinking the relationship between Judaism and Christianity, he added. He said theologians are trying to dissociate Christianity from anti-Semitism.

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Hershon wants spending guidelines for candidates

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Goldie Hershon thinks the committee that studied CJC's election rules should have recommended spending guidelines for candidates for officer positions, and specifically the subsidization of Plenary Assembly delegates.

"This was a key issue. In effect, they have sanctioned what [Thomas] Hecht did. In principle, it means you can buy the presidency," Hershon said.

The report says the committee, headed by Judge Herbert Marx, was "unable to conclude whether or not to recommend spending guidelines for candidates. It would be too cumbersome to implement and monitor such spending guidelines."

It adds that candidates have "traditionally provided financial support to enable delegates to attend and vote at a plenary. As well, candidates of modest means have been able in the past to raise the necessary campaign funds."

Hecht paid the registration and transportation costs of some of his supporters, which he points out is not prohibited.

Hecht considers himself "vindicated" by the report.

"I believe that CJC owes an apology to the very great number of committed Jewish people who came to be involved with CJC and were disenfranchised by the monumentally flawed registration procedures during the plenary," he said, as well as to himself and his supporters for "the abuses" his opponents, he says, subjected them to. He estimates about 150 people who would have voted for him were never registered.

He is also heartened the committee recommended that, "to prevent any appearance that principal actors in a plenary organizational structure are partial," all candidates and their key campaigners not be permitted to hold a plenary position for 90 days preceding it.

Under these rules, he says Hershon's candidacy would have been disallowed and some of her campaigners would also have been disqualified.

Hershon, however, feels she had no advantage in being chair of the plenary up to and some days after her declaring herself a candidate about a month before last May's plenary. In fact, if she had not resigned the chairship, she feels it might have hurt her campaign.

"The last month before the plenary is when you get down to the nitty-gritty, like planning menus; it's not glamorous, and I might have been too busy to campaign," she said.

Hershon thinks the 90-day deadline for nominations for officer positions, another recommendation, is too early.

"I would suggest two months is enough; even politicians have 50 days to [file their papers]," Hershon said.

Hecht took solace in the oblique apology the report makes to him for what he called a "dastardly character assassination attempt." The report condemned the sending to the media of anonymous allegations against Hecht just before the plenary as "odious and pernicious behavior."

In principle, Hershon is in favor of earlier deadlines for all delegates — the major thrust of the committee report — but thinks the recommendation that applications for organizational delegates' be received no later than 30 days in advance may be too far off. "But it should be at least 10 working days in advance."

She's also a little perplexed that the committee set the minimum "good standing" for a delegate at $18. "The Montreal federation says it is $36, so I don't know why they came up with $18."

Marx is not making any public comment on the report, except to emphasize that the committee adhered to its mandate "to review the electoral issues based upon previous plenary experiences in order to make recommendations for changes" to the CJC bylaws.

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Canadian News Hall of Fame honors former MP Simma Holt

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Simma Holt, the first Jewish woman to have been elected to the House of Commons, also became the first B.C. woman journalist to be inducted into the Canadian News Hall of Fame.

Her induction at a ceremony in Toronto on May 4 places her in company with such luminaries as Peter C. Newman, Pierre Berton and June Callwood.

Holt, a native of Vegreville, Alta., near Edmonton, which at one time had a thriving Jewish population and synagogue, joined the *Vancouver Sun* as a reporter in 1944. Now 74, she is continuing her journalism career. She left the *Sun* several years ago to write books and then to become involved in politics.

As a reporter, Holt was made an honorary fire chief, in recognition of stories she did on the Vancouver fire department.

She specialized in investigative reporting and one of her favorite stories was of her getting a confession out of a murderer who had been released after appealing his murder conviction. Shortly after his release, he confessed to Holt that he had indeed committed the murder and had an uncontrollable urge to kill. Holt took him to her home, where he signed a confession. She then turned him over to the police.

Holt is currently using her investigative experience in her work with the Citizens for Jonathan Pollard, the U.S. Navy employee convicted of spying for Israel. She hopes that some day she'll get him freed from his life sentence without parole.

Simma Holt

She worked on the campaign team for George Bush, she told *The CJN*, and discovered that the Pollard affair "was almost in every respect a repetition of the notorious Dreyfus affair in France 100 years earlier — a strictly political matter."

Holt said that like so many people, "I believed Bush was a man of integrity. But it soon became clear to me that he was a classic Ivy League anti-Semite."

When Bush was asked, just before he left office, why he didn't offer amnesty to Pollard, which he had done for some political friends who were in trouble with the law, his reply was, Holt said, "The Jews didn't support me in the election; let the new guy [Bill Clinton] do it."

Holt said Clinton got about 3.5 million letters seeking clemency for Pollard, and she personally received a "Dear Simma" reply, promising to revive the case. Nothing much has happened, she said, but "none of us has stopped writing to Clinton of his promise."

Holt was elected an MP from Vancouver-Kingsway after leaving the *Sun*, served one term and then was shunted off to the National Parole Board — another first for a Jewish woman.

Brought up in a strongly Zionist family, Holt opposes the peace process and thinks giving the Palestinians the West Bank is "an absolute folly. It can mean the end of Israel. They'll never be secure."

Winnipeg Jewish community introduces Shem Tov awards

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG – The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) has borrowed a page from the Toronto Jewish federation's book.

On May 8, the WJCC is presenting its first annual Shem Tov Awards. The awards recognize volunteers whose efforts on behalf of WJCC's beneficiary agencies have bettered the community.

The winners this year include Harry Gutkin, longtime president and driving force behind the Jewish Historial Society of Western Canada; Evelyn Katz, a past president of WJCC, officer of the Council of Jewish Federations and the community's chief statistician; Ken Kronson, the man behind the long-running YMHA/JCC Annual Sports Dinner; Ira Micay for his work with the Jewish Child and Family Service; Abby Morris, a past president of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education; John Plantz who has devoted his time to the Jewish Public Library and is working on a book on a Manitoba Jewish farm colony; Gordon Pullan Q.C., past president of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and the Sharon Home, who has also been active in numerous Jewish organizations; and Sharon Wolchock, currently national president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada.

"We were inspired by the Toronto Federation Awards," says Evelyn Hecht, WJCC director of community relations, "but ours are a little different. We approached all our beneficiary agencies to submit nominations and presented awards to all nominees. In Toronto, it is a competition because there are so many more beneficiary agencies.

"It is important to recognize the work of volunteers in the community and raise public awareness of the work they do," she said.

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Limited progress made in kosher labelling kerfuffle

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Last week's much-anticipated meeting beween the Office de la Langue Francaise (OLF) and Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) saw only limited progress made on the kosher labelling kerfuffle that triggered a storm of controversy over Passover.

According to David Sultan, director of CJC-Q's community relations department, the OLF, in its first meeting with the CJC-Q as part of a joint task force struck April 12, agreed to interpret a Quebec French Language Charter regulation in a way that will permanently exempt imported Passover products from French-labelling requirements — a previous major sticking point between the two sides.

Sultan said the OLF also indicated it would allow such products to be available for sale for the same time period as exists under federal law — 60 days prior to and 30 days after the holiday.

But the meeting failed to produce the expected written commitment CJC-Q had said was imminent.

The task force is not expected to meet again before the tail-end of this month, Sultan said.

One of the issues not yet resolved is the length of time the exemption should apply.

In the CJC-Q's view, the regulation — which exempts French-labelling requirements from products in "limited use" — should also apply year-round to kosher products available only through import in "limited quantities," Sultan said.

A similar view has been voiced by local kosher food importers, who have complained about impossibly high costs in keeping up with Charter regulations and argued that the law infringes upon religious freedom.

The OLF, however, sees the exemption as applying only for the Passover period.

Sultan said, "What we're seeking right now is a long-term solution, the modalities for applying the regulation."

However, he did not believe that the failure so far to produce a written agreement resulted from Premier Lucien Bouchard's recent repeated pledges to have the OLF enforce the Charter to the fullest possible extent.

To the contrary, Sultan thinks it's the OLF that has felt a measure of "political pressure" to resolve the dispute, particularly in light of Bouchard and Louise Beaudoin, minister in charge of applying the Charter, having expressed regret — if no explicit apology — over the "Matzahgate" affair.

Meanwhile, B'nai Brith League for Human Rights chair Allan Adel told *The CJN* last week said his organization will press ahead with legal action to protect future kosher Passover imports, regardless of the status of negotiations between the OLF and CJC-Q.

"We have not filed the action yet, but the decision has been taken and not changed," Adel said. "We'll be proceeding as soon as it [the legal brief] is ready."

Recently, the OLF sent a letter to Maryse Ohayon, president of the Communauté Sépharade du Québec, officially acknowledging that it had no way of knowing whether complaints it had received about English-only labelled Passover goods came from members of the Sephardi community, since it keeps no such records.

Widespread media reports to that effect infuriated members of the community.

The letter blames "certain media" for the erroneous report, saying comments by OLF officials were reported in a "particular way."

Winnipeg Jewish centre named for Izzy Asper

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Community Campus of Winnipeg has received a gift of $2 million from Izzy Asper, chair and CEO of Canwest Global Communications Corporation.

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Viewpoints editor Abrams steps down after 16 years

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Convincing the *machers*, mainly hard-nosed business types, that the community needed a publication devoted to Jewish intellectual discourse was a tough sell, Bill Abrams admits.

But for 16 years, Abrams managed to edit and raise the money to publish *Viewpoints*, quarterly, as a supplement to — but independent of — *The Canadian Jewish News*. When he turned 80 at the end of last year, Abrams decided it was time to hand the reins over to someone else.

Abrams first love had been Jewish thought, and he had written over the years for various journals, but he was not a stranger to bottom-line considerations: he made his living retailing women's wear.

After selling his eight stores, Abrams was able to pursue full time what he liked doing most. At the 1977 Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly, he got a resolution passed to revamp *Viewpoints*, a sporadically produced booklet with a few hundred subscribers and dependent on Labor Zionist support that ended with the election of Likud.

"I felt there was a need for serious, intellectual discussion of Jewish life and Judaism in Canada today. I felt there was more to being a Canadian Jew than fundraising, and that it was time to get beyond the usual topics of Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Israel," he said.

Bill Abrams

Abrams also felt the growing number of academics with an interest in Canadian Jewish and Diaspora issues should have a forum, as well as those "so-called alienated Jews" who had little outlet.

In these broad aspects he feels he succeeded. "I think we were able to raise the consciousness of the Canadian Jewish community."

Abrams, active with the Conservative movement, is not satisfied, however, that he brought many around to his belief that the future of Judaism is in synagogue life.

He hoped *Viewpoints* would spur congregations into more social action. "Synagogue Jews should be in the avant-garde of the battle for human rights ... If we call ourselves 'chosen,' we have to take seriously what that means."

It took three years to raise enough money to ensure *Viewpoints'* regular appearance as a feature in *The CJN*. Annual revenue in recent times has come from the Toronto-based Oscar Yolles Foundation and annual mail solicitation. For a few years, *The CJN* has not charged for the printing and distribution to about 50,000 homes.

Viewpoints has remained nominally under Congress auspices and received office space and clerical support from it. A disclaimer that opinions expressed were not necessarily those of Congress has allowed Abrams and his editorial board a relatively free hand.

At first, Abrams was concerned about getting enough of the right material, but he has rarely lacked for the quality he has sought, even though the pay was only $100 for articles that average 2,000 words.

Abrams worked with an annual budget of just over $25,000 a year, helped by wife Jeanette and daughter Judith. Finding a replacement for Abrams has not been easy, given the terms.

The last *Viewpoints* came out at the end of 1995, and it's future remains uncertain. "The main question mark is whether we can assure its financial well-being," said board chair Harold Waller, a McGill political science professor.

The hope, however, is to keep the same format and scholarly mission, Waller said.

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VSO honors composer on birthday

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Composer Murray Adaskin was honored by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra (VSO) recently, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, which he celebrated on March 28.

The VSO played an entire program of Adaskin music. Earlier in the month, the University of Victoria (UVic) also honored him with an all-Adaskin concert featuring the Lafayette Quartet and bassist Gary Karr.

Toronto-born Adaskin, the son of Latvian immigrants who fled to Canada to avoid persecution of the Jews, was a violinist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for many years, along with two brothers.

He came to Victoria to teach at UVic in 1972 and after retiring, decided to stay on and continue to compose.

At the VSO concert, one of his numbers played was *T'Filat Shalom — a Prayer for Peace*, which he composed in 1986 for a friend in Saskatoon. The number was played in Israel over national radio. At the request of the CBC, he orchestrated it for a special radio program on the network.

Adaskin, still spry and busy at 90, with no plans to quit, studied music in Toronto, including 10 years at the Royal Conservatory of Music. His older brother was his first teacher.

In the very early days of his career, he played background music for the silent movies at Toronto's Uptown Theatre. "That was a lot of fun," he commented in a phone interview with *The CJN*.

Adaskin said composers of serious music, especially Canadian, rarely witness concerts devoted solely to their works and the UVic concert was the first all-Adaskin performance he had ever attended. He said it was "a tremendously moving experience."

He wrote his first piece, *Serenade for Strings*, in 1934, when he was a member of the Melodic Strings orchestra on CBC radio. To celebrate the 100th program of the group, Adaskin and other musicians were asked to create compositions for the broadcast. That started him on his long career as a composer and he still spends four or five hours a day in his basement studio composing. It's something he just can't give up, he says.

Adaskin composes his numbers using a piano, but because "I'm not a pianist," he never performs them publicly on piano and transposes his works into music mainly for string quartets and bass.

The composer agrees with the assessment of him by the *Encyclopedia of Music in Canada* as "a modernist without being a radical." His music is melodic, often rhythmic.

He thinks there is a "Chaplinesque quality" in much of his work, influenced by the fact that he and his brothers were given a regular weekend treat of attending shortie Chaplin films. The boys would act out the film for their parents when they came home.

Adaskin said his parents encouraged their sons to become musicians. One brother, Harry, became a professional violinist and another, John, was a CBC producer.

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Israel, PLO enter final stage of negotiations

By JON IMMANUEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – In a ceremonial opening last Sunday night in Taba, Israel and the PLO met to inaugurate the third and final stage of their negotiations, which began with Oslo 1 three years ago and are expected to end with a permanent peace agreement by 1999.

The delegation heads, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, and PLO top negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), both spoke of the promise of the future and the end of past conflicts.

"We do not have 'the right of return' to the past," Savir said, using a phrase central to both Israeli and Palestinian nationalists.

Both men also referred to terror as belonging to the past.

Savir called for political separation to encourage mutual cooperation and respect. It is necessary to break down "psychological walls" because what is important "is not just mutual recognition but mutual acquaintance," he said.

He made one overtly political statement, asserting that Jerusalem will remain the eternal, united capital of Israel, while Abbas called on Israel to remove obstacles to a Palestinian state next to Israel.

The two delegation heads met for more than two hours before making their speeches.

"This meeting is very symbolic. Its importance is to show that Israel and the Palestinians respect their agreements and have started the talks on time," said Nabil Shaath, Palestinian Authority planning minister.

The time leading up to the start of substantial Oslo 3 talks sometime after the May 29 elections is seen as the last chance for implementing unfinished business from Oslo 1 and 2, such as the establishment of safe passages between Gaza and the West Bank and redeployment from Hebron.

"According to the Declaration of Principles we are not allowed to transfer issues from the transitional period to the final stage," negotiator Saeb Erekat told the *Al-Ayyam* daily last Sunday.

The final stage of the process will deal with six issues specifically identified in the Declaration of Principles and with "other issues of common interest" - such as water - over a period of up to three years.

An agenda is to be established with committees to deal with these issues, but no one is expecting fast progress. As both delegation heads said, there will be a time of getting better acquainted in order to make the psychological breakthrough necessary for the important challenges ahead.

The three most important and ideologically charged issues are Jerusalem, settlements and 1948 refugees. The three others - security arrangements, borders and relations with neighbors - are more technical and will largely follow the contours of the solutions to the other three problems.

Informal talks have already begun on Jerusalem and settlements, while the issue of 1967 refugees has been discussed for the past year.

At this point they stand as such:

•Jerusalem – Israel says Jerusalem is its eternal undivided capital.

The Palestinians say Jerusalem is their capital too, but are willing to take the Arab-populated parts only and keep the city undivided physically.

Some of these Arab neighborhoods are outside of the Jerusalem municipal borders and are already in area B, under partial Palestinian control. The Islamic holy places are under the control of the Wakf, so the talks are not starting from zero.

•Settlements – The most important question is how many settlements if any will be annexed to Israel, and how many will come under Palestinian control, thus determining Israel's final borders. Will settlers in settlements which are not annexed be allowed to remain where they are as Israeli citizens and as permanent residents under a Palestinian administration? Will they be subject to Palestinian law if they stay?

Although radicals demand the removal of all settlers, many moderate Palestinians have spoken in support of leaving settlers where they are if they accept Palestinian rule up to the 1967 borders. Behind the apparent moderate stand is an assumption that most settlers will leave rather than accept Palestinian rule.

Refugees from 1948 – How many refugees will be accepted into the areas under Palestinian control and into Israel itself? Talks on Palestinians who fled in 1967 or were outside the country during the Six Day War have revolved around the issue of who is a refugee. Palestinian figures are some four times greater than Israeli figures. Some Palestinian figures accept the idea of compensation for most refugees if the principle of return is accepted.

To solve these three issues in a way satisfactory to a majority of Israelis and Palestinians will take immense flexibility.

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Peres receives PNC resolutions

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canceling the provisions that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the government of Israel."

The decision to amend the charter was taken at a session of the PNC in Gaza on April 22 to 25, he said.

The text reads: "The Palestinian National Council, at its 21st session held in the city of Gaza ... decides:

"1.The Palestine National Charter is hereby amended by cancelling the articles that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the government of Israel on 9 to10 September 1993.

"2. Assigns its legal committee with the task of redrafting the Palestinian National Charter in order to present it to the first session of the Palestine central council."

"We remain committed to the peace process," Arafat added in his letter to Peres.

No debate was held on the issue at the cabinet meeting.

The chair of the PNC legal committee, Faisal Hamdi Husseini, said last Sunday that 21 articles of the Palestinian Covenant had been cancelled or changed in the new covenant, which will be prepared within three months.

Husseini, not to be confused with Jerusalem PLO chief Faisal Husseini, has been empowered to draft the new covenant. This is the first time that a senior PNC official has stated exactly how many articles in the 33-article covenant are to be amended.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Natan Sharansky: From refusenik to politician

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

Former prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky spent nine years in the Soviet gulag before arriving in Israel as a free man in 1986. He served as head of the Zionist Forum, an immigrant lobby group, before throwing his hat into the political ring last year to lead Israel Ba'Aliya. The new political party places immigration and absorption at the top of its agenda. But its platform covers all areas of Israeli life from education and Diaspora relations to ecology and human rights.

On security issues, the party calls itself centrist, accepting the principle of Palestinian autonomy but rejecting the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In economic matters, the party favors privatization and less government intervention.

CJN Israel correspondent Leora Frucht interviewed Sharansky at his party's Tel Aviv headquarters – one floor of a dilapidated building a block away from the old Central Bus Station.

CJN: Every government declares aliyah to be a primary goal. Yet you claim that successive governments have failed to address the needs of immigrants. Are the country's leaders merely paying lip service to aliyah?

N.S.: There are differences in perception. Israel has absorbed an influx of immigrants equal to 10 percent of its population and no one is on the streets or dying of hunger.

In a normal society, you could call that success. In a state whose raison d'être is the ingathering of exiles that's not enough. Immigrants must feel they are an integral part of society. From this point of view, the absorption of immigrants is far from a success. Immigrants are not working in their profession, have lost their status and feel that the establishment doesn't care.

CJN: In what ministry could you have the most influence?

N.S.: I'm not thinking about a ministry. I want to see a situation in which being appointed to the government's cabinet on absorption becomes as important and desirable as serving on the security cabinet – something that is not the case today.

Immigration is a security issue. Bringing another million Jews to Israel is as important as secure borders.

CJN: Would minister of absorption be the obvious post for you?

N.S.: Not necessarily. It depends on what real power that ministry has. Today it is almost a symbolic post. It's not only a matter of money, but influence – how much that ministry can influence the decision making of other ministries.

We don't want to be given the absorption ministry just to pacify us. We want absorption to be made into a top national issue like defence.

Natan Sharansky

CJN: I have heard new immigrants say that an immigrants' party is not needed because if things are good for Israel, they'll be good for *olim;* and if they're bad for Israel, they'll be bad for *olim*.

N.S.: I agree. One of our slogans is: 'The fate of Israel is the fate of aliyah.' But we believe that Israeli society is in crisis. We are not demanding anything special for *olim* in the changes we'd like to see in society. The economy, housing, the level of general and Jewish education and civil rights are all very important issues for the country. The fact that today this need for change is expressed through the immediate needs of Russian aliyah doesn't make our movement a Russian or new immigrant movement.

CJN: Do you think it's unfair that Israel Ba'Aliya been branded an "ethnic" party with narrow interests?

N.S.: It's a deliberate attempt by political parties to restrict our influence and marginalize us, and they will fail at this.

CJN: How will your party be any different from the religious parties which are perceived as special interest groups willing to vote any way in order to get funds for their own institutions?

N.S.: Not all the criticism of the religious parties is fair. They are no different than other interest groups like the kibbutzim or settlement movement. But I don't believe, nor does our electorate believe, that it is in our interest to get bigger mortgages by compromising our principles on security. Security is an important part of our vision and platform. We view our party as a tool to change society, rather than as a tool to get specific funds.

CJN: Many Russian immigrants feel that in order to integrate into Israel politically, they should vote for one of the two major parties. What percentage of the immigrant vote do you expect to get?

N.S.: Today we see that new immigrants are divided into three groups. About a third have already decided to vote for us; a third are undecided; and a third are divided between Likud and Labor with a slight advantage to Likud. We have very limited resources so we are concentrating on the first two groups.

CJN: Civil marriage, secular burial and public transportation on the Sabbath are a few of the items on your platform. Do you really believe you can pass legislation that constitutes a direct challenge to the religious status quo?

N.S.: We must draw attention to new realities and try to push leaders to do the things we think are logical. We want logic and harmony in our lives in a democratic and Jewish Israel.

CJN: You are regarded as a man of principles, a man of great integrity. Do you fear that you may lose that once you enter politics?

N.S.: I know that it will be very difficult. That was why I resisted entering politics for 10 years. But I came to the conclusion that there is no other way to influence the state. I'm sure that if the gulag didn't spoil me, neither will politics.

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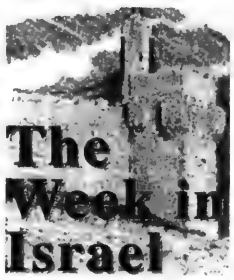

The Week in Israel

April 29

• The media reported that seven people were killed and more than 20 injured in motor vehicle accidents in April on the Arava highway in southern Israel.

April 30

• MK Benny Begin stated that he has information the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority were planning private contacts to work out the nature of the future changes in the PNC covenant. Critical of the policies of Shimon Peres, Middle East experts, Prof. Yehoshua Porat, formerly of the Meretz party, and Chaim Shaked, former head of the Dayan Centre at Tel Aviv University, endorsed the candidacy of Benjamin Netanyahu.

May 1

• Miriam Ben-Porat, Israel's State Comptroller, tabled her annual report in tne Knesset and recommended to Michael Ben-Yair, the government's legal advisor, that three files be further investigated due to the possible involvement of criminal behavior.

• The defence counsel of Yigal Amir filed a notice of appeal with the Supreme Court alleging that the prosecution failed to adequately consider the possibility that Amir had fired blanks and that the shots which killed the prime minister had been fired by a second person.

May 2

• Nissim Guda'i, a 71 year old resident of Kiryat Arba, was stabbed in the back in the central market of Hebron. He was immediately rushed to Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem where he remains in serious condition.

May 3

• *Ma'ariv* reported that Iran is building tunnel-like installations along its southwest shoreline to use as storing facilities for long-range missiles.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Fundamentalists may affect election outcome

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

As odd as it may sound, Prime Minister Shimon Peres' fate in the May 29 Israeli general election is partially in the hands of Hamas and Hezbollah, the Islamic fundamentalist groups which oppose Israel's existence as well as the Oslo peace process.

Hamas can theoretically jeopardize Peres' chances of winning by carrying out more suicide bombings in the next two weeks. After the last wave of bombings in late February and early March, which claimed 59 victims, Peres' popularity ratings plummeted.

Peres also remembers that when Arab terrorists firebombed an Israeli bus near Jericho, killing three Israelis, the incident hardened public opinion and cost Peres the 1988 election.

Hezbollah, which recently agreed to a ceasefire ending 16 days of fighting in southern Lebanon and northern Israel, is in a similar position of strength.

If Hezbollah breaks the truce and fires more Katyushas into the Galilee, Israeli voters could decide that the government is not providing for their safety and punish Peres at the polls.

A consummate politician, Peres keenly appreciates the security concerns which animate Israelis. Indeed, several days before Israel launched Operation Grapes of Wrath on April 11, Peres accused Iran — Hezbollah's chief backer and an ardent foe of the peace process — of trying to bring down his government.

Cognizant of the external factors which impinge on the forthcoming election, Peres is doing his best to burnish his image as Mr. Security. In an intriguing reversal of roles, Peres is emphasizing security, while his Likud rival, Benjamin Netanyahu, is harping on peace.

In this respect, their main campaign slogans are revealing. The Labor party's slogan is "A Strong Israel With Peres," while the Likud's is "Peace With Security." As observers have noted, Peres is attempting to pull the ideological rug out from under Netanyahu, who at best is grudging in his support of the Oslo process. By the same token, Peres is attempting to convince the electorate that the peace process is paying tangible dividends and is worth pursuing.

Due to this strategy, Peres is about five percentage points ahead of Netanyahu at this point in the hotly-contested race.

In his quest to persuade Israelis that he is as tough as the late Yitzhak Rabin with regard to security, Peres has made a number of commitments and promises.

He has pledged that he will not sign final agreements with the Palestinians and Syria until the results of nation-wide referendums on the future of the West Bank and the Golan Heights are in. Critics on the right and the left claim that, with this tactic, Peres is deliberately fudging the issues and blurring the lines between the Labor party and Likud.

Peres, too, has said that the Jordan River will be Israel's "security border," and that the majority of Jewish settlements in the territories will remain under Israeli control.

The current status of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital, he has said consistently, will not be altered. Peres' formula for Jerusalem is that it is "religiously open and politically closed." Peres, however, has ignored calls by the Likud to shut down Orient House, the Palestinians' headquarters in East Jerusalem, captured and annexed by Israel in 1967.

In a bid to woo religious Jews, the majority of whom are politically right-wing, Peres has promised further funds for religious education and housing. And he has pledged to preserve the status quo in religious matters, which favors Orthodox rather than Conservative and Reform Jews.

Yet for all his pandering to the right, Peres is working hard to consolidate and further the peace process which he and Rabin launched with the 1993 Declaration of Principles, signed by Israel and the PLO.

In a significant volte-face last month following the Palestine National Council's historic decision to revoke clauses in its covenant calling for Israel's destruction, the Labor party withdrew its opposition to a Palestinian state. In yet another move of great import, which may affect Israel's bilateral negotiations with Syria, the Labor party declared that the Golan Heights are no longer essential to Israel's security.

And with his recent state visits to Oman and Qatar, which have established formal relations with Israel, Peres has been able to show fickle voters that the peace process, however disrupted by terrorism, has been to Israel's advantage.

President Bill Clinton, who is firmly committed to the peace process, has used his office to help Peres. He visited Israel in the wake of the recent suicide bombings and announced a special program of aid. Then, on April 28, he promised Israel assistance in the joint development of a missile defence system against hostile ballistic missiles and Katyusha rockets.

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IDF reports on Kana shelling

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The IDF has said that its final inquiry into the Kana shelling, which killed more than 100 Lebanese refugees, showed the tragedy happened because of miscalculations, but insisted the bombardment was necessary to halt mortar and Katyusha fire on an Israeli army unit.

Pointing to black-and-white aerial photographs of the Kana UN base before and after the IDF shelling, Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i denied reported UN findings that the IDF knew civilians had sought refuge in the camp and had deliberately fired on them.

"We did not know there were refugees there," insisted Vilna'i. "We had no intention of hitting the UN camp. Hezbollah knew this and placed its mortar and Katyusha launcher very close to the camp."

The inquiry said one artillery battery fired 15 rounds at the Katyusha launcher, but most of the rounds hit an open field less than 100 metres from the target. A second battery also fired 15 rounds, but aimed at a mortar position, which the army said was from 250 metres to 290 metres from the camp.

This distance would normally be too close for approval to open fire, but OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said the order was given since it was a life-threatening situation.

"The commander on the ground reported that mortar shells were falling 40 metres from his men and getting closer," Levine said. "I sent those soldiers there and my first consideration was to bring them home safely – and we did."

The IDF inquiry was conducted by Chief Artillery Officer Brig.-Gen. Dan Harel. The initial version was rejected last week by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, who sent it back for more details.

It came back with details of two mistakes which ultimately led to the direct hit on the refugees.

According to the inquiry, two shells hit structures on the UN base and up to five shells may have fallen within the perimeter.

The inquiry revealed that the IDF had miscalculated the exact place of the UN camp in Kana and had also failed to take into account its relatively large size, some 200 metres by 100 metres. This meant that the base was really less than 100 metres from the mortar. The 155-mm shells are considered deadly within a 500-metre radius.

Agency offices closed

By BATSHEVA TSUR
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – A flurry of diplomatic activity in Washington, Moscow and Jerusalem, as well as pressure from U.S. Jewish leaders, led the U.S. State Department last week to make a statement expressing concern over the closure of certain Jewish Agency centres in Russia.

At the same time, Jewish Agency chair Avraham Burg arrived in New York for a 10-hour visit, during which he held intensive negotiations with some 15 Jewish leaders on strategies for dealing with the closure of the agency's offices in Birobidzhan and Piatrgorsk, regional headquarters for aliyah from the Caucasus.

Various contingency plans were reportedly discussed, including a concerted worldwide Jewish campaign, to make it possible for the agency to continue its aliyah operations in case the situation worsened.

Simultaneously, agency experts continued negotiations with officials of the Russian Justice Ministry on redefining the legal status of the Jewish Agency in that country, after being informed retroactively that on April 2 new laws made it imperative to apply for a different mandate.

The agency had been operating under a mandate granted in April 1992 to provide educational, religious, cultural and sports activities and facilities for Russian Jews, and permitting it to deal with emigration to Israel, including the transport of people and luggage. The mandate was for an indefinite period, but included a clause permitting its revocation by the Justice Ministry.

The negotiations are reportedly proceeding without any particular problems.

In Russia, emissaries are reportedly continuing with regular activities in the various agency centres – except for Piatrgorsk and Birobidzhan – albeit with an eye on the new laws. There were no immediate reports of a decrease in interest in aliyah nor of cancellation of agency activities and flights out of Russia.

Trusting Shimon Peres

By SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

The orientalist Prof. Yehoshua (Shuka) Porat, formerly a candidate on the Knesset list of Shinui and more recently a supporter of the Third Way, publicly announced last week he is going to vote for Benjamin Netanyahu for prime minister.

Opinion

Porat, who by no means can be described as a right- winger, does not trust Prime Minister Shimon Peres. He believes the Oslo process initiated by Yitzhak Rabin and Peres is basically wrong, endangers Israel's security and that Peres is not fit to negotiate peace with the Arabs.

He also agrees with MK Benny Begin's stance that the Palestinian promise to delete articles from the Palestine Covenant calling for Israel's liquidation is nothing but a hoax.

Since Porat is a serious academic who is well versed in Palestinian double-talk, his views carry weight. His bottom line is not that the peace process with the Palestinians should stop, only that someone much more prudent and responsible than Peres should conduct it. He is not certain that Netanyahu is the right man, but is willing to give him a chance.

This approach is legitimate, but not necessarily correct. Though the Palestinians, and particularly the PLO, deserve first prize for double-talk in the Middle East, the question to be asked is whether they have finally come to realize that the dream of Israel vanishing from the Middle East is no more realistic than the dream of many Israelis that the Palestinians should migrate to the 22 existing independent Arab states.

The answer to this is clear. There is no real reason to doubt that Palestinian leaders have come to accept the basic premise of the Oslo agreements: Israelis and Palestinians are either going to live together on the basis of mutual respect, or blow each other's brains out.

The argument that the Covenant's amendment is nothing but a hoax also seems to be based more on bias and dogma than reality.

To label Peres as irresponsible is unfair. He has never implemented anything that damages Israel's future and security, unless one rejects the basic premise upon which Labor's whole peace policy is based: that peace can only be achieved on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from most of the territories occupied by Israel in 1967.

But if Peres is irresponsible on this count, so was Menachem Begin, who agreed to return to Egypt the whole of the Sinai Peninsula.

Furthermore, the assumption that Netanyahu is more responsible than Peres does not seem to be based on anything more than wishful thinking and anti-Peres prejudice. It is difficult to understand how anyone can believe that Netanyahu, whose double-talk in the course of the current election campaign has turned into a systematic method, is more trustworthy than Peres. And, if one adds to this the fact that Netanyahu has added to his "military flank" ex-generals Ariel Sharon, Rafael Eitan and the politically inexperienced Yitzhak Mordechai, while Peres's retired generals are Ehud Barak, Ori Orr, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Efraim Sneh, the argument that the former is more trustworthy than the latter becomes even harder to accept.

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Clinton backs return of assets

By ALISSA KAPLAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – U.S. President Bill Clinton expressed his support last week for efforts to have Holocaust-era Jewish bank accounts in Switzerland returned to their rightful owners or their heirs.

Clinton's statement came the same day that Swiss banking officials and Jewish leaders penned an agreement in New York to create a committee to oversee the "unfettered" search for the World War II bank accounts of Holocaust victims.

"Our most recent conversation with regard to the return of Jewish assets in Swiss banks enjoys the support of this administration," Clinton wrote in a May 2 letter to Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress and one of the agreement's signatories.

Clinton also said the restitution effort "is a moral issue and a question of justice, and I hope you will keep me informed of your progress."

The aim of the understanding reached May 2 is to determine the whereabouts of money deposited in Switzerland by Jews during the World War II era. A related goal of the agreement is to uncover looted Jewish assets that were deposited into Nazi accounts.

Jewish Agency for Israel chair Avraham Burg, who came to New York for the signing of the agreement, called it "a breakthrough."

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) commended the World Jewish Congress and the Swiss Bankers Association.

"The Swiss have taken an important begining step towards resolving this long-standing issue," said CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone.

The road that led to last week's agreement was sometimes bumpy, particularly when the Swiss Bankers Association announced in February that they had found 774 dormant accounts worth about $32 million (US), said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

Jewish organizations have claimed that the figure could be as high as several billion dollars.

The World Jewish Congress did not accept the "unilateral findings," because the process used to determine the numbers was not a "transparent" one, Steinberg said, adding that the move by the Swiss had been a "complete breach of understanding."

But the Swiss bankers agreed to "change their position" after hearings this month on the issue before a Senate committee, he said.

The independent commission established as a result of the agreement is made up of six people, three of whom represent the Jewish community and three who represent the Swiss Bankers Association. In addition, each side will have two alternate members.

Including Burg, the Jewish representatives are Shevach Weiss, speaker of the Knesset, and Ruben Beraja, an Argentine leader and member of the Latin American Jewish Congress.

The group will choose a chair and oversee independent auditors.

Swiss insurance companies and transfer agencies will also be searched for Jewish assets, said Steinberg, who called the new understanding an "excellent first step."

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Family man Patinkin loves live concerts best

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dr. Jeffrey Geiger may have turned in his operating room greens last fall, but New York-based actor Mandy Patinkin, who now portrays the troubled, multi-talented cardiac surgeon on an occasional basis, continues to delve wholeheartedly into the *Chicago Hope* role that won him an Emmy award last year.

During a recent phone interview, Patinkin, 43, described his visit that morning to a New York City hospital to learn first-hand about a program that brings "clown doctors" into the intensive care unit (ICU) — his research for last week's episode of the weekly hospital drama.

"I've been trying to get them to do this for a while. Have you heard of the Clown Care Unit of the Big Apple Circus? It's really extraordinary. They have clowns that go into the ICU and make these kids laugh," he said matter-of-factly.

His voice changed, becoming breathy and incredulous, when he recalled being "in the room with some kids who were dying and on respirators ... and all of a sudden after five minutes, this one kid just starts laughing. It was incredible."

The father of two children — Isaac, 13, and Gideon, 9, Patinkin left *Chicago Hope* to spend more time with them and his wife, actress-writer Kathryn Grody.

A week-long visit from his oldest son while he was taping in Los Angeles had been the final straw.

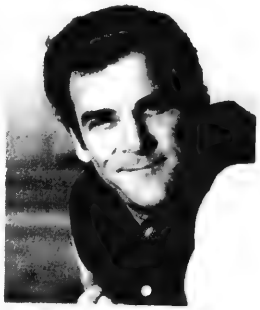
"To no one's ill intention, before we knew it, I was shooting five episodes at once, because this one needed to be rewritten, that one was late, and all of a sudden I was there 24 hours a day. When he left, we were both crying, and I just couldn't deal with it.

"Even if they moved the show to New York, I couldn't do a job where I would never be home for dinner, never be free for a weekend. I didn't know what the job would be like. I learned as I went along."

Although *Chicago Hope* was his first television series, bringing him to the attention of a wider audience, aficionados of live theatre have been familiar with his talent for a long time. In 1980, he won a Tony award for his Broadway debut as Che in *Evita* and he was nominated for his starring role in *Sunday in the Park with George*.

His dozen or so film roles included Avigdor in Barbra Streisand's *Yentl* and Inigo Montoya in *The Princess Bride*.

But doing live concerts gives him the most pleasure. Although his



Mandy Patinkin

voice has been described by reviewers as "masterful" and exquisite," it's the spontaneity and interaction with the audience that he enjoys most. A December concert in Toronto was part of a North American tour.

Last month he left for London, England, to film Arthur Miller's *Broken Glass*, a Jewish-themed play set in 1939 Brooklyn. In it Patinkin plays a German-trained Jewish doctor who is naive about the Nazi threat.

"It's a tremendous juxtaposition of hope and reality," he said.

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Violinist plays Gershwin on new album

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Like father, like son. Lenny Solomon, 43, is a jazz violinist who still loves the classics, and his father, Stanley Solomon, 79, former principal viola player with the Toronto Symphony, loves the jazz his son plays.

'My father has always supported me,'' Lenny Solomon told *The CJN* recently. ''When I started out playing rock he'd come down to the club and cheer me on.''

Solomon has climbed well up the music ladder since then and has just returned from a 13-city U.S. tour. Next season, he'll do, a 35-city U.S. tour. His new album *The Gershwin Sessions*, with Canadian trumpeter Guido Basso, is a hit.

Jazz comes naturally to Lenny Solomon.

On May 29, he gives his second benefit concert for Israel's Nashim-Herzog Hospital at Inn on the Park.

Also performing at the concert are Quartetto Gelato, Mark DuBois and Maureen Forrester.

The night before, May 28, he is giving a benefit concert at the Ford Centre to support a program to teach fiddling to children of the Canadian Arctic.

''Jazz comes naturally to me, even though there are few jazz violinists in the world,'' he said. ''I'm flattered when people compare me to Stefan Grappelli, the world's most recorded jazz musician.''

Now a resident of Toronto's east end, Solomon attended Cedarvale Public School and Vaughan Road Collegiate. His oldest daughter, Eva, 13, celebrates her bat mitzvah May 18. Eva and her sister, Zoe, 10, attend Hebrew school at Congregation Habonim. His significant other, Wendy Tummon, is a classical cellist and they play together in string ensembles.

Music runs in the Solomon family — his sister Maribeth is a well-known film score writer.

Solomon's 130-year-old violin, which he bought in Toronto, was made in France. ''It's no Stradivarius, but I'm lucky to have it.''

His favorite piece of Gershwin music is *A Foggy Day in London Town*

Lazare-Mirvish exhibition

Toronto-based artist Anne Lazare-Mirvish is exhibiting her latest collection of abstract sculptures at Gallery One in Toronto until May 14.

"Anne's Recipes" features new works composed of pressed metals metals incorporating a variety of forms which are often highly textured and brightly colored.

"Anne's Recipes" is so called because as Lazare-Mirvish explains, "they have all kinds of ingredients," and embody so many ideas.

Patinkin trained in synagogue boys choir

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Like his character in the film, he takes pride in his Jewishness. Mandel Bruce Patinkin received his early voice training as a young member of his Conservative synagogue's boys' choir in his native Chicago.

Following his bar mitzvah, however, he took a breather from things Jewish. "I never said I wasn't Jewish, but I certainly didn't pursue anything about it.

It wasn't until he met his wife in the late 1970s that he felt a strong need to "do something religious" to mirror the depth of his feelings. Having a Jewish wedding was important to him. With love, marriage and children, "my whole real life started [and] all my Judaism came rushing back," he said.

He is currently working on an album of Yiddish songs (this will be his ninth recording, his first in Yiddish), which he hopes to complete this year.

Although he doesn't speak Yiddish, he knows the meaning of every word he sings. He says he loves singing Yiddish songs "almost more than any other kind. Maybe it's genetic. It is a very powerful thing."

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Musical comedy enlightening for the entire family

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It's to be a first-ever family theatre night on May 16 for Stage Kids, when the troupe showcases this season's slam dunk musical mystery, *The Player Principle*, written by Rochelle Douris, produced and directed by Lisa Barnett and Barbara Onrot.

Stage Kids, founded nine years ago by Barnett, who also writes all scores and lyrics, is a not-for-profit charitable group that explores contemporary issues through live musical theatre for young audiences.

This season's regular performances for schoolchildren, scheduled in April and May at Minkler Auditorium, Heritage Theatre and Ryerson Theatre, are virtually sold out and will attract some 33,000 young people from as far afield as Oshawa, Oakville and Simcoe, as well as across Metro Toronto.

However, tickets are available for the evening family night performance at Ryerson Theatre.

At the outset, *The Player Principle* zeroes in on a tense moment just before Game 7 of the NBA finals between the Toronto Raptors and the Vancouver Grizzles.

J.J. Johnson, probably the ace player of all time and star centre for the Raptors, has disappeared! When team owner Darlene Ditove announces a delay, declaring that the game can't go on without him, rumors race through the crowd of devoted fans.

What is behind this no-show? Is foul play involved? Whodunnit — the owner, the team manager, the coach, a player? Everyone is suspect.

And the show does go on, but not as anticipated.

Players, arena staff and the crowd/audience, are all caught up in a farcical, musical, toe-tapping hunt for the missing man.

As they become involved, they begin to understand team spirit, conflict resolution and racism. They also realize that their heroes are only human.

The Player Principle brings together mom, dad and the kids in a magical, comical, enlightening experience.

For tickets to family theatre night on May 16, call 416-538-1345. Prices are $25 for adults, with free admission to children under 14 (up to three children admitted with every adult ticket purchased).

Prizes to be drawn during the event include a weekend for two at Pinehouse Inn and dinner for two at Aqua.

All proceeds from the evening will go to support Stage Kids and its future productions.

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

JERUSALEM – "Welcome to Cardo Culineria," said Rafi Nahum, "the only Roman-Judean kosher restaurant in the world."

In this unique and atmospheric restaurant on the main street of Jerusalem's Old City, visitors are given a rousing welcome. In my case, while one attendant put a helmet on my head and handed me a golden shield, another pinned a purple toga around me and a third announced my arrival with a shofar-like flourish of an antiquated trumpet. At Cardo Culineria they treat you like Somebody.

The concept is simple: to reproduce a Judean dining experience from Roman times, 2, 000 years ago. " We were concerned that some religious people might not like the fact that we were opening a Roman-style restaurant," said Nahum, a co-owner of the establishment. "That's why we chose the Judean theme."

We were seated on a bench at a low table bearing dishes of olives and pickles. As a waiter-slave poured lemonade and served bowls of lentil soup with pita, Nahum explained that when the restaurant opened five years ago, the meals were completely loyal to the ancient palette.

"People said the food was 'different' – they didn't use the word 'tasty' – so we changed our recipes slightly to bring them more in line with modern tastes.

"We follow some basic principles. For instance we don't serve tomatoes, potatoes, corn, eggplant, Coke or other items we know did not exist here 2,000 years ago."

Lunch at Cardo Culineria is a relatively civilized affair. At dinnertime, the *prix fixe* menu also includes wine, dancing girls, jugglers and flame-throwers.

Reasonably priced, a meal at Cardo Culineria demonstrates the unsurpassed quality and variety of kosher dining in Israel. It also reflects a tourist infrastructure that characteristically offers the best of the ancient and modern worlds on a platter.

Cardio Culineria is under the supervision of the Rabbinical Council of Jerusalem.

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Shortly after this unusual, lighthearted lunch, we stood at the entrance to the Western Wall tunnels. Cleared of tonnes of centuries-old debris, these recently-excavated passages run beneath the houses of the Muslim quarter, following the unexposed part of the Western Wall northward some 450 metres to the corner.

Opened only four years ago, the tunnel leads past a variety of subterranean halls, arches and other constructions of Byzantine and Mameluke origin, offering astonishing glimpses of the Second Temple's sturdy Herodian architecture. Deep below ground, it terminates in a section of Roman street, pillared and cobblestoned, that the ancient Israelites walked two millenia ago.

Conducted by a tour guide, one passes the Great Hall, which contains an excellent scale model of the Temple. At Wilson's Arch, once part of a royal bridge connecting King Herod's palace to the Temple, there is a fenced-off place of prayer from which the hallelujahs and lamentations of the pious reverberate.

This, ostensibly, is the synagogue closest to the Holy of Holies, Judaism's most sacred site.

The Great Stone is a massive block in the original Herodian wall, roughly four metres deep by 1.35 metres long; it weighs roughly 400 tonnes. No one knows how it was put in place. The Romans couldn't budge it when they brought down the Temple in 70CE.

Supposedly, the building of the Temple and the Temple Mount took a workforce of 10,000 professional builders, including 1,000 priests. One can only imagine their thoughts as they laid the foundations. Just as the visitor finds much excellent nourishment for the physical body in Israel, one finds much excellent sustenance for the soul as well.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir: In celebration of its 70th anniversary, the choir performs both old and new music expressing the sorrows and joys of the Jewish experience through the ages, at an annual Spring Concert, May 26, 2:30 p.m. at Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Bldg., 80 Queen's Park Cres. (at Avenue Road), Toronto.

Soprano Claire Klein Osipov returns to Toronto from Vancouver to perform various selections, including the lead role in the folk operetta *Tevye's Hodl* by Maurice Rauch, based on the story by Sholom Aleichem. As well, the choir offers Reflections of Solomon, a new work by Alexander Rapoport.

Tickets (adults $15, seniors and students $12) are available at the door or in advance at Negev, Israel's and Matana Judaica bookstores and Lasting Impressions Photo. 416-489-7681 or 416-492-7110.

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Tribute to Carlebach: Rabbi Yisroel Travis, accompanied by Yehuda Gilden, offers a tribute to Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah, 3600 Bathurst St., Toronto. A kosher wine tasting precedes the concert; refreshments served. Tickets ($10) available from the shul office. Sharon, 416-787-1631.

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Toronto Yiddish Poet Honored: A literary musical evening honors 75-year-old Toronto Yiddish poet Simcha Simchovitch, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto. The event features Yiddish writer and scholar Dr. Moshe Wolfe, Cantor Paul Kowarsky, storyteller and actor Nathan Garnick, Yiddish folksinger Jennie Eisenstein and others.

Simchovitch is the author of four poetry books in Yiddish, a scholarly monograph in Hebrew and a collection of English poems. His novel *Stepchild on the Vistula* appeared both in Yiddish and English and was hailed by critics as a genuine portrayal of pre-Holocaust Jewish life in Poland.

Sponsors include The Committee for Yiddish, the Yiddishe Kulture Geselshaft and Friends of Yiddish. Reception following. Admission free.

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Theatrical Grab Bag: Herein, some news and notices from Toronto's theatre world.

• Livent Inc. recently announced that its musical adaptation of the E.L. Doctorow novel *Ragtime*, which has been in development for more than two years, premieres January 1997 at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, North York, precisely three years after Livent chair and CEO Garth Drabinsky acquired the worldwide theatrical rights.

• After acquiring the rights last December for the "shocking" off-Broadway comedy *Three Viewings* by Jeffrey Hatcher, Torontonians Ben and Sylvia Lennick and their daughter Julie planned to play all three roles themselves. It was to be The Three Lennicks in *Three Viewings*. Alas, Ben died suddenly in January, but not before advising Sylvia to recast the play. Now with Paul Soles in Ben's role, *Three Viewings* runs May 14 to 19 at the Ford Centre Studio Theatre, North York.

• Avi Hoffman's hit musical *Too Jewish?* is in performance May 26 to 29 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, North York. Tickets available at Israel's Judaica Centre, 897 Eglinton Ave. W.; Lasting Impressions One-Hour Photo in Bathurst Manor Plaza; and Matana Judaica, 248 Steeles Ave., Unit 6, Thornhill. Or phone 416-872-1111.

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Kurelek Exhibit: Sixteen paintings of Jewish life in Canada by artist William Kurelek are on view at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., North York, now through June 16. Kurelek, who was Christian, painted many Jewish subjects. "I wanted to do my bit in undoing some of the injustices Jews have suffered at the hands of Christians," he explained in 1975. Admission free.

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In Brief: An exhibit of photographs taken from 1969 to 1979 by Toronto photographer and filmmaker David Latchman, are on view at Patachou Patisserie, 1905 Yonge St., Toronto. Until May 18.

• A burst of applause greeted the sale of Reuven Rubin's oil painting, *Strike In The Negev*, when it sold last month at Sotheby's in Tel Aviv for $112,500 (US), more than seven times its low estimate.

• Israeli violinist Yehonatan Berick, violist Paul Coletti and horn player John Cerminaro are featured guests in the Amici concert series, May 10 at 8 p.m. at the Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W. Adults $23. 416-205-5555.

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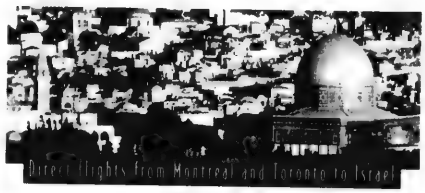

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Hachoo! Oh no, it's allergy season again

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the late, lamented TV program *Northern Exposure*, one of the show's many offbeat characters took up residence in a plastic bubble to avoid an allergic reaction to environmental substances that could kill him.

In *Seinfeld*, Kramer was excited about the prospects of visiting "Bubble Boy," likewise someone forced to live in a bubble to avoid allergic reactions.

Those scenarios made for many comic moments, but in the real world, living with allergies is anything but funny.

Indeed, for some, allergies can be a matter of life and death — reactions to peanuts are one example — but in most cases, life-threatening situations are rare. Common reactions are either a mild case of eczema or hay fever that respond to conventional over the counter medication. Pollen, animal dander (dead skin cells), dust, some foods and animals are the principal culprits triggering allergic reactions.

"A person with allergies can't change her environment completely; she must learn to live in it; and with modern medicine, that is possible," write a quartet of practising allergists and a professional dietician.

The five, Dr. Barry Zimmerman, Dr. Milton Gold, Dr. Sasson Lavi, Dr. Stephen Feanny and Eleanor Brownridge, have recently updated an earlier book on allergies — just in time for the spring pollen season.

Titled *The Canadian Allergy and Asthma Handbook*, published by Random House Canada, the book provides the latest in avoidance strategies, medications and tips on how to cope with allergies, asthma and their complications.

One in five Canadians suffers from one form of allergy or another, while an estimated 35 million North Americans suffer from hay fever (allergy to airborne pollen). One million more experience a severe reaction to food and a further one million are dangerously allergic to insect stings, say materials provided by Random House.

The authors' look at allergies and asthma begins with a few definitions. Allergies, they note, represent an abnormal response by the immune system to an allergen, a protein in the environment. Allergens include things like dust particles, pollen and foods.

In somewhat technical language, they describe how the body reacts to invasion at the biochemical level and they point out that reaction is an inherited trait.

Interestingly, asthma and allergies are usually connected: "Mild, intermittent asthma, particularly in preschool children, often occurs without allergy, whereas chronic asthma is associated with allergy in 70 to 80 percent of children over the age of six."

The difficulty in breathing associated with asthma is due to a narrowing of airways to the lungs caused primarily by inflammation. Viral infections (colds), pollens, dust, animal dander, moulds, chemicals and tobacco smoke are primary causes of inflammation, they note.

While today many people are relying on "alternative" methods to treat allergies, the authors state emphatically that the best threatment is the aggressive use of prescribed medication to reduce inflammation coupled with environmental controls. By improving your personal environment, you can help reduce the amount of medication you need, they write.

Eliminating tobacco smoke and animal dander are usually good steps in combatting allergies and asthma. Other helpful tips:

- Keep the house clean and keep humidity down, to reduce levels of house dust, which contain dust mites, mould spores, dander and other debris.
- Dust mites love to live in carpets, particularly shag or wool ones. In some cases, you may have to remove them and keep the floor bare, which allows for better cleaning.
- Remove dust collectors like cork boards, pennants, mobiles and hanging plants.
- To keep dust mites and moulds from multiplying, keep the house temperature between 20 and 21 degrees celsius and the humidity between 25 and 40 percent (use dehumidifiers).
- Keep aquariums out of bedrooms.
- In some cases, you may have to remove animal pets from the house or keep them outside as much as possible.
- Use alternatives to chemical-containing household items like perfumes, insecticides, hairsprays, deodorants and cleaning agents.

Laniado nursing scholarships to honor Toronto couple

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Community leaders Dr. Laurie and Maxine Blendis are preparing to make aliyah this summer.

"A nursing scholarship will be established at Laniado honoring Laurie and Maxine," said David William Brown, chair of the Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital.

"Laniado is a general hospital that serves the city of Netanya and the surrounding area, a population of more than 250,000," Maxine said.

"Despite inadequate funding, the hospital continues to do an incredible job and excelled itself following the Bet Lid bombing incident, despite the fact that its emergency department was totally overwhelmed. It also has state of the art departments including kidney dialysis and ophthalmology," she said.

"Above all, however," Laurie Blendis said, "is the commitment to the human side of medicine. The nursing department gives the highest possible level of caring and it is because of that, that we particularly wanted to be associated with this nursing scholarship."

From a small outpatient clinic in 1975, Laniado has grown to be a comprehensive medical centre, Brown said.

Located at Kiryat Sanz, a suburb of Netanya, Laniado is the only hospital in one of the fastest growing regions of Israel. Many of the nurses are graduates of the hospital's teaching facility, the Tessler School of Nursing.

More than 42,000 people are treated in the emergency department each year. There are 130 patient beds and a long-term care facility with an additional 72 beds.

To cope with increasing pressures, the hospital intends to expand, Brown said. "There are plans to double the capacity of the hospital which has departments of paediatrics, oncology, surgery and maternity, a cardiac unit and facilities to care for victims of terrorist attacks."

The Tessler School of Nursing was the first in Israel to create a retraining program for Russian immigrants and is one of Israel's finest nursing schools, Brown added.

"The Dr. Laurie and Maxine Blendis scholarship will enable a young nurse to receive full training and begin a lifetime of service," he said.

Blendis is a specialist in the research and treatment of liver disease. He was the recipient of the gold medal for outstanding achievement in Research and Science in Hepatology, awarded by the Canadian Liver Foundation. An active volunteer, he served as president of the Israel Medical Association's Canadian chapter.

Maxine, an artist and lecturer in Jewish and biblical art, is the founding chair of Amichai, an educational fund for Ethiopian Jewry, and she worked for Soviet Jewry and tutored the deaf.

The couple will be honored at a fundraising cruise and reception on May 12 aboard the Northern Spirit.

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Leafs quiz helps Buds fans get over early exit

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Alas, the Leafs have lost, are lost and are likely to be lost for some time to come.

But even as this disappointing season comes to a hasty end, those with Leafs' blue running through their veins can take solace from the following quiz based on Leafs' legerdemain from the past.

Based on information contained in *Captains*, Michael Ulmer's profile of nine men who have worn the "C" for the Buds, the quiz may help Leafs' fans get over a nasty period of hockey withdrawal.

Good luck.

1. What was "Hap" Day's given name?
2. Who did St. Louis Blues obtain when they traded Doug Gilmour to the Calgary Flames?
3. Who was the Leafs' coach in 1941-42 when they came back from a 3-0 deficit to beat Detroit in the Cup final? Who was the goalie?
4. Which Leafs captain served as a Tory MPP and Minister of Corrections?
5. Which Leaf is tops (lifetime) in goals and points?
6. Which captain once represented Canada at the Olympics and was Toronto's only first team all star centre?
7. Which two Leafs captains started their careers with Birmingham in the WHA as "Baby Bulls"?
8. Who captained the most Leafs Cup-winning teams and how many?
9. Who was the youngest-ever Leafs captain? How old?
10. Who hold the Leafs' record for most goals in a season? How many?
11. Who had a telephone installed on the Leafs bench so he could give instructions to the coach during games?
12. Who was on the Leafs' DAD line?

Answers ...

1. A custodian in his public school gave Clarence Day the nickname "Hap." During his 29 years of employment with the Leafs, Day served as captain, coach and general manager of the team. He began his career in the 1927-28 season and led the team to four Cup finals before retiring as a player after the 1936-37 campaign. He coached them from 1940-50, a decade in which they won five Stanley Cups.

2. Gilmour started his NHL career with the Blues but management felt compelled to trade him after nasty allegations of sexual assault were raised by the parents of a girl who babysat Gilmour's daughter. (No criminal charges were laid and civil suits in the case were eventually dropped.) Cliff Fletcher, then Flames' GM, gave up Mike Bullard, Craig Coxe and Tim Corkery to St. Louis for Gilmour, Mark Hunter, Steve Bozek and Michael Dark.

3. Hap Day coached the Leafs for that memorable comeback from a 3-0 deficit while Turk Broda tended the twine tent.

4. Syl Apps, considered by many the best captain — and most gentlemanly — the Leafs ever had, retired after the 1948 season. He won election for three terms as MPP for Kingston and the Islands beginning in 1963.

5. Darryl Sittler holds the Leafs record for goals (389) and points (916). Only George Armstrong, Tim Horton, Borje Salming, Dave Keon, Ron Ellis and Bob Pulford played more games for the Leafs.

6. Apps holds the distinction of being a former Olympian and Toronto's only first team all-star centre. Apps was a pole-vaulter in the 1936 Berlin Games as well as an Empire Games champion. He is the only person to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and the Canadian Amateur Athletics Hall of Fame.

7. Rick Vaive and Rob Ramage, both Leafs captains, started their careers as Baby Bulls with Birmingham of the WHA. They were two of five underage juniors signed to play for John Bassett's team.

8. George Armstrong, the "Chief," captained four Cup-winning teams in 1962, '63, '64 and '67. He scored the empty net insurance goal that sealed the '67 Cup win over Montreal in Canada's centennial year. Overall, he had four 20-game years during his career, which lasted from 1950-51 to 1969-70, when he retired at age 40. He captained the Leafs for 12 years, from 1957-58 to 1968-69, the longest captain's tenure in NHL history. Detroit's Alex Delvecchio, Rangers' Bill Cook and Wayne Gretzky of Edmonton and Los Angeles are second with 11 seasons each.

9. Ted "Teeder" Kennedy was the youngest Leafs captain ever. He took over the C in 1948 at age 22. He arrived with the Leafs as a 17-year-old, playing the final two games of the 1942-43 season. Known as a fierce competitor who played his best hockey in the playoffs, Kennedy helped the Leafs win five Cups before retiring at the end of the 1956-57 season. For much of his career, Kennedy's right-winger was Howie "back 'er up" Meeker, TSN's colorful analyst.

10. Rick Vaive holds the Leafs record for most goals in a season with 54, scored in 1981-82. He went on to break the 50 goal mark for three consecutive seasons. During that run, only Gretzky and Mike Bossy scored more goals. Still, the Leafs missed the playoffs twice and exited after only one round the other year. Vaive is currently coach of South Carolina Stingrays of the East Coast Hockey League.

11. Conn Smythe installed a telephone on the bench to relay instructions to his coach, Hap Day. However, Day, who referred to Smythe as "Mussy," short for Mussolini, often ignored the calls. Smythe is known for coining the phrase, "If you can't beat 'em in the alley, you can't beat 'em on the ice."

12. The DAD line consisted of left-winger Bob Davidson and right-winger Gordie Drillon, centred by Apps. Apps earlier centred the remnants of the Leafs' fabled Kid Line, skating between Busher Jackson and Charlie Conacher.

Three friends to run Dunlace Park tennis

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jonathan Gladstone, Ricky Jacobs and Adam Fisher have found themselves summer jobs that must make them the envy of any red-blooded tennis enthusiast.

Together, the three amigos will run the tennis program at the Dunlace Park Tennis Club, an outdoor community centre in north Toronto a forehand volley south of the 401.

Certified tennis instructors all, the three are readying the club for the warm summer days ahead when young and old leave behind the sterile confines of indoor bubbles and take to the parklike setting of the Dunlace club.

"One of our main efforts and goals is in junior development," said Jacobs, 20, a former manager at the Banbury Tennis Club. "We're hoping to promote the game among young people."

The trio have drawn up schedules for a full range of recreational, social and competitive tennis matches on the club's three courts. Also on the agenda are instructional programs and a mid-summer tennis camp for kids.

In the spring, the club will hold after-school lessons for students, said Gladstone, 21, the head professional. The club will also offer group lessons, private instruction and adult games in the evenings. There are plans for eight, five-day afternoon camp sessions for juniors, aged 7 to 16, beginning on July 1 for $165 per week.

For the threesome, running the tennis program is their way of "giving back to the community," Gladstone said. "We love tennis, the community and junior development."

All three grew up playing tennis in similar clubs in the Bayview community. Gladstone, a third year science student at the University of Toronto, has been a certified instructor since he was 15. At age 17, he upgraded his Tennis Canada certification to Level 2 coach.

He has coached at 10 programs in Ontario including those run by the North York Tennis Association, the Tennis Group and the All-Canadian Academy at the Canadian National Tennis Centre at York University. He was the head professional at the Dunlace Club in 1993.

Jacobs, a first year student at York University, will serve as assistant head tennis professional. Jacobs recently completed his Level 2 coaching certification. He spent the last three years as manager at the Banbury Tennis Club.

Fisher, 19, is a Grade 13 student at York Mills Collegiate, the high school attended by all three tennis buddies.

The grandson of Alex Fisher ("Mr. Maccabi"), Adam was last year's Ontario high school tennis champion. Relying in large part on his 105 m.p.h. serve, he also won the North York Championships for juniors as well as 10 provincial tournaments. He was ranked in the top 15 in singles and top 10 in doubles. A certified Level 2 instructor, he (and Jacobs) have taught at the JCC Valley Tennis Club.

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Joshua Nicholas Bayer, son of Maureen & Jonathan, celebrated his first birthday on April 23.

Happy first birthday Craig Fishman from sister Morgan, Mom & Dad Rosanne & Elliott, grandparents Merle & Stan Fishman and Pearl & Arnold Weinberg and great-grandparents Harry & Fay Nesker and Frank & Florence Cadesky.

Rebecca Sophie Katzman celebrated her first birthday on Jan. 14. Love from parents Jeffrey & Davida, grandparents Nachum & Lea Shore and Herb & Betty Katzman and great-grandmother Millie Gilbert.

Jordan Pearlman, son of Maureen & Perry, celebrated his first birthday on April 26. Proud grandparents are Sonny & Anne Schatz and Ruthie & Sid Pearlman.

Ron & Shayna Malsin announce the engagement of their daughter Elissa Stacey to Randy Brian, son of Marty & Marilyn Gould. Proud grandparents are Nathan Freedman and Julie Gould of Toronto and Mollie Udashkin of Montreal.

Marilyn Black & Sheldon Black and Lynda & Fred Wine are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children Stephanie Beth to Bryan Michael. Proud grandparents are Hetty Goldberg and Mary & David Dale.

Toby Ferber, loving aunt of many nieces and nephews, celebrated her 95th birthday on April 4.

Harry Nesker turned 88 on March 21. Best wishes from his wife, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Paul & Judith Neiger on their 40th wedding anniversary from their loving children and grandson.

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Maria & Boris Pinchenko celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28. Love from children, grandchildren, family and friends in Canada, Russia and Israel.

Mazel tov to Mr. & Mrs. Louis Zilberberg on their 50th wedding anniversary and happy 85th birthday to Louis Zilberberg on May 30 from children and grandchildren Shirley & Louis Baum, David, Jeffrey & Brian; Celia & Norman Vlaer, Michael, Richard & Stacey; Barry & Miri Zilberberg, Cheryl, Karen & Josh.

Mazel tov to Abram & Gitla Miller on their 50th wedding anniversary from their children and grandchildren David, Agnes, Ruthie, Daniel and Binyomin; Michael, Arlene, Lawrence and Natalie.

Erno & Eta Fried celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 19. Love from their children Liz & Lou, Armin & Nancy, and grandchildren Jill, Simon, Rachel, Sarah, Melissa and Jason.

Happy, healthy 70th birthday to Sam Rozencwajg on May 8 from wife Ella, children Willie, Maria, Morris, Dena, Jerry & Sherry and grandchildren Brandon, Damian, Justin, Eryn, Daniel, Jordan & Shawn.

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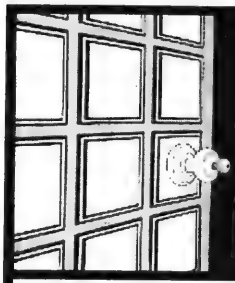

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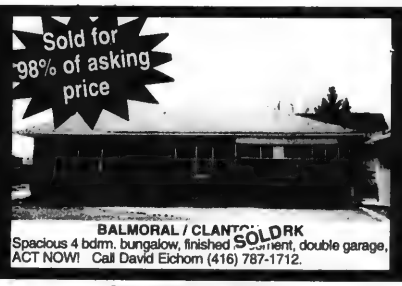

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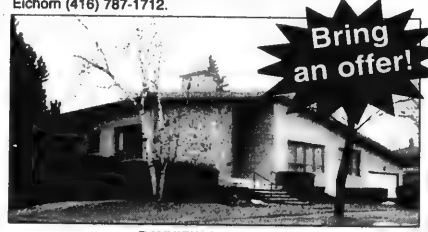

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78 FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT

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Bathurst/York Downs, bsmnt bach apt., n/smoker, 631-7738.

85 APARTMENT WANTED

Furn apt or house wanted to rent for month of June. Bathurst Lawrence area for wedding guests. 787-6608.

105 COTTAGE FOR SALE

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3 bdrm cozy cottage in Jewish community nr. Bracebridge, safe sandy beach, screened-in porch, avail July. 416-785-8595 evenings after 6:30 p.m. Sherry

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HCA avail. to work with elderly, exp., refs., Hazel 416-741-5171

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Sidney Schwartz - April 3, 1996, beloved husband of Clara Fein Schwartz, late of 1001 Avenue Rd.

Earl Gardner on April 19, 1996, late of 135 Antibes Dr., #904
Jessie Rapp on April 18, 1996, late of 5 Heritage Way #2
Benjamin Tanzer on April 20, 1996, late of 35 Croydon Rd.
Maurice Silverstein on April 19, 1996, late of 605 Finch Ave. W. #1505
Freda Kahn on April 20, 1996, late of 133 Torresdale Ave., #901
Albert Goldfarb on April 22, 1996, late of 141 Davisville Avenue #502
Simmie Shier on April 22, 1996, late of 40 Sylvan Valleyway #322
Rita Rohringer on April 24, 1996, late of 151 Alexis Blvd.
Frances Lent on April 21, 1996, late of 406 Wallenberg #206
Sofia Fishman on April 24, 1996, late of 120 Shelborne Avenue #805
Bernice Solomon on April 25, 1996, late of 3 Groveview Court

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

330 OBITUARIES

Reznick, Gitla on April 23, 1996, late of 135 Combe Ave.
Leibowitz, Saul on April 24, 1996, late of 7420 Bathurst St., #1209
Schonfeld, Pola on April 24, 1996, late of 38 Carscadden Dr.
Silverberg, Bessie on April 25, 1996
Kaner, Sally on April 25, 1996, late of 1035 Eglinton Ave. W.
Rivkind, Ivgeni on April 26, 1996, late of 4979 Bathurst St. #204
Page, Clifford on April 28, 1996, late of 4415 Bathurst St. #1004
Shames, Mendel on April 28, 1996, late of 5 Christine Cres.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Estelle Wallensky** and the late **Jean Allenbow** will take place on Sun., May 12 at 11:15 a.m., Pardes Shalom Cemetery, Community Section. Friends & relatives are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

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will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Stopnitzer Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

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will take place
Sunday, May 12th,
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Holy Blossom Memorial Park
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Dawes Road Cemetery
Lubliner Section
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About Seniors

Dear Jesse,

I saw an advertisement on television about a medication management booklet. It interests me, because I take a bunch of medications and I have a hard time remembering the names of all of them. I usually bring all the containers of pills with me to the doctor, but it isn't a very efficient method, and I worry that if I suddenly had to go to the hospital by ambulance my pills might get left behind. Do you know anything about this medication management booklet?

M. K.

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If you want your Medication Record booklet, please contact Jesse at 514-343-3795 in Montreal or call the PMAC 1-800-363-0203.

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Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

Jewish groups react calmly to FBI alert of possible attack

By LORI SILBERMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – American Jewish groups have vowed not to be intimidated by anonymous threats to kill 1,200 Jewish executives and doctors in the United States.

There is no undue "reason for alarm" at this time, said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice-chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The conference and its member groups were already on alert after the militant Islamic groups Hamas and Hezbollah issued threats recently to strike at Jewish targets worldwide, Hoenlein said in an interview.

The FBI issued an alert to Jewish groups last Friday, after it received an anonymous threat to carry out attacks on Jewish leaders and doctors, unless Israel withdraws its military forces from Lebanon and pays $12 billion in compensation by May 5.

The threat was an apparent reference to the Israeli soldiers stationed in the security zone maintained by Israel in southern Lebanon and last month's 16-day assault against Hezbollah targets in Lebanon.

"There is no way to know at this time if the threat is real, but the FBI believes that Jewish organizations, synagogues and individuals should, for their own safety, be on heightened alert," the FBI reportedly said.

The threat came several days after a letter bomb exploded April 29 at the Jewish National Fund office in Calgary.

No one has claimed responsibility for that attack, which injured one person, but local police are investigating.

Hoenlein said Jewish groups must repudiated attempts to "hold us hostage," adding that government officials are efficiently handling the security concerns of Jewish organizations.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be intimidated" by fringe groups. To avoid attending public communal events, such as the May 12 Salute to Israel Parade in New York, would be a "victory for deranged people," he said.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, while sending an advisory to its member agencies to be on alert, is also not trying "to be alarmist," according to Jerome Chanes, the council's co-director for domestic concerns.

While the threat apparently did not mention Israeli targets in the United States, Gideon Mark, consul for communication and public affairs at the Israeli Consulate in New York, said the American authorities "know how to deal with such threats."

Petition to try Abbas rejected by court

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM - The High Court of Justice last week rejected without a hearing a petition demanding the trial of Achille Lauro hijacker Mohammed (Abu) Abbas, saying the petitioner, New York Assemblyman Dov Hikind, did not have standing in an Israeli court.

Justices Yitzhak Zamir, Shlomo Levine and Dorit Beinish explained that in general, petitioners who are not directly affected by a case derive standing from the general obligations of a civil servant toward the Israeli public. It is the court's job to see that these obligations are fulfilled. However, they said, it is not clear that an Israeli civil servant has any such obligations toward a foreigner.

"If somebody was not injured personally ... then who is he that he should come from abroad to demand, in an Israeli court, that a civil servant ... should do his duty in accordance with the laws of Israel?" they wrote.

The justices said the petition also failed to fulfil two other preconditions for a hearing: Hikind had not made the necessary effort to persuade the authorities to act before turning to the court, and the petition never addressed the question of to what degree Israeli law is applicable in the Palestinian autonomous region, where Abbas is now staying.

Abbas was involved in the 1985 hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro. During the course of the hijacking, wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew, was murdered, and Abbas was later convicted of murder in absentia by an Italian court.

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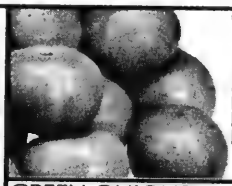

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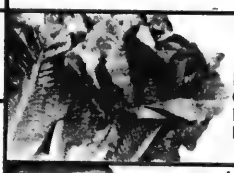

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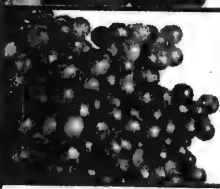

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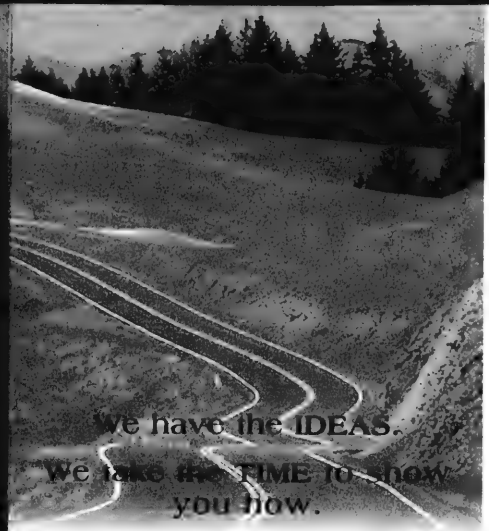

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O Yom Yerushalayim

CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD DRAW JERUSALEM. *[Israel Museum]*

"The reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 was the fulfillment of a dream for which the Jewish people had prayed for centuries. On June 7 we entered the Old City and were reunited with the symbol of Jewish yearning and prayer for two thousand years, the holiest site of the Jewish people, the Western Wall. This section of the western supporting wall of the Temple Mount has remained intact since the destruction of the Second Temple in the year 70 C.E. It is the most hallowed spot in Jewish religious and national consciousness and tradition by virtue of its proximity to the Western Wall of the Holy of Holies in the Temple, from which, according to Jewish tradition, the Divine Presence never departed." (*Exerpted from an address to the general assembly to the United Nations by the former president of Israel, Chaim Herzog during his term as Ambassador to the UN, 1978*)

You are our partners: Leah Rabin

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The State of Israel could "never, ever" have been created without the help of Diaspora Jews, and the country still needs their moral support, financial support and tourism, an impassioned Leah Rabin stressed last week at the Winter Garden Theatre.

"Don't ask, 'Is it safe to go to Israel?' Other countries aren't free of terrorism. You have to be a fatalist. I think, as Jewish people, it is your commitment to go to Israel even if at times you think it's not so safe. You are our partners, for better or for worse," she told a crowd of close to 1,000 people.

Rabin was keynote speaker at the dedication program of the Rabin Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Peace, a project established by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) in memory of Yitzhak Rabin.

The train of peace that began with the rapprochement of Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat will continue to its final destination of peace, Leah Rabin said. "And this is a source of great hope." Beyond a distaste for war and a desire for peace, Israel is "always there for any humanitarian rescue mission, be it Rwanda, be it Serbia ... we're proud to do so when we claim only 50 years [of statehood]."

Leah Rabin

She spoke of Israel as a "model state" with its "melting pot society," respected universities and museums, theatres, philharmonic orchestra and opera house.

"We haven't come to Israel only to defend and struggle, but to live up to the standards that we would like to," she said.

"If someone dared to say to you, 'We can do without you. We don't need the money,' this is total nonsense. We are very grateful for your commitment and your sharing."

Also participating in the program were Toronto actress Vivian Reis, violinist Jacques Israelivitch and pianist Stephanie Sebastien, in a musical and poetic tribute to Yitzhak Rabin; co-chairs Halbert and Gold who respectively introduced and thanked the speaker; Henry Jackman, lieutenant governor of Ontario; and the Leo Baeck children's choir under the direction of Bryna Bruder.

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to an early production schedule advertising deadlines for the May 30 issue are May 21 noon for Classifieds and organizational ads and May 22 noon for display advertising.

UN must share blame for Kana shelling — please see page 38

The News In Brief

CANADA

Concern Over Memorial

MONTREAL – Canadian Jewish Congress officials recently met with officials in the Croation Embassy to express concern over reported plans by the Croation government to rebury Nazis, who were mass murderers of Jews during World War II, with their victims as a symbol of reconciliation.

UJA's Toll Free Line

TORONTO – The UJA Federation of Greater Toronto has launched a toll free number in order to make it easier to reach anywhere in North America.

By dialing 1-888-635-2424 (CHAI), Jewish community members will be connected to the Toronto UJA Federation Hotline.

CJHS Meeting

MONTREAL – The Canadian Jewish Historical Society will hold its annual meeting June 2 to 3 at Brock University, St. Catherines, Ont. The meeting will mark 20 years since the founding of the society.

ISRAEL

Bonds Mission

JERUSALEM – More than 700 Israel Bond leaders from three continents came to Israel recently to join in a week-long celebration of Jerusalem 3000.

Scrolls and other artifacts pertaining to the families were placed in an Israel Bonds time capsule and buried in an area behind the King David Hotel overlooking the Old City. The capsule is to be opened in 180 years.

Delegates also helped inaugurate the new Manhat industrial park in Jerusalem.

Bright Lights

JERUSALEM – For the first time in history, hundreds of antique and biblical monuments of Jerusalem will be floodlit to the end of time.

The illuminations will reach a climax of prestige on June 24. At that point, the four kilometres of millenial Walls of the Old City will be illuminated by thousands of fires and lights tracing a circle of light in the heart of the city.

Literary Award

RAMAT GAN – The author Shulamit Lapid was recently awarded the Israel and Bertha Newman in Hebrew Literature for 1996. The $5,000 prize is awarded annually by the department of Hebrew literature and the Kurzeweil Institute of Bar-Ilan's faculty of Jewish studies.

Suicide Bombers

JERUSALEM – Palestinian security officials have asked Israel to help locate two Islamic militants from the Hebron area suspected of planning to sneak into Israel to carry out suicide attacks.

Eichmann Info Web Site

JERUSALEM – A new Internet data base offers a comprehensive review of the trial of Adolf Eichmann, one of the architects of Nazi Germany's Holocaust.

The Internet Web site can be accessed at http://www.snunit.k12.il.

WORLD

Costa Rica's Vote

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica – Israeli diplomats here have voiced concern about this Central American country's decision to approve a recent UN vote that criticized Israel's 16-day shelling campaign in Lebanon.

But even as the diplomats were questioning the Costa Rican vote, the government of Costa Rica made the surprise revelation last week that it was purchasing $4.6 million in arms from Israel.

Kosher Labelling Laws

WASHINGTON – Legislation pending in Congress to improve and streamline Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations could undermine kosher labeling laws.

Orthodox groups are warning that provisions in the FDA reform legislation could make it more difficult for kosher consumers to verify the authenticity of kosher products.

RA Elects New President

KIAMESHA LAKE – Rabbi David L. Lieber of Los Angeles was elected as the new president of the Rabbinical Assembly(RA), the international body of 1,400 Conservative rabbis serving 1.5 million congregational members. The RA also elected for the first time a woman officer as secretary.

Neo-Nazis Rally

MOSCOW – Members of a neo-Nazi group burned Israeli and American flags during a rally in the centre of Moscow.

The rally, which came amid annual May Day celebrations and attracted about 100 demonstrators, was organized by the Russian National Union, a small but militant ultra-nationalist group.

South African Riot

JOHANNESBURG – An anti-Semitic demonstration by Muslim fundamentalists outside the Israeli Consulate in Cape Town turned violent when police, attempting to control the 500 protestors, were attacked with stones, bricks and iron rods.

Israeli flags, set afire by the demonstrators, were also hurled at police.

Wallenberg A U.S. Spy

WASHINGTON – Newly declassified CIA documents support long-standing claims that Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis, served as a spy for the United States and survived well beyond his disappearance in 1947.

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Bone marrow clinics planned for Adam

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Adam Kruger is 9 years old, and loves watching wrestling on TV. So when a bone marrow screening clinic was being planned for him by his family, friends and synagogue, it seemed only appropriate to call the campaign Wrestling for Life.

Adam Kruger

Two clinics are planned, one on May 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Centennial Arena, hooking up with the UJA March for Israel, and one on May 30, from 1 to 9 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

This week, a dinner is being held at Beth Tzedec to help raise funds for the testing, which will cost the family $50 per test.

Other fundraisers being planned are Cut for Adam, a hair-cutting event at the Ultimate Cut, 180 Steeles Ave. W.; Fann 590's Dilinger Makes Cents, a collection drop-off at retail stores across Metro; and A Night of Hope, at the Myth Restaurant, 417 Danforth Ave.

For two years, Adam has fought non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph node system, his mother Judy told *The CJN*. An autologous bone marrow transplant (using his own bone marrow), chemotherapy and radiation have failed, and his doctors feel his only hope is for a transplant from someone of the same East European, Jewish background as his.

"Up to now, he has coped well physically, even dealing with losing his hair and mouth sores. But he doesn't recover as well each time."

He is justifiably angry at the hand fate has dealt him, Judy Kruger said. "He kept being told that his chances were good, but he

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JERUSALEM 3000 PROJECT

Danny Bendelman (left) and Ari Laskin, grade 7 students at Associated Hebrew Schools display their colorful Jerusalem 3000 projects [Frances Kraft photo]

Ontario tax cut criticized

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Describing tax cuts in the Mike Harris budget as "the height of cynicism," Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter said recently that other government measures will result in a $500 annual net loss for those whose total family incomes are less than $50,000.

Since the Ontario government had to borrow $5 billion in order to make the tax cut, it is a case of bribing taxpayers with their own money, Kwinter said.

However this was denied by John Clement, parliamentary assistant to the minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. "It's nonsense that tax cuts are being eaten up in user fees," said Clement.

The exchange took place at a Bernard Betel forum on the government's policies, attended by 200 seniors.

"It is the bank presidents and those earning more than $75,000 who will benefit from the tax cuts, which are a joke," said Kwinter, MPP for Wilson Heights.

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Canadian law still applies

As this column is being written, Canadians await the outcome of the special meeting this past Monday of the cabinet of the Quebec government. Premier Lucien Bouchard called the meeting in response to the decision by the federal government to intervene in the legal challenge by Quebec lawyer Guy Bertrand to the central ideology of the PQ that merely a majority vote by Quebecers in a referendum in favor of separation automatically authorizes the province to separate from Canada.

The government of Quebec filed its own motion last month urging the court to dismiss Bertrand's case. It argues that Canadian law has no application to Quebec's right to separate or how it may choose to separate. To answer the argument of the PQ government, to assert that Canadian law is still the law of Quebec, the government of Canada is intervening too.

In truth, it had no choice. Once the PQ stated that Quebec's right to separate is based upon "fundamental democracy" – whatever that means – and beyond the reach of Canadian law, Ottawa had to respond to maintain the integrity of existing Canadian law, to champion the proposition that Canadian law still applies throughout all the provinces.

Bouchard has threatened to call an election over the matter. His cabinet minister for Intergovernmental Affairs Jacques Brassard has accused Ottawa of attacking Quebecers' "right to democratically decide their future." There is no truth in the accusation. In fact, the federal government has not filed any papers to support Bertrand. Its involvement is intended to challenge the PQ's assertion that Canadian law is of no consequence in the matter.

But Brassard's accusation did not simply stop at the untrue. The government of Quebec is carrying the rhetoric against the federal government to an even higher level. As reported in the *Globe and Mail*, "It is clear that for us democracy rules over constitutional provisions ... this issue is a matter for democracy to decide."

This too is a disingenuous argument. The constitutional law of Canada is the very spinal cord which has supported the democracy within which Quebecers have lived for almost 130 years. To cast it aside as legally irrelevant threatens to buckle the entire democratic structure.

Furthermore, as *The CJN* has pointed out in previous issues, the PQ is less loyal to the rules of democracy than it is to the nationalistic passions of the governing elite. A majority of the people of Quebec have already indicated, twice, their preference to remain in Canada. But obviously, for Bouchard and Brassard, this was the wrong majority.

I commend the federal government for deciding to intervene. Indeed, in its editorial last week, *The CJN* urged the government to do so. The government succinctly explained its position. "The Attorney General of Canada has a duty to uphold the role of the courts as defenders of the Constitution and the rule of law. The fact that one has a referendum doesn't mean that the Constitution doesn't exist any more."

I especially commend Minister of Justice Allan Rock for seeing clearly what is at stake and for acting decisively, boldly to protect it.

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Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman teaches liturgy at Hebrew Union College in New York. He is a monthly contributor to the *New York Jewish Week* offering insight and comment on the parshah of the week. He has a uniquely lyrical and rhapsodic style of writing.

In his commentary on Parshat Emor, a difficult parshah dealing with the laws of ritual purity among the *kohanim*, he brings the following observation and wisdom on the beauty and the purpose of human life. It is too moving not to share with the readers of *The CJN*.

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"The Torah asks us to see as God sees, into the long run, but to act as humans must, in the here and now, relishing the chance for holiness in every sunrise, every sunset and every moment in between."

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CJC meets with Mushinski

TORONTO — Ontario Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Marilyn Mushinski told a Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region delegation that her government, despite having to undertake a radical restructuring in the province, remains vitally concerned about racism and discrimination in Ontario.

Congress had raised the concern that "in time of economic retrenchment when peoples' futures are narrowed and insecurity is high, there is fertile ground for scapegoating and racism to flourish," said Manuel Prutschi, CJC Ontario region executive director.

During the meeting, CJC community relations chair Ellen Cole and national community relations director Bernie Farber discussed intergroup relations and reviewed an issue previously raised regarding the provincial government's funding ads in publications that apparently promote racism. Mushinski said the government is developing a statement of principle on this concern.

In her first official meeting with Congress, Mushinski expressed agreement with the CJC concerns. Pointing out that the provincial government is committed to getting its financial house in order, she declared that solutions would be found by rethinking existing policies. The government is looking for advice from Congress on policy development, she said.

Seen in this photo: (seated) Ontario Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Marilyn Mushinski (centre), Ellen Cole (left), and Marlene Sklar. Standing behind the minister are Bernie Farber (left) and Manuel Prutschi. [Stephen Epstein photo]

The government plans to address anti-racism programs in the education system, systemic discrimination and the elimination of barriers to equal opportunity, Mushinski said.

CJC spoke to her about the coalition of provincial ethnocultural and faith groups convened by Congress, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, to develop a common constructive response to the provincial government regarding the effect of its policies on the social safety net.

The delegation also included political liaison vice-chair Marlene Sklar. Accompanying Mushinski were Karen Cohl, assistant deputy minister, and Malka Rosenberg, a ministry anti-racism consultant.

Greater Toronto Area

Lebanon operation should hasten peace talks: MK

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's 16-day military operation in Lebanon, which ended recently with an American brokered ceasefire, will hasten the resumption of bilateral peace negotiations between Israel and Syria, says Yair Tsaban, the Israeli minister of immigrant absorption.

Tsaban, a former member of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, predicted that the talks, broken off by Israel following a wave of suicide bombings in February and March, will resume after the May 29 Israeli election.

"Everyone understands that without Syria, there is no solution to the problem in Lebanon," he said in an interview at the Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto.

A leader of the left-of-centre Meretz party, Tsaban said he believes that Syria will try to restrain Hezbollah from firing more Katyusha rockets into northern Israel. When Israel suspended negotiations with Syria in March, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said they would not be resumed unless Syria reined in Hezbollah.

Fresh from a ceremony in Ottawa, where he signed a memorandum of understanding with Citizenship and Immigration Minister Lucienne Robillard, Tsaban said that Syria is interested in a peace treaty with Israel.

"For Assad, it's a vital and urgent interest," he said, referring to President Hafez al-Assad of Syria.

Tsaban said that Israel's leadership generally accepts the necessity of recognizing Syria's sovereignty over the Golan Heights and making a substantial, though gradual, withdrawal from there.

Canada's Immigration Minister, Lucienne Robillard, and her Israeli counterpart, Yair Tsaban, recently signed a memorandum of understanding giving Israel membership in Canada's Metropolis Project.

Tsaban said he supports Peres' plan to "separate" Israel from the Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Israel's economy, he explained, should be less dependent on Palestinian workers. By the same token, Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas should engage in economic cooperation.

Separation, he noted, will inevitably lead to a Palestinian state. At its convention last month, Meretz endorsed the concept of a demilitarized Palestinian state.

Meretz does not advocate a return to the pre-1967 borders, he said. Its platform envisages an Israeli withdrawal from all but six or seven percent of the West Bank and states that Israel's final frontiers should be determined on the basis of demographic and security considerations.

Tsaban urged the Palestine Authority, led by Yasser Arafat, to press forward with its ongoing campaign to contain Islamic fundamentalist terrorism. He said he agreed with Arafat's policy of isolating Islamic radicals and co-opting other "elements of Hamas" into the peace process.

Turning to his brief visit here, Tsaban said the memorandum of understanding he signed in Ottawa recently gives Israel membership in Canada's Metropolis Project, which studies the link between immigration and urbanization.

According to Tsaban, Israel is expecting the arrival of about 70,000 new immigrants this year, the vast majority from the former Soviet Union.

In the past six years, about 720,000 *olim* have settled in Israel, he said.

Tsaban revealed that his ministry is doing its utmost to integrate the country's 57,000 Ethiopian Jews, who face a myriad of serious problems. "It is a test of honor for our society."

The Ethiopians are being resettled all over Israel rather than in ethnic enclaves. And they are eligible for generous mortgages which largely take the form of outright grants.

After his retirement, Tsaban intends to write books about immigrant absorption, Jewish philosophy and the new millennium.

Tsaban, chair of Mapam, was instrumental in that Socialist party's decision to join with the Centre party and the Citizens Rights party to form Meretz prior to the 1992 election.

Community leaders slammed for criticizing Israeli policies

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The "hypocritical" stance of some Toronto community leaders who criticize the policies of the present Israeli government was deplored recently by Martin Lockshin, professor of humanities, York University.

"Many of our community leaders believe that they should be more anti-Arab than the government of Israel," he said.

These leaders formerly objected to any criticism of the previous Likud government by "left-wingers" said Lockshin at the Bernard Betel Centre, where he spoke on the topic Judaism, Politics and Freedom of Speech.

However, in a wide-ranging exchange of opinion with members of the audience of seniors, he said he has not made up his mind on the complex question of whether it is appropriate for people in the Diaspora or in Israel to criticize actions of the Israeli government. "I don't intend to solve this problem today," he said.

"Freedom of speech on this question is a red herring," he declared. "It is an empty phrase that has been used to justify the right of Ernest Zundel to deny the Holocaust."

Lockshin also criticized the tendency on the part of some people, especially in the Orthodox community, to criticize the actions of Israel's Labor government. "I go to an Orthodox shul and I know that people are eager to criticize."

Lockshin said he has never been a member of Peace Now.

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CJC opposes school prayer

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Any attempt to reintroduce religious prayer in the public school system will be opposed by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, Manuel Prutschi, its executive director, told *The CJN*.

He was commenting on a private member's motion by Tory MPP Gary Stewart calling for this, approved by a 39-29 vote in the Ontario legislature May 8.

"Let's hope this is a one-day wonder," said Prutschi. He noted that Ontario courts have ruled against prayer and religious exercises in the classroom.

"This motion will be filed away, nothing will happen and we shouldn't raise alarm bells," David Rotenberg, a former member of the legislature, told the region's executive committee May 9.

The executive also wrestled with what Prutschi described as "a weightier matter," a proposal by the Metro Separate School Board that only Catholics be allowed to teach in Catholic schools, and that teachers in Separate schools follow a Catholic lifestyle outside the classroom.

The executive finally approved a motion by Jules Kronis to leave any action on this matter up to the region's officers. Seven members voted against it.

"It's a no-win situation, we should stay out of it," said Rotenberg of the "Catholic" issue.

Prutschi told *The CJN* that it is a complicated issue because on the one hand Jewish organizations are not in favor of discrimination against non-Catholics in hiring. They consider it a human rights matter. On the other hand Congress has argued in the Malcolm Ross case that, depending on the circumstances, a teacher's opinion (Holocaust denial) outside the classroom should bar him from teaching.

Consultations will be held with the federation and the Jewish Board of Education before the officers take any action on the issue said region chair Moshe Ronen.

The executive was briefed on both issues by Ed Morgan, its legal consultant. The proposal by the Metro Separate School Board was sent to Congress by the Ontario attorney general to see if Congress wants to intervene, Morgan said.

At the meeting, the executive approved the ground-breaking Canada-Israel-Jordan medical agreement, now awaiting ratification, and co-opted into the executive, Dr. Arnold Noyek, of Mount Sinai Hospital, initiator of the agreement. Ziad Malaw, a Canadian of Jordanian descent, and member of the Canadian Arab Network, attended the meeting, along with Philip G. Aber, president, JP Management Consulting.

The meeting was also told by Steven Shulman that three weeks before a letter bomb was sent to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) office in Calgary the Congress sent out a security alert that the danger level had increased because of the situation in Lebanon and activities of neo-Nazis in Canada. He urged executive members to take serious security measures at their buildings.

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Bubis visits

A new book claiming that ordinary Germans were aware of the atrocities against Jews sparked a heated discussion after a presentation by Ignatz Bubis of Frankfurt, chair of German Jewish Council.

"I don't agree that Germans wanted to kill all Jews," Bubis told a questioner. "This I don't accept. Not everyone knew the total picture." But he said he agreed with the author's contention that more than a small group of Nazis were involved. "The way Goldhagen [Daniel Goldhagen, author of *Hitler's Willing Executioners*] is doing it is not the right way. He is not one of the best historians."

A small group of Holocaust survivors descended on Bubis after his talk to heatedly argue the question of German responsibility.

Bubis attended a recent meeting of the World Jewish Congress executive which approved an agreement with Swiss banks to open more than 700 accounts to inspection. The value of these accounts, with interest, is close to $500 million, he said. However, he doubted that the figure of 700 is high enough as in the two months before September 1939, 17,000 new accounts were opened in Switzerland from outside the country.

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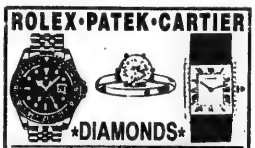

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Judge withdraws from war crimes case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The presiding judge in a citizenship hearing involving three alleged Nazi war criminals has withdrawn from the case.

Associate Chief Justice James Jerome withdrew only days after defence lawyer Donald Bayne requested a stay of proceedings on the grounds there had been improper, behind the scenes contacts between Justice Department officials and the Federal Court.

The case, in which the government is ultimately seeking to deport Helmut Oberlander, Erichs Tobiass and Johanne Dueck, is scheduled to go ahead on May 15 with a new judge.

The latest snafu in the ongoing saga of war crimes proceedings began when assistant deputy minister of justice Ted Thompson met with Chief Justice Julius Isaac to complain about the slow pace of proceedings in Jerome's court.

Isaac later met with Jerome and then told Thompson that proceedings would be speeded up.

That led to Bayne's motion for a stay of proceedings on the grounds "there [should be] no behind the scenes interference in ongoing litigation and that the independence of the judiciary and the impartiality of the court [should be] unquestioned."

The courts, and before them the Justice Department, have been criticized by the Jewish community for their tardiness in war crimes cases. Of six deportation cases launched in the last few years, only one is going ahead on the merits, involving Konrads Kalejs, a visitor to Canada. The others are bogged down over preliminary legal issues.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesperson Steven Shulman said "we've always called for these cases to be heard in a fair and expeditious manner."

The cases are doubly important in that they send out a message to the war criminals of the world who want to seek a safe haven" in Canada, Shulman said.

BONJOUR, SHALOM...

Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Jean Chrétien earlier this month in Ottawa, in between the Chief Rabbi's speaking engagements in Toronto and Montreal. Rabbi Lau presented Chrétien with a Hebrew/French Bible. [J-M Carisse Photo]

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That breathtaking, tearful day is now known and celebrated as Yom Yerushalayim. Since then, an entire generation has been born into a Jewish world for which sovereignty over Jerusalem and its everlasting unity are as normal and appropriate as sunrise in the morning.

But for some people, Jewish sovereignty over Jerusalem is both a religious dissonance and a political affront. With the beginning of "final status" discussions between Israel and the Palestinians, they are now marshalling their forces to turn back history's clock by 29 years. Every Jew, wherever he or she makes her home, must oppose them.

In this issue we carry an article by Shawn Cohen of the *Washington Jewish Week*, in which he writes of the recent creation by a group of Arab American organizations of a lobbying agency, cynically called the American Committee on Jerusalem (ACJ). The purpose of this committee is quite plainly to persuade Americans initially, but the western world ultimately, that Israel – the Jews – must not be allowed to retain control over Jerusalem.

Cleverly casting the Jewish claim to Jerusalem in language which evokes images of unfair advantage, Raafat Dajani, the coordinator of the ACJ is reported by Cohen as saying: "We believe strongly that there can be no monopoly on sovereignty over Jerusalem by either party, if there is to be a just and lasting peace." Dajani further plays upon the "fairness" image by speaking in terms of quid pro quo. "If Israel wants sovereignty over east Jerusalem Palestinians must have some sovereignty over west Jerusalem."

Then, having tilled with the plow of "fairness," of give and take, and of reasonableness, he cleverly but insidiously plants the seed into the soil of public opinion. "We're saying that Muslims, Christians and Palestinians have an equally valid claim, and in some cases longer historical and religious claims to Jerusalem than Jews."

This is a brazen distortion of history and of truth.

In our Passover issue this year, we wrote on this page that there will undoubtedly be a great deal of international pressure brought to bear on Israel to offer up some form of territorial, functional or political compromise on Jerusalem for the sake of Arab honor, Palestinian dignity and a "comprehensive peace" in the region. That pressure is starting to build.

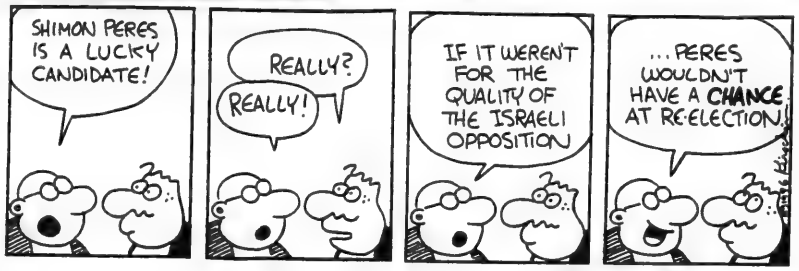
The formation of the ACJ represents a significant change in lobbying tactics by the Arab American community. They are campaigning in the capital of the United States. They are targeting opinion makers and law makers, aiming their propaganda at that generation, both Jewish and non-Jewish which has grown up, as Abba Eban describes, not knowing the poignancy of Jewish sovereignty over an undivided Jerusalem. We can expect a similar change in lobbying tactics by the Canadian Arab community.

We in the Diaspora must be prepared to hear increasingly the irritating reverberations of this propaganda and to see increasingly that in many quarters it will find a ready and receptive audience. More important, we must be prepared to counter their distortions with fact. And when we do, it must with one non-partisan, ideologically united voice.

Both major parties in the upcoming Israeli election are committed to an undivided Jerusalem standing forever as the capital of the sovereign Jewish state. Whoever wins the election will therefore speak on behalf of the entire Jewish world on the issue of Jerusalem. As we celebrate Yom Yerushalayim tonight and tomorrow, we must remember this: only an undivided Jewish world will best be able to ensure an undivided Jerusalem.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

Ten measures of beauty were given the world, nine were taken by Jerusalem and one by all the rest. *(Talmud, Kiddushin)*


SHIMON PERES IS A LUCKY CANDIDATE!
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IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE QUALITY OF THE ISRAELI OPPOSITION
... PERES WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE AT RE-ELECTION!

Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History

May 14, 1948: In recognition of the founding of the State of Israel, rallies were held in many Canadian cities on the following days. Crowds, including non-Jews, overflowed hockey arenas in Toronto and Montreal. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)*

Says covenant change is a hoax

It should be clear by now, to all but the wilfully blind, that the so called "amending" of the PLO charter is a gigantic hoax.

The most charitable, though farfetched, explanation for the Israeli government's aquiescence to this charade is that Shimon Peres is incredibly naive or reckless. Otherwise why did he so hastily proclaim that the PLO has finally done what they have for so long promised to do (i.e. amend the charter), and hail it as "the most important event in the Middle East in the last 100 years?"

Another sinister, but more plausible explanation is that the script for this hoax was prepared by Peres (with perhaps some encouragement from President Bill Clinton).

Having linked the continuation of the peace process to the Palestine National Council's (PNC) scrapping the charter, or at the very least those clauses calling for Israel's destruction, and knowing full well that the PNC would not do so before the Israeli elections, they spoon-fed this face-saving formula to Yasser Arafat to get him (and themselves) of the hook.

The rewards to Arafat for this minimal gesture were immediate and gratifying. The Labor party, without confirming the authenticity of the PNC resolution, has dropped its opposition to a Palestinian state and Arafat was invited to the White House as an honored guest.

Joseph Winter
Toronto

The disputed Arafat speech

I recently obtained a copy of *The CJN* (April 3) in which two pages covered the Stockholm speech given by Yasser Arafat. Since my name is mentioned in the article, I hope you will publish this letter on this timely subject.

The speech reached Shimon Peres by Feb. 6. The unbelievable embarrassment which this speech represented for Peres' presentation of Arafat as a "peace partner," made it pressing for him to undermine the report from Stockholm, either by denying that such a meeting ever took place, or by saying that no speech was given or that the speech had a different text.

This incident raises the question of journalistic responsibility. I am old enough to remember the world in 1939. Hitler ranted day after day how he would destroy the Jewish people. The Jewish establishment, in many countries, reacted by denying that Hitler "really meant it," and that he *had* to say those things to impress his SA and SS followers. The misjudgment of Hitler's intentions cost us several million lives.

In the case of past Arafat speeches, Peres and his supporters have claimed that he *had* to say these ferocious things to impress his extremist and terrorist followers in Gaza, Nablus and Ramallah. But the Stockholm speech was delivered secretly, in front of diplomats of various Arab countries whom Arafat did not have to impress. In fact, at least one of them was so shocked that he made sure the speech would be leaked to the outside world.

Dr. Manfred R. Lehmann
Miami Beach, Fla.

No revenge on families of suicide bombers

Your columnist Gidi Koren ("*She-yisha'er benenu*," *CJN*, April 25), suggests that the State of Israel might deter future suicide bomb attacks by executing the innocent relatives of suicide bombers. "It sounds terrible ... but it works." (my translation from the Hebrew)

Does any Jew need to be told what is wrong with this?

Ethan Taub, M.D.
Toronto

The origins of the Mimouna

I want to thank the editors of *The CJN* for devoting an entire page to discussing the various origins of the Mimouna. The article affected me tremendously. I no longer see my family's folklore as simple traditions passed down from parents to children, but as important customs based on significant events which occurred many generations ago. As the article clearly showed, keeping customs is a way for Jews to commemorate and retain the various important events in our history.

A stranger may understand some customs as extremely odd or strange, such as keeping a lamb and killing it in the backyard, or a married woman taking off her ring in the *candil* on the evening of Rosh Chodesh Nissan and returning the next day to find an additional piece of jewelry. Indeed, these acts are deeply and spiritually rooted in our Jewish people's history in the desert. *Minhagim* are a way to never forget where we come from or what has happened to us.

Chana Smith
Toronto

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Perspectives

Family's history parallels that of Jerusalem

By ETTA PRINCE GIBSON

Most Friday nights, Oren, a 17-year-old 12th grader, stays up late with his friends, visiting the trendy pubs and restaurants in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva neighborhood. As the music blares out from the discos and the night clubs, Oren and his friends pay little attention to the Jerusalem stones or the stories those stones could tell. As he walks down Rivlin Street, named for his great-great-great-grandfather Reb Hillel Rivlin, he rarely thinks about the history that is his family legacy.

Today, Nahalat Shiva is a far cry from the neighborhood established in 1860 by Oren's great-great-grandfather Reb Yosef (Yoshe) Rivlin, who, fired by religious fervor, messianic vision and nationalist dreams, had the courage to move outside the Old City walls.

In 1810, Reb Hillel Rivlin, at the behest of the Gaon of Vilna, the revered Jewish scholar and leader, left the safety of his home in Europe and settled in the Holy Land. Since then, the Rivlin family has played a central role in the growth of the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

Today the Rivlin family is the largest Ashkenazi family in Israel, quite possibly in the world, with a family tree that can be traced back 500 years to Vilna, Poland.

In the early 19th century, Jerusalem was an unimportant outpost of the Ottoman Empire, populated mostly by Sephardi Jews who traced their roots to the expulsion from Spain and spoke Spanolit, a Spanish-Jewish hybrid. Crowded into the dark alleyways of the walled Old City, in an area smaller than 850 dunams, the Jews, who numbered barely 2,500, suffered greatly from disease. In 1837, Reb Hillel Rivlin himself died of cholera.

By the mid-19th century, it was clear to the emerging Jewish leadership that solutions had to be found. The sons of the first settlers, among them Reb Hillel Rivlin's son, Rabbi Yoshe Rivlin began to weave bold and dangerous plans to settle outside the Old City walls. Earlier attempts had failed, as fear of marauders, murderers and thieves had driven the Jews back into the relative safety of the walls. But this new generation dreamed of new, safe and healthy neighborhoods.

In 1857, Reb Yoshe Rivlin founded the Company of the Builders of Jerusalem to purchase lands and build outside the Old City walls. Although "foreigners" were forbidden from purchasing land in the Ottoman Empire, Reb Yoshe and his company, supported by noted philanthropist Moses Montifiore, were able to purchase wheat fields about a mile outside the city gates. This was to become Nahalat Shiva (meaning the settlement of seven), the first Jewish neighborhood outside the walled city, composed of small, private homes centred around courtyards and wells.

In 1860, Reb Yoshe was the first to actually sleep in his home at night, although it was two more years before his wife and children agreed to spend the night there with him.

By 1873, several dozen families had joined him in the new neighborhood and with the building of ritual baths, synagogues, schools and other public buildings, observes Yocheved (Rivlin) Tzurieli, Reb Yoshe's granddaughter, more and more Jews joined them. Paths and roads began to connect the neighborhoods, easing the sense of isolation and exposure; a railroad linked Jerusalem to the coastal plain and the telegraph made communication possible. Jews began to work at new professions, seeking to improve their economic status. By the 1890s, Jews had become a majority in Jerusalem.

This rare photo from 1859 shows construction of Mishkenot Sha'ananim, one of the earliest Jewish housing projects outside the walls of the Old City. [photo from *City of the Great King*, Nitza Rosovsky, Ed., Harvard University, 1996]

Reb Yoshe Rivlin continued his mission. He established at least seven additional neighborhoods, extending the boundaries of Jerusalem in all directions. By 1914, there were 22 Jewish neighborhoods, with more than 13,000 Jews living outside the Old City walls.

With the outbreak of World War I, many young men were conscripted into the Turkish army. Taxes were raised and services cut. Poverty, starvation and illness were rampant, affecting more than 80 percent of Jerusalem's Jews.

On Dec. 9, 1917, the Arab mayor of Jerusalem and a committee of dignitaries walked out to the western hills of the city and surrendered to the British conquerors. The 30-year British mandate had begun.

The British brought great changes to Jerusalem. In 1917, Jerusalem still had no tarred streets, but for the first time since the Crusades, Jerusalem was once again a capital city.

The Jewish community was changing too. Although a small group of ultra-Orthodox sought to maintain their traditional ways, the majority of the population became more modern and engaged in new professions. The focus of Jewish striving became political, not religious, as the Jews accorded national significance to the connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem.

Jewish communal life centred around its neigborhoods, most of which were ethnically homogeneous.

David Rivlin, the youngest of Yoshe Rivlin's grandsons, was born in 1923 in the then-new neighborhood of Maskeret Moshe, in the area surrounding the Mahaneh Yehudah market. His sister Yocheved was born in 1935.

"The neighborhood — the *sh'chunah* — was the centre of our lives," Yocheved reminisces. "Each neighborhood was different. There were Ashkenazi, Yemenite and Sephardi neighborhoods; wealthier neighborhoods and poorer neighborhoods. But we all knew each other and there was no friction.

"In many ways," observes David, "we were the transitional generation. I went to a *cheder* (a traditional Jewish school) and my father was a *chazzan*. But I also received a secular education. My mother had 16 children, but my oldest brothers and sisters died of starvation and dysentery during World War I. We grew up between the wars. We knew the ways of the old community, but we were involved in the new. We spoke modern Hebrew and were proud of that, but we also knew Yiddish and even Spanolit. We were part of the emerging Jewish State and we were very aware of it."

Relations with their Arab neighbors were complex, David remembers. As Jews moved beyond the Old City walls, so too did the Arab population. As Jewish nationalism grew, so did Arab nationalism. On Feb. 20, 1920, six Jews were killed and more than 200 were wounded in the first hostile demonstration by Arab Jerusalemites. Jewish property was looted and plundered. A year later, five more Jews were killed and 40 wounded.

Periods of calm alternated with periods of hostility, especially during the riots of 1929 and 1936.

During World War II, Jerusalem was the centre of British activity in the Middle East. But as the war drew to its end, activity against the British increased, in an attempt to persuade the British to allow the establishment of a Jewish state.

The entire country was enlisted and many of the Rivlins joined the underground. A large stockpile of weapons was hidden in Yocheved and David's cellar and Yocheved remembers the day a secret meeting took place in her family's home. When the British came searching for weapons, Yocheved, only 14, hid hand grenades in her blouse. Only later did she discover that they had been primed.

On Nov. 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the Land of Israel into Arab and Jewish states, and to internationalize Jerusalem. The Arab states rejected this plan and launched a full-scale attack against the infant state.

Jerusalem became a battle ground. On April 9, 1948, the Etzel and Lehi undergrounds captured the Arab village of Dir Yassin and murdered nearly 250 of its residents. On April 13, Arab irregulars ambushed a convoy of medical personnel; 78 people were murdered and dozens were wounded. Terrorism and revenge continued incessantly. Jerusalem was soon cut off from the rest of the country, surrounded by hostile Arab villages.

In 1948, the Old City fell to the Jordanians, and from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city. On Dec. 7, 1948, Jerusalem was formally declared Israel's capital, but Jerusalem had been depleted and wasted by the siege and the battles. In 1947, the Jewish population had reached nearly 100,000; by the war's end nearly one-quarter had left.

Gradually Jerusalem changed its physical appearance and its social character. In order to rebuild its population, many of the new immigrants who poured into Israel in its early years were sent to Jerusalem. Unesthetic housing projects were rapidly constructed to house the masses.

But on June 7, 1967, the third day of the Six Day War, Israeli forces captured the Old City and Jerusalem's fate changed again. Jews could again visit the holy sites, from which had been denied them for 19 years.

Jerusalem began to spread its wings. The municipal boundaries kept expending. Tourism blossmed and massive economic development was planned. Five new neighborhoods created territorial continuity and provided suburbs for the growing city.

Jerusalem has continued to grow and diversify. So too has the Rivlin family. Today, members of the family can be found in all walks of Israeli life. Some are ultra-Orthodox; most are secular. Liora Rivlin is a well-known actress; others are university professors and historians. Some, like David, are active in left-wing politics; others, including former member of Knesset Reuven Rivlin, have joined the right. Moshe Rivlin is chair of the Jewish National Fund; David Rivlin joined the Foreign Office and served as consul general in New York. Yocheved, who had lived in Tel Aviv for many years, returned to Rehavia, a wealthy Jerusalem neighborhood built in the 1930s. David and his family live in the garden neighborhood of Beit Hakerem, first established in the 1920s. David's children live in East Talpiot, one of the neighborhoods established after the Six Day War.

"How can my grandchildren understand how we grew up?" David Rivlin asks wistfully. "Children who do not know what it means to struggle, who do not remember a time of suffering, who do not commit themselves to a cause. We sang songs at night and we went for long walks; our grandchildren come home to their television. We dreamed of having the money to buy a radio; they boot up their computers."

"Our lives were so simple then," Yocheved adds. "Our expectations for ourselves were small, our hopes for our country were so great. We were involved, committed, aware of the unique role which Jewish history assigned to us. We saw ourselves as Zionists, but our children and grandchildren speak of the post-Zionist period."

Does history impart a special responsibility to members of such an illustrious family? David and Yocheved believe that they grew up with a commitment to serve the country, but Oren says, "The truth is, I like to go out with my friends, to feel like everyone else, too. I want to live now and in the future, not in the past."

Common Israeli wisdom has it that Jerusalemites are somehow different, attached to Jewish history in a way that is different from anywhere else. And everyone can identify a native Jerusalemite by his special pronounciation of some of the most common Hebrew words. Yocheved says she can't put her finger on it, but knows that Jerusalemites are special. David believes that Jerusalemites are different, less frenetic than their Tel Aviv counterparts, more thoughtful and restrained. Oren disagrees. "I don't see any difference between Jerusalemites and anybody else," he says categorically. Then he adds, "But I don't feel comfortable anywhere else. This is truly my home."

Opinions

Playing Jewish geography in Africa

This summer I'll be travelling through Zimbabwe and Botswana in southern Africa. And in each new place that I visit, I will seek out the Jewish community.

By Viva Press

There's a game that has been played by Jews for generations as they migrated from one part of the world to the other and settled in all six continents. It is very easy to play. And I'm sure we've all played it at one time or another. It's usually played when travelling, but can be enlightening in any situation. I'm talking about Jewish geography.

We all like to feel welcome in a strange or new place. We like to feel part of a group. And Jewish geography does just that.

The game begins when one person asks the other person where she/he is from. It evolves into eager questioning about each person's friends and family in other parts of the world, where each of them went to school, where each of them worked and whether either of them has been to the place the questioner is from. Usually, a match is made. A friendship is forged, a feeling of belonging.

I will be playing the game this summer. And I'm sure I'll meet people who know my friends and family. I have always had success when playing this game in the past.

Last summer, while I was working in Israel, I treated myself to a four-day trip to Jordan. On the tour were two other Canadians. We were all single travellers.

Well, one of the Canadians was a Torontonian who, it turned out, knew my father; and the other Canadian, a Vancouverite, had gone through the same Young Judaea camp system as I had. We had a number of friends in common. Our bond was instant. We were Jews. We were Canadians. We knew the same people. We were friends. Simple.

It may seem that being in the Middle East guarantees a meeting of fellow Jews, since going to Israel has become a rite of passage for so many young Jews. But this game has worked in other places too.

When my family and I were in Ecuador in 1992, we went to the Ashkenazi synagogue in Quito. There we met the Jewish community and chatted with them over kiddush. As Jews, we were welcomed into their community. And needless to say, we were asked if we knew so-and-so in Toronto and somebody's second cousin in London, Ont.

Closer to home, the same Jewish welcome makes Halifax such a good place for me to go to school. One of my non-Jewish classmates who wanted to get together with me asked me what I was doing one Friday evening. I said I had been invited out for Shabbat dinner. She asked me how I knew the people to whom I was going, and when I told her I had only very recently met them at the Beth Israel Shul in Oxford Street, she was shocked that I was going to a "stranger's" house for a meal. A stranger? Well, yes, I had only just met them, but I never thought of them as strangers. They were Jews who had invited me to share in a Shabbat dinner. We had something in common.

Actually, a lot of my non-Jewish friends envy this relationship. They have told me that when they go to a new church, they do not feel as close to the community as I seem to be to the Jewish community in Halifax. They admire the phenomenon of Jews looking out for other Jews, that they welcome them into their community. I like it too.

As a backpacker, I find it can be trying to feel like the outsider all the time, the stranger. But whether I'm in Halifax or in Jerusalem, in Quito or in Harare, I know that if there is a Jewish community I will be welcomed. And so would you.

The Ashkenazi synagogue in Quito, Ecuador [photo by Viva Press]

Searching for a new Jewish identity

Jewish survival is no longer a matter of overcoming external threats which aim to destroy us. It is a question of whether we want to perpetuate Judaism.

By Ilan Gewurz

Furthermore, modern Jewish identity is so diverse — Haredi, Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, New Age, Buddhist-Jews — that it is also a question of which Judaism is to be perpetuated. Do we need a common underlying identity that ties us all together? If so, one must ask what that common tie should be.

These are not new questions. In fact, they have challenged Jewish thinkers for centuries. Until the time of the emancipation of the Jews in the 18th century, society consisted of various group identities, of which Judaism was one. There may have been a lot of discussion on how to practise the religion, but there was little, if any, discussion about one's identity on the most fundamental level. With the age of Enlightenment in Europe, Jews were no longer forced to identify as Jews. Thus the question of why remain Jewish took on new significance.

It became a question of how to reconcile the "Jew" and the "human being," how to harmonize being Jewish with the accepted beliefs of the time. This question has remained with us until today. Jewish scholars have answered the question in a variety of different ways. In the last 100 years Zionism filled the identity void and enabled us to avoid truly dealing with the question. But as the external physical and philosophical threats begin to diminish, the question of what Judaism means and how to be simultaneously a Jew and a modern individual must be addressed once again.

Moses Mendelssohn was one of the first modern Jewish thinkers to attempt to define contemporary Jewish identity in such a way that it fit accepted Western European philosophy. Mendelssohn saw himself as a citizen of Europe, a German of the Mosaic persuasion. However, to reconcile himself with the prevailing concept of natural religion, Mendelssohn abandoned the idea of Judaism as divine revelation. He accepted Judaism as merely one way of expressing those truths which were universally accessible ("divine legislation"). In so doing, Mendelssohn failed to give a reason why, if truth is universal, one should bother to remain a Jew.

This question was addressed by many subsequent Jewish philosophers: from Simon Dubnow's explanation that Judaism is a spiritual nation which can exist dispersed among the countries of the world, to Nachman Syrkin's attempts to show non-Marxist socialism as the natural outgrowth of Jewish prophetic writings, they all addressed the place of the Jews in society.

In a way, Zionism was a response to the failure of philosophers to reconcile Judaism with modern society. If Jews could not be "normal" as individuals within their respective societies, perhaps they could return to their land and become a nation like any other. Achad Ha'am warned that a "home for the Jews" would not be enough to perpetuate the Jewish nation. He argued that what was needed was the revival of a Jewish national consensus achieved through the cultivation of Jewish cultural identity.

However, since Zionism and the Holocaust have served as the central elements of Jewish identity, the Jewish nation never did undergo a true cultural revival. Today, 50 years after the Holocaust, a generation that has never known any threat to its existence is being raised. As the unifying external enemy is no longer a threat, Jewish identity is again being called into question.

Judaism cannot be rationally explained in its entirety, and thus the question has always been and remains, whether one defines Jewish identity according to the values of the times or whether one accepts the values of the times only to the extent that they are in keeping with Judaism. Clearly, as assimilation and intermarriage show, we are choosing to embrace modern values rather than Jewish ones as our core identity.

If the Jewish people is to overcome this crisis of identity, it must undergo, as Achad Ha'am called for almost 100 years ago, a Jewish renewal, a Jewish renaissance in which Jewish national cultural identity is cultivated. What is most important is to overcome the ignorance that exists today. When Jews know enough and care enough to argue for or against their religion, then we will have overcome the danger of having chosen not to survive.

Who is a Jew?

From time to time, especially when elections in Israel are called, the question "Who is a Jew?" comes up. Both major parties woo the religious right and promise to encase its halachic interpretations in civil law.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Recently, I came across some material (courtesy of one of my faithful correspondents) which reminded me of the time when the Nazis, *I'havdil*, were greatly interested in our identity. They wanted to determine who was a Jew and to that end instituted a special department, entitled Federal Department for Genealogical Enquiry. Its task was to find out whether certain persons were or were not of Jewish descent, which meant having at least one Jewish grandparent.

When I still lived in Germany, we heard stories, about people whose names sounded Jewish but who claimed pure Aryan descent, and also of those who by fiat of the government were declared Aryans, even though everyone knew that they were not.

The most famous of these cases was that of a top civil servant and Air Force general, Erhard Milch, a Jew born in Wilhelmshaven in 1892. He was a close associate of his boss, Hermann Goering, who was quoted as having commented on the dubious background of Milch by saying: "I determine who is a Jew."

So how did Goering defend his friendship with Milch at a time when the identification of being Jewish was the same as condemning one to the sub-human species?

Apparently, the issue became so much talked about that Adolf Hitler himself entered the fray. He yielded to Goering's wish to maintain the services of Milch and issued a ruling that all children of the Milch family had been adopted and were not born of Jewish parents. A deceased Aryan by the name of Karl Brauer was entered into the official lists as the natural father of the Milch children and all records were altered accordingly. My correspondent was good enough to send me a photocopy of the letter, apparently signed by Goering himself (although the signature cannot be identified securely). It was written on Aug. 7, 1935, to the chair of the department who was entrusted with the task of ferreting out genealogical data — and thus Milch was officially "cleansed" of his Jewish blood.

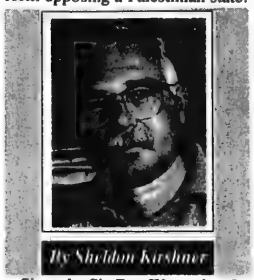
When in 1936 the Olympic Games were played in Berlin — with Jesse Owens, famed black American sprinter winning the 100-metre run — the Germans needed every good athlete to represent them so that they could gain some medals for the Reich. They picked out two Jewish women who were likely to do well, and in fact at least one of them did mount the podium. (She later immigrated to the United States.)

Unfortunately, these shenanigans had one dark side: they encouraged a number of German Jews to hope that the Nazis were not really serious about their racial *meshuggas*. As we learned later, their racial madness was in fact their most virulent disease. Even in the latter stages of World War II, when every railroad car was needed at the front, many were commandeered to transport Jews to Auschwitz.

The Kirshner File

Two-state solution gains legitimacy

A taboo in Israeli politics was broken last month when the Labor party dropped a clause in its election platform opposing a Palestinian state.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Since the Six Day War, when Israel captured the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israeli conventional wisdom had held that a Palestinian state was unacceptable because it would compromise Israel's security.

And while the Israeli right still hews to this article of faith, the formula is no longer considered realistic or desirable by others in the era of the Oslo peace process.

For a long time, the leaders of the Labor party resolutely refused to recognize Palestinian nationalism, much less the PLO, citing Palestinian extremism and terrorism. Golda Meir, the former prime minister, even doubted the existence of a Palestinian nation. And until Israel's peace treaty with Jordan in 1994, Labor leaders promoted the "Jordanian option," the concept that a Palestinian state could only be feasible in Jordan.

But as the PLO gradually moderated its positions in response to the intifadah, the defeat of Iraq in the Gulf War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Labor party was forced to consider a two-state solution to the Arab-Israeli disupte.

With the Oslo peace process, and particularly with its second phase, the Israeli government recognized that a genie had been let out of the bottle. As Environment Minister Yossi Sarid put it following the signing of Oslo 2 last September: "This agreement makes the establishment of a Palestinian state inevitable ..."

Members of Israel's elite — from Rafael Eitan, the leader of the far-right Tsomet party, to Teddy Kollek, the former mayor of Jerusalem — basically agree with this assessment.

And many ordinary Israelis think so too. According to a recent survey conducted by Bar-Ilan University and the Centre for Palestinian Research and Studies, 39 percent of the respondents believe that a Palestinian state will emerge in Judea and Samaria within five or 10 years.

The Palestinian leadership is convinced that statehood is just around the corner. "It is coming," said Yasser Arafat, chair of the PLO and president of the Palestine Authority, following his recent meeting with President Bill Clinton at the White House. "No one can hide the sun with his fingers."

Yet, as early as several months ago, Peres laughed off Palestinian nationalist aspirations as "a dream," while Foreign Minister Ehud Barak advised the Labor party not to alter its platform.

But in the face of contrary demands from Labor's rank and file and from its secretary-general, Nissim Zvilli, the party adopted a new policy. (The late Yitzhak Rabin more or less tried to preserve the status quo when he offered the Palestinians a state in Gaza, provided they jettisoned their demand for control over the West Bank.)

The Palestinians, having rejected Rabin's proposal, are moving inexorably toward statehood. As of this moment, they already have an embryonic state in parts of the West Bank and Gaza.

They possess a legislative council, albeit with limited powers. The Palestine Authority has issued postage stamps and intends to print its own currency within a year. Furthermore, Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza are able to travel with their own passports.

And now, with final status talks having begun, the Palestinians are well on their way to fulfilling their national dreams.

Roots of conflict

At the core of the Arab-Israeli dispute is the epic struggle waged by Zionism and Palestinian nationalism since the late 19th century. True, Israel and its Arab neighbors have fought several wars since 1948. But the Palestinian question, which is daunting in its complexities, predates these armed confrontations.

For a deeper understanding of its dynamics, a reader should consult three recently published books well worth reading.

They are *A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Indiana University Press, $27.50 US) by Mark Tessler; *Palestinians: The Making of a People* (Harvard University Press, $16.95 US) by Baruch Kimmerling and Joel Migdal; and *The Roots of Separation in Palestine: British Economic Policy, 1920-1929* (Syracuse University Press, $39.95 US) by Barbara Smith.

Tessler traces the roots of the conflict and probes its explosive manifestations. In his view, explicit anti-Zionism in the Palestinian community emerged just before World War I. Until then, he argues, there were instances of dialogue, cooperation and a recognition of mutual interests.

In the final analysis, the two movements proved incompatible, the main sources of tension being Jewish immigration and Jewish land purchases.

The Palestinians consistently feared that they would be swamped by a Jewish majority. Indeed, as Kimmerling and Migdal write, Zionist leaders spoke openly of bringing four to five million Jews to Palestine. Palestinian merchants in particular opposed aliyah. They were afraid that Jewish businessmen would dominate the economy.

Under the Ottoman Turks, Jewish immigration was strictly limited. But with the advent of the British mandate in the 1920s, restrictions were loosened, writes Smith.

The purchase of land by Zionists was not extensive — not more than six per cent by 1947. However, a substantial number of Palestinian peasants were displaced by these transfers, exacerbating Arab suspicions of Zionism.

A related problem, turning on the reluctance of Jewish employers to hire Arabs because they were loath to exploit cheap Arab labor, only heightened the tension.

Kimmerling and Migdal credit Haj Amin al-Husseini — the president of the Supreme Muslim Council — with placing the Palestinian question at the centre of universal Islamic concerns. But Tessler adds that Christian Arabs were the chief ideologues of anti-Zionism.

Interestingly enough, many Zionist luminaries underestimated the depth of Palestinian grievances and the strength of Arab nationalism. They were convinced that the Palestinians would learn to value the benefits of Zionism.

Eventually, the Zionists formed a keen appreciation of Palestinian hostility. Nevertheless, the Zionist elite misread the 1936-39 Arab revolt in Palestine, which, Kimmerling and Migdal observe, heralded the emergence of a full-blown Palestinian national movement.

One last point. It's now clear that the Palestinians could have attained statehood had they accepted the United Nations' 1947 partition plan. Being myopic, they spurned the scheme. Their rejection touched off a new round of fighting which turned tens of thousands of Palestinians into refugees.

Arms and the man

The international arms trade is booming. It does not bode well for peace and security, either in the Middle East or elsewhere.

According to William Keller in *Arm in Arm* (HarperCollins, $35), a trenchant analysis of this phenomenon, the post-Cold War period is becoming ever more dangerous. He is particularly concerned by several developments:

•The virtually uncontrolled transfer of potent weaponry by developed countries to the Third World.

•The formation of business alliances among arms manufacturers of different nations.

•The trend to adapt advanced civil technology to military purposes.

•The emphasis on economic considerations, rather than national security, to sell arms.

Iraq and Iran, both of which have roiled the waters in the Persian Gulf and beyond, prove Keller's thesis.

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איינע פון די סאַמע אינטערעסאַנטסטע אויסזען פון אַ גרופּע יונגע, אַמעריקאַנער-געבוירענע יידיש-ליבהאָבער איז די „נאַציאָנאַלע יידישע ביכער צענטראַלע" אין סאַוט היידלי, לעבן באָסטאָן.

מיט אַן ערך זעכצן יאָר צוריק האָט אהרן לאַנסקי, אַ יונגער יידיש-ענטוזיאַסט, געגומען זאַמלען יידישע ביכער, כדי זיי צו פאַרהיטן פון גיין לאיבוד. צוזאַמען מיט נאָך עטלעכע יונגטלעכע האָט ער געגומען קליבן יידישע ביכער פון היימען, קעלערן און בוידעמס און זיי סאָרטירן און קאַטאַלאָגירן, כדי זיי פאַרקויפן אָדער פאַרטיילן צו פאַראינטערעסירטע יחידים, אוניווערזיטעט-ביבליאָטעקן א.אַ.

אין זיין ווענדונג צו באַנייען די יאָרלעכע מיטגלידערשאַפט אין דעם צענטער, דערציילט אהרן לאַנסקי, פּרעזידענט פון דער ביכער צענטראַלע, וועגן די טעטיקייטן, פּלענער און אויסזיכטן פון דער אינסטיטוציע פאַרן קומענדיקן יאָר.

איז כדאי איבערצוגעבן אַ צאָל פּרטים פון אָט-דעם באַריכט: אין משך פון די פאַרגאַנגענע 16 יאָר האָט די נאַציאָנאַלע יידישע ביכער צענטראַלע באַזאָרגט מיט יידישע ביכער אַרום 233 ביבליאָטעקן אין 21 לענדער. די צאָל וועט היפּשלעך פאַרגרעסערט ווערן מיט דער אינסטאַלירונג היי-יאָר פון די נייעסטע קאָמפּיוטערס, וואָס דאָס וועט דערמעגלעכן צו פאַרענדיקן אין משך פון די קומענדיקע צוויי יאָר דאָס קאַטאַלאָגירן פון אַ מיליאָן מיט דריי הונדערט טויזנט יידישע ביכער, וואָס זיינען געזאַמלט געוואָרן ביז איצט דורכן צענטער. דער קאָמפּיוטיזירטער קאַטאַלאָג וועט זיין פאַרבונדן מיטן „אינטערנעט", וואָס דאָס וועט מעגלעך מאַכן, אַז ביבליאָטעקן און ביכער-זאַמלער איבער דער גאָרער וועלט זאָלן באַקאַנט ווערן מיט די יידיש-אוצרות אין ביכער צענטער.

אָבער דאָס איז אַלץ וויניק פאַר אהרן לאַנסקי און זיינע מיטאַרבעטער. זייער אַמביציע איז גלייך פון אָנהויב געווען צו שאַפן עפּעס מער ווי אַ ביכער-פאַנד און פאַרטיילונג-אַגענטור. דערפאַר האָבן זיי באַצייכנט זייער אינסטיטוציע ווי אַ **רעסורס צענטער פאַר יידישער באַנייאונג**, דאָס מיינט אַ צענטער פון אַלזייטיקע לערן- און פאַרש-אַקטיוויטעטן, וואָס זאָלן אָפּשפּיגלען דאָס גרויסע ווערק פון יידיש-שאַפונג פאַר די לעצטע הונדערט יאָר אָדער מער, אין מזרח-אייראָפּע און מעבר-לים. און וואונדער איבער וואונדער: די וויזיע פון דעם הייפּעלע יידיש-ענטוזיאַסטן ווערט רעאַליזירט פאַר אונדזערע אויגן. אין „פּאַקן-טרעגער" (אין ענגליש „בוק-פּעדלער"), די רייך-אילוסטרירטע האַלב-יאָר אויסגאַבע פון צענטער, קאָנען מיר זען גאַנצע זייטן פון מנדבים, וואָס ביישטייערן צום אויפבוי-פאַנד פון דער נייער פּערמאַנענטער היים פון צענטער, וואָס דאַרף באַשטיין פון ביוראָען, אַן אויריטאָריום, שטודיר-צימערן, אַן אַמפיטעאַטער, אַ כשר'ע קיך און, פאַר-שטייט זיך, גענוגנדיק פּלאַץ פאַר די געזאַמלטע ביכער. דאָס דאַרף קאָסטן נישט ווייניקער ווי זעקס מיליאָן מיט דריי הונדערט טויזנט דאָלער. העלפט פון דער סומע איז שוין געשאַפן געוואָרן.

און דערווייל זיצן נישט די בוך צענטער טוער מיט פאַרלייגטע הענט. אַ נעץ פון ביכער זאַמלער איז עטאַבלירט געוואָרן אין אַלע גרעסערע שטעט אין די פאַראייניקטע שטאַטן און קאַנאַדע.

פון צייט צו צייט אָרגאַניזירט די ביכער צענטראַלע סוף-וואָך פּראָג-ראַמען, געווידמעט יידישע שרייבער און יידיש-שאַפונג. לענגערע שטודיר-סעמינאַרן, אויף אַ וואָך אָדער מער, ווערן אָרגאַניזירט איין אָדער צוויי מאָל אַ יאָר מיט אַ גרעסערע צאָל צוהערער, וואָס וואוינען און פאַרברענגען צוזאַמען אויפן אוניווערזיטעט קעמפּוס ביי באָסטאָן.

נאָך אַ פּראָיעקט פון צענטער איז דאָס רעקאָרדירן אין ענגלישער איבערזעצונג פון שאַפונגען פון יידישע שרייבער, וואָס ווערן פאַרגעלייענט פון באַרימטע אַמעריקאַנער אַקטיאָרן אויף פאַרשיידענע ראַדיאָ סטאַנציעס איבערן לאַנד. צום נאַציאָנאַלן יידישן ביכער צענטער געהערן הונדערטער מענטשן אויפן אַמעריקאַנער קאָנטינענט און אַפילו פון אייראָפּע און ישראל. דער יערלעכער מיטגליד-אָפּצאָל איז 36 דאָלער, פאַר סטודענטן און פּענסיאָנערן 18 דאָלער.

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Book of Ruth speaks to women

By RACHEL TURKIENICZ

The Book of Ruth, which is studied and read on Shavuot, is a text that speaks particularly to women. Although there are many central themes within the text, one of the central figures, Naomi, depicts a woman with whom women of today can easily relate.

At the beginning of the story, Naomi moves with her husband and her two sons from Israel to the land of Moab, where the sons marry Moabite women. Through tragic circumstances, Naomi's family dies and she is left alone with her daughters-in-law.

Ruth, the daughter-in-law who remains with Naomi, proclaims her allegiance to Naomi, her people and her God. The special bond between these two women unfolds when they return to Israel.

However, the story also tells the reader how Naomi responds to an intensely shattering crisis.

Naomi's husband and two sons are killed early in the book. Although devastated, only once does Naomi offer the readers a glimpse of her inner thoughts. Before returning to Israel, Naomi attempts to persuade her daughters-in-law not to accompany her, "because the Lord has extended His hand against me."

Naomi perceives the loss of her family and her own survival as a message from God against her. Surely she must be to blame for the suffering she must bear.

This response does not reveal much, until one compares Naomi's situation with a similar situation that befalls another biblical character — Job. The Book of Job tells the story of a righteous man who loses everything. Job also survives the deaths of his children. His friends gather in an attempt to find meaning in the tragedy and they suggest to him that he is somehow to blame for his misfortune. Job rejects this suggestion time and again and seeks other explanations.

Both Naomi and Job must face the loss of their families, but their responses are completely opposite. Perhaps one can learn from these differences. The loss of a spouse, though tragic, is not as unnatural as the loss of one's children. Job responds to the loss of his children with a male response — the reason must lie in the world at large. Naomi responds to the loss of her children by internalizing the blame — she holds herself responsible. Women throughout time have reacted in precisely this fashion.

Even a woman dealing with the loss of a pregnancy will react in this way. The doctor may assure the woman that she has done nothing wrong, and yet she will disregard his words and continue to blame herself for the loss of the unborn child.

Commentaries on the book of Ruth blame the death of the men on their having left their home and their people and taken foreign brides. These male commentators use the reasoning of Job. Yet every woman who reads the Book of Ruth can understand Naomi's pain; it is the pain of the mother whose children are torn from her arms; it is the pain of the survivor.

Lost in Last Respects - *by Solly Kaplinski*

I went to pay my last respects
to light candles
to mourn a member of
my external family
Yitzchak.

First to Kikar Rabin
where it happened
and then to Har Herzl
where he rests.

The Kotel at the square
is an open sore
filled with pain and anger and
anguish and grief
a raw wound
publicly exposed for all to see
a Kotel that wails with family tears.

On the cold wet slab of concrete
where his dying breath is engraved
as I lit candles and stood dumbstruck
I saw my father on his death bed
and I cried
I saw Cain slaughter Abel
and I trembled
I saw a son murder his father
and I screamed
I saw beating hearts
throbbing and pulsating
torn out
his, mine, yours and ours
gorged with blood
and I broke down.

At the Kever
in Jerusalem
at dusk
I also light candles.
Teenagers sit quietly
staring at the flickering flames
writing with dripping hot wax
Abba Yitzchak,
we long for you.

The Kikar Kotel —
how different from the Jerusalem
Kotel —
with organized minyanim
and prescribed prayers for
past sorrows
present promises
and
future glories in the world to come
and crumpled notes stuffed into
narrow spaces —
private, personal, silent and closed.

Let's suppose we could join these
two walls.
Humor me for a moment
even if you tell me that
cursive
+script
=gibberish
let's lift up these walls and place
them side-by-side
to form a square or a rectangle.
How then do we fill the spaces in
between?
And even if we could
how do we pierce the walls that
surround the heart?
How do we gently lower the
drawbridge
across the moat?
One doesn't need a doctor to tell
us that
If we push too hard we kill the
patient.

These walls can't fit!
Can the cool and shimmering sweet
waters
huggingly caress the heat-baked
bloody clay?
Does the taste of soil
quench a hungry appetite?
Can it sustain a life-support system?

How about a different strategy?
Let's place the walls on top of each
other.
Maybe if we build upwards ...
Sound familiar?

So do we start all over again?
Is this how it all ends?
Dust to dust?

And still they come
And still they write
And still they light candles
And still they stand in silence
And still they place stones
And still they mourn
for Yitzchak
for themselves
for us.

Will it ever end?

Only if
people who speak different languages
people who tell different stories
people who write different
autobiographies
people who live different histories
people who sing different songs
and
people who pray different prayers
say out loud
and with conviction

You are my brother and I love you.

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Jewish Life

Of censuses, cemeteries and social notices

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Guelph resident Glen Eker, a freelance writer and former college professor, was thrilled several years ago when he found a listing for his great-grandfather Reuben Eker and family in the census for Glace Bay, N.S. for 1901, the latest census that is available to the public.

The census listed Eker's great-grandparents and five children, the age (but not birthplace) of each, and the year – 1900 – in which they had immigrated to Canada. "We found a sister in there that we didn't know anything about," said Eker, who had already known that his ancestors came from Tolchin, Ukraine. Excited, he began to search the entire Nova Scotia census for other families with the surname Eker.

Although he did not find any potential relatives, Eker, assisted by Torontonian Deborah Pekilis, soon compiled a list of all the Jews living in the Maritimes in 1901. That census, like most of its predecessors, had columns for Religion and Racial Origin in which Jews are variously indicated as Hebrew, Israelite, Jewish, Juif, Mosaic, and in one case as Sons of Benjamin.

Finding a publisher for the Maritimes list inspired Eker to continue his research. Spending countless hours turning the spindles of microfilm readers, he has since examined nearly every Canadian and pre-Confederation census in existence. So far, he has published microfiche lists of the Jews of Toronto from 1861 to 1901; the Jews of the Maritimes from 1871 to 1901; the Jews of Montreal and Quebec City from 1871 to 1901; the Jews of the rest of Quebec from 1871 to 1901; the Jews of Western Canada from 1870 to 1901; and several others.

Most Jews in 19th-century Canada had trade-oriented occupations – "tailors, cigar- makers and merchants," Eker observed. "There was a small number of professionals and a few newspaper editors, but the majority were traders and merchants."

Very often, the running tallies supplied by Statistics Canada of Jews and other groups were inaccurate, according to Eker. For instance, the tallies in the 1861 census for Upper Canada showed some 200 Jews in Blenheim, a town in the Tillsonburg-London-Windsor area of southwestern Ontario. However, no Jews are shown in the census for this area, said Eker, who regards the missing Blenheim Jews as the largest enigma of his four years of research. His most exciting find: a large Hebrew-Métis family in Manitoba that apparently dates back to about 1780.

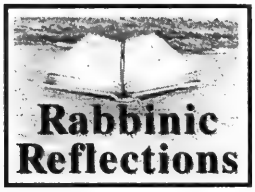
Raymond Whitzman of Montreal was also looking for relatives when he decided to transcribe most of the Jewish cemeteries of eastern Canada, excluding Montreal. In the course of researching his family tree – a decade-long pursuit that has yielded more than 6,000 names – Whitzman discovered that many Jews who settled in Atlantic Canada, including his ancestors, originated in and around the Lithuanian town of Dorbyan (Darbenai on modern maps).

Whitzman has transcribed Jewish cemeteries in Quebec City, Sherbrooke and Ste. Sophie, a former Jewish farming district, in Quebec; and in St. John's, Moncton, Fredericton, St. John, Yarmouth, Glace Bay, Sydney and Halifax in Atlantic Canada. He estimates that he has transcribed about 1,500 tombstones in Quebec and another 2,000 in the Maritimes. To contact Whitzman, phone 514-489-4094 or e-mail whitz@cam.com.

Lawrence Tapper, an archivist at the National Archives in Ottawa, may also have been looking for relatives when he indexed all surname references from the social notices of an early Anglo-Jewish newpaper, the Canadian Jewish Times, that was published in Montreal between 1897 and 1914. Only half of Tapper's work has appeared in print so far: it is the fascinating and useful Biographical Dictionary of Canadian Jewry, 1909-1914 (Avotaynu, 1993). The volume has great worth for genealogists researching Jewish families that were already assimilated into English-speaking society here by 1909.

Eker's microfiched census lists or Tapper's Biographical Dictionary are included in the holdings of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada which are available in most major libraries. (To purchase either resource, phone 1-800-AVOT-AYNU.)

There's usually a genealogist in every Jewish family. If that person is you, you may wish to exchange ideas and information by joining a Jewish genealogical society. Contact your local Federation for the address or phone number of any of the five societies in Canada, in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver. They are part of a growing network of more than 60 societies in North and South America, Europe, England, Australia and Israel.



By
RABBI SHLOMO GRAFSTEIN

Yom Yerushalayim

Today we are celebrating Yom Yerushalayim, the day 29 years ago that Jerusalem was miraculously returned to Jewish hands. Jerusalem Day this year is followed by Shabbat Parshah Bamidbar (The Wilderness). The coupling of these two days reflects the reality that we are still in a spiritual desert. Our existence is still barren, with sparse growth. Even in our joy we are incomplete. We have a Jerusalem, yet each groom still smashes a glass at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony, and recites "If I forget you O Jerusalem."

Even with a united Jerusalem, we are still a desert. And we will remain there until we have completed the rebuilding of The Divine Palace, our Third Temple. How can we find our way out of this desert?

A few ideas suggest a route. First, "Jerusalem" is composed of two Hebrew words *yiru* and *shalem*. *Yiru* means "they will see," and *shalem* means "perfection" or "concord" (peace). The city was established to be a place of spiritual perfection and virtue. Of Jerusalem it is said, "Tzedek (righteousness) lodged in her." (Isaiah 1:21). One feels more righteous within the precincts of Jerusalem.

Second, we know that medieval maps were drawn with Jerusalem in their centres; Jerusalem was considered the centre of the world. Today our prayers are offered in the direction of Jerusalem and ascend to heaven through the "Gates of Heaven," from the site of the Temple in Jerusalem. (Genesis 28:17)

Third, Jerusalem belongs to every Jew. For example, the rule that "the poor of your city take precedence" when distributing *tzedakah* includes the poor of Jerusalem, because we are all citizens of Jerusalem. (Talmud, Bava Metzia)

Fourth. our wilderness is not simply a desert. It is The Wilderness of Sinai. And in this we find the answer to our questions. The Hebrew word *bamidbar* (in the desert) has a numerical value of 248. This is also the number of positive mitzvot which our Torah has given us. By incorporating the values of Sinai into our lives, we will daily place Jerusalem in the very centre of our personal world. We will achieve Yerushalayim; we "will see perfection."

The Hebrew phrase *b'zelem Elokim* (created in the image of G-d) also has a value of 248. (Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburgh) From this we learn that we can achieve our life's purpose, namely our spiritual perfection when we perform positive acts with devotion. Then we can return to the purity of our being in and feeling Jerusalem. Where is Jerusalem found? It is wherever you allow her to enter.

Rabbi Grafstein is the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax.

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Senior repels mugger with handy onion

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Izzie Rotterman has done a nifty take on the old Yiddish curse, "May you grow like an onion — with your head in the ground."

Recently in Florida, Rotterman used a meaty, half-kilo Vidalia onion to practically put a mugger's head *into* the ground.

It happened in Pompano Beach, where Rotterman, a hale 81-year-old Toronto financial adviser and lover of the sweet Vidalia, was about to have dinner at a swank Italian restaurant with his business partner.

As always when he eats out, Izzie was carrying his favorite veggie, wrapped in a plastic bag, to chop into his salad. Suddenly, a man appeared from the shadows of the parking lot and made a grab for the partner's purse.

Instinctively, Rotterman swung the onion at the mugger. "I gave him two good *k'nucks*, one to the chin and another to his head," he says. Stunned, the attacker fled with an accomplice.

The restaurant's manager called the police and the rest is show-biz history. "And I ate the evidence," Izzie adds, with a twinkle in his eye.

His derring-do earned front-page coverage in Florida newspapers, which are normally filled with glum tales of muggings of seniors and tourists. From there, the story was picked up by CNN, the CBC and other media outlets. Calls still come from radio stations in Europe.

The clincher came a few weeks ago, when Rotterman discussed the incident with Jay Leno on the *Tonight Show*.

Interspersed with all the media hoopla was an all-expenses paid trip to Vidalia, Ga., where Rotterman was guest of honor at the state's annual 10-day onion festival.

They take their Vidalias seriously in Dixie. It's Georgia's official vegetable and brings in some $50 million in yearly revenue.

The governor even made Rotterman an honorary commissioner of agriculture, while the mayor of Vidalia awarded him the key to the city. "I guess I put the town on the map," Izzie chuckles.

But thinking back, he's less lighthearted about the actions that won him his 15 minutes of fame.

"In retrospect, it was more stupid than brave. What if [the mugger] had a gun or a knife? I wasn't thinking ..."

As for Rotterman's weapon of choice, "I've been eating 'em for years. A salad isn't a salad without a Vidalia. They're nice and sweet."

While denying he's a hero, Rotterman allows that the incident "is good for onions, good for Canadians and good for the *Yiddin*."

Jay Leno, Izzie Rotterman and a Vidalia onion.

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BEIT HALOCHEM MONTH

North York Mayor Mel Lastman recently proclaimed June as Beit Halochem Month in North York. Seen here (from left) Michael Sax, president; Edna Levitt, executive director, Beit Halochem Canada; Lastman; and Toby Feldberg, co-chair major gifts for gala benefit concert. To kick it off, the Klezmer Conservatory Band will perform at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts on June 3.

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kept relapsing. He is worried all the time, and he especially hates being in the hospital."

Since he can go to school very little, he receives home tutoring. He spends his time watching television (especially wrestling) and like most young boys, loves action movies.

For more information, contact Beth Tzedec Synagogue at 781-3511.

Shul increases choice of caterers

Bold move for Beth Tikvah

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Beth Tikvah Synagogue, in a bold move, has switched from having a single caterer to offering a choice of four.

Catering chair Bev Holtzman told *The CJN* that members of the congregation, as well as the public, are excited to be able to decide between GMB Culinary Productions, in association with Zuchter Berk Creative Caterers; Levy's Catering; Malmar Fine Foods and Catering; and Peter Graben Fine Foods. All are glatt kosher and under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of Toronto (COR).

"A lot of people were requesting choices in such things as style and price. We were concerned about people going elsewhere to get those choices — we wanted to keep Jewish life cycle events here in the synagogue," she said.

While some Reform temples also offer different caterers, Beth Tikvah, Holtzman said, is the only Conservative synagogue to do so.

"There is a lot of risk and change in routine," she said. "There is a lot more responsibility put on the shul catering committee, but I think there will be more satisfaction in the end."

Response so far has been enthusiastic, Holtzman said. "It's rewarding to see the enthusiasm, when people can pick someone who suits them in style, price and personality."

The four caterers were not just picked out of a hat. "We did a lot of research," Holtzman said. The catering committee, which represented a cross-section of the congregation, she noted, sought applications, eliminated a few who were either not very experienced or were not under COR, and chose nine to test.

"Each potential caterer had an evening where they provided a 'middle of the road' type meal and was rated on, for instance, quality of food, staffing and presentation."

The synagogue is having a Simcha Fair, on May 22, from 7 to 10 p.m., to introduce the open kitchen concept and the caterers to the congregation and to the community.

Guests will be able to sample a few of each caterer's offerings, meet the caterers and view the synagogue.

"We have a number of rooms for affairs, a sanctuary and a beautiful chapel which can hold up to 500. As well, we have just commissioned two new chupahs, which will be on view."

There will also be 25 to 30 simchah-related services, Holtzman said, such as music, invitations, flowers, gift registries and makeup.

"There will even be some door prizes," she said.

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Gains of women in Judaism explored

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — These days, Jewish parents often have to provide explanations if they *don't* have a special ceremony to welcome a newborn daughter.

An American sociology professor, speaking at the Lipa Green building recently, said she still cries when she attends a Simchat Bat. "It makes me feel like in a very short time we accomplished something," said Rela Mintz Geffen, coordinator of the program in Jewish Communal Service at Philadelphia's Gratz College.

Rela Mintz Geffen

Geffen was keynote speaker at an evening entitled In Search of our Spiritual Growth: What's Changing for Jewish Women? The event was co-sponsored by UJA Women's Campaign and the Jewish Women's Federation social and political action committee. Catherine Bianco, president of Holy Blossom sisterhood; Shayna Kravetz, lawyer and founding member of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Rosh Chodesh group; Lori Palatnik, rebbitzen and author; and Ontario cabinet minister Elaine Todres, who celebrated her bat mitzvah at age 40, also spoke.

Having a daughter is often a radicalizing experience for a Jewish woman, Geffen said. "Women who didn't want anything for themselves [in the area of Jewish ritual], wanted for their daughters."

Saying Kaddish is another common radicalizing experience, Geffen noted. If someone says there are only nine people for a minyan, when a woman who's present would bring the total to 10, "suddenly you're not even a person," she said.

Jewish women are exempt from time-bound mitzvot such as praying at certain times every day. Traditional explanations include variations on the woman-is-more-spiritual theme (meaning that they don't need those prayers to elevate them), but Geffen sees it differently.

"If you look at the texts, you will see that that's not what it says. Who are the righteous women? Akiva's wife who worked and slaved for years and sold her hair so that Akiva could continue his studies. Women who chopped holes in the ice so there could be a mikvah ... In the past women fulfilled their obligations by enabling men to participate in certain mitzvot rather than doing them themselves. Their holiness and spirituality was real but it was derivative in nature."

In recent years the Jewish women's movement has had an impact in the areas of Talmud and Torah study, life cycle rituals, prayer and public domain of the synagogue, Geffen said.

Until the late 1800s Jewish women rarely received any formal Jewish education, she noted. If one accepts the words of the Jewish sage Hillel, who said, "An ignoramus cannot be pious," [most] Jewish women could not be truly pious, Geffen added.

"I would say the opening up of study of classical Jewish text to Jewish women was absolutely critical. The last 10 to 15 years have seen tremendous movement in this area in modern Orthodox circles."

LAG B'OMER BASH

Earl Bales Park was packed last week with revelers enjoying a Lag B'Omer party. A traditional bonfire and barbeque were followed by an open air concert. The bash was sponsored by Tzivos Hashem Canada. [Ron Csillag photo]

Toronto teen wins math contest

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

THORNHILL — Maybe Grade 9 student Matthew Buchalter gets his mathematical ability from his father Sheldon, an accountant, but Buchalter Sr. says no.

Matthew, who turns 14 this month, recently won a gold medal in the University of Waterloo's annual Canadian Mathematics Championships, placing among the top five students out of some 35,000 across Canada.

His school, Thornlea Secondary School, placed 10th among Canadian schools, based on the marks of the three students who scored highest in the contest.

After Matthew wrote the exam at his school and compared answers with friends, he was convinced he was wrong on at least three of the 25 questions.

His final mark was 142 out of 150, one of the highest marks possible because some questions were worth four or eight marks, and a wrong answer counted for zero.

"I wasn't as smart as him in Math when I was his age," says Sheldon.

Matthew Buchalter

"When we go into a fast food place, if there are 15 different combinations of ways you can order specials, it's beyond me to figure out which is the best combination to buy. Matthew will tell you in about 20 seconds."

Matthew, who likes playing baseball and watching sports on television, is in the gifted program at Thornlea Secondary School, where his favorite subject is — what else? — math.

"It comes easy to me. There's a right answer or a wrong answer. No opinion. No explaining."

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UJA March fancy foot work for oldest participant

If 82 year old Hannah Rensler has her way, she'll be one of the first to cross the finish line at this year's UJA Community March for Israel, May 26. "Once she gets going she's hard to keep up with," explains nephew Howard Rensler, who alerted *Community Matters* to his aunt's history of raising thousands of dollars for local charities and Jews around the world.

Hannah Rensler is the oldest Community March for Israel participant. For the last 7 years, she has raised more than $1000 for the March - a figure that will likely climb to $2000 this year. "I've always felt a great deal for Israel and I feel we should all do whatever we can to support the country," she stresses. Funds raised by the March will assist young immigrants recently arrived in Israel.

Equipped with a "sensible pair of shoes," Hannah, according to her nephew, is "completely focused and keeps her stride when even her great niece has a hard time keeping up."

Aside from visiting her brother 3 times a week at a Toronto nursing home, Hannah goes to synagogue every Saturday and helps in many ways to raise money for Israel. "She's remarkably healthy," Howard observes admiringly. However, Hannah herself, doesn't understand what the fuss is all about. "I'm a very low key person," she insists.

After it's all over, Hannah says she'll "probably just keep walking down Bathurst until I get home."

Hannah Rensler says she "didn't mind doing the March when it was 16 km. long."

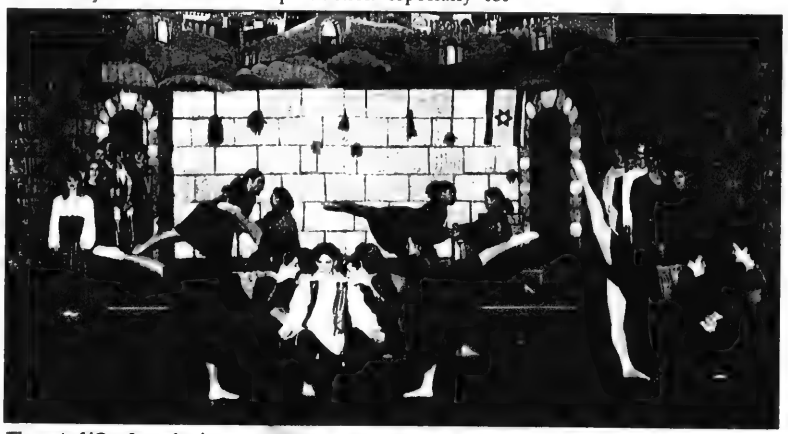
A capital performance

Jerusalem 3000 Festival revelers will get a crash course in Jewish history when the cast from *Our Jerusalem* takes centre stage at North York Centennial Arena. The highly successful musical will be one of many attractions at the Festival, following the UJA Community March for Israel.

The Festival is co-sponsored by UJA Federation and Canadian Zionist Federation.

The play depicts 3000 years of Jerusalem's history beginning with the binding of Isaac on Mount Moriah in 1700 BCE. Rivka Atzmony and Doron Ophir created the production especially for Jerusalem 3000 celebrations.

Producer Tammy Savion, who says most of the 35 student cast members will be available for the Festival performance on Sunday, May 26, thinks *Our Jerusalem* is "a great way to bring Israel to the Festival."



The cast of 'Our Jerusalem' recreates 3000 years of history at Leah Posluns Theatre.

City supports Festival

North York, the city with a heart, has proven true to its slogan by financially backing this year's Jerusalem 3000 Festival, May 26, following the UJA Community March for Israel.

The city's Parks and Recreation Committee awarded a $2500 grant to Canadian Zionist Federation, which is co-sponsoring the Festival with UJA Federation. The grant was given to CZF, according to Cultural Affairs Officer Cathi Forbes, "to showcase the multicultural aspects of Toronto's community and to provide the opportunity to learn about each other's culture."

The Festival will take place from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Centennial Arena on Finch, west of Bathurst, the finish line for this year's Community March.

The day's program features live entertainment for all ages, including Israeli music, a barbecue and food for every taste, an auction, theatrical performances and children's activities.

"The whole idea," explains CZF Festival Coordinator, Tillie Margolis, "is to draw the community together in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill."

Canada Trust collections convenience

Canada Trust, the sponsor of this year's UJA Community March for Israel, is accepting March collections at all its branches.

Those with contributions can deposit them under account number 640-503953 at Canada Trust, where they will receive a receipt for proof of deposited donations. For every $50 collected, the marcher's name will be entered into a draw to win a trip for two to Israel.

Sherry Weiss, Manager of Branch Banking at Canada Trust, sees the convenience of donation deposits, and her company's association with UJA Federation as a "great way for Canada Trust to support the community."

Community Matters

More Junior UJA winners

Our Junior UJA members have certainly been standing on their heads to figure out what was wrong with the topsy-turvy Passover photo we published in the last edition of junior UJA news.

As promised, we're presenting another group of keen-eyed kids who were the first to send us 10 correct answers:

Gila and Dova Brenman, Andrea Mancini, Sarah Rena Marmor, Peter Saltsman, Alexandra Schaeffer and Jodie Shupac.

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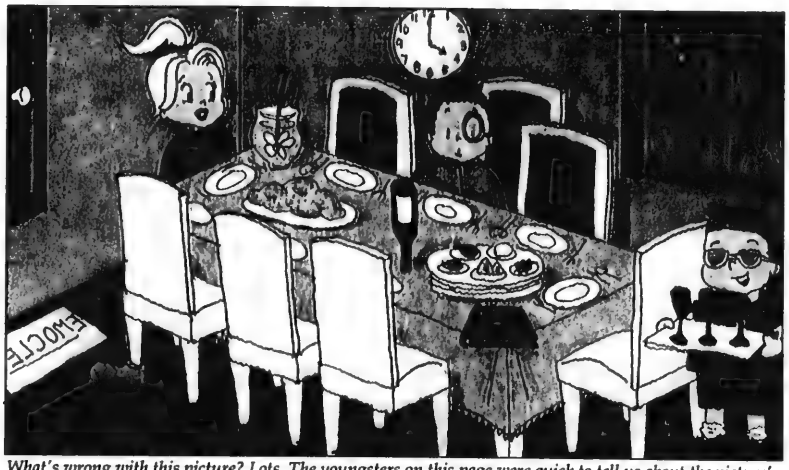

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UJA Solidarity Mission

From bus to bomb shelter

Solidarity has become more than a slogan for a group of UJA Federation leaders who recently returned from a mission to Moscow, St. Petersburg and Israel.

The nine day journey began peacefully enough with visits to several UJA Federation-funded Jewish Agency projects in the former Soviet Union, and ended with a tense two hour stay in a Kiryat Shmona bomb shelter. The group had been touring the deserted northern Israel town on the Lebanese border when a katyusha rocket landed metres from their bus. Participant Lonny Gropper said that although the experience was scary, "none of us wanted to leave."

UJA Federation Campaign Chairman David Goldstein described the group's risky experience as "a true show of support far beyond the reach of financial assistance and good wishes."

While in danger from Hezbullah attacks, Lorri Kushnir quickly realized "we could all be sharing a common fate. We thought we would be observers and all of a sudden we began to run for our lives for shelter." Kushnir was especially overwhelmed by Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations in Jerusalem. "I had no idea how much pride I was going to feel. The display of bravery and strength was tremendously compelling."

Vicki Campbell, who chairs UJA Federation's Women's Campaign, described her experience visiting Soviet Jews as "humbling and very moving."

"This mission more than any other," observed UJA Federation Campaign Director Ted Sokolsky, "reinforced the responsibility Jews have to each other around the world, and how a simple twist of fate placed us where we are today."

"It was a real eye opener," noted Baruch Gur, the Jewish Agency's emissary to Toronto and the architect of *Operation Exodus*. "Participants had the opportunity to see how much good work is being done by the Agency especially in youth operations."

Mission participants visit Katzrin where these boys continue their studies in a temporary school after being evacuated from the war zone.

Metulla Mayor, Yossi Goldberg, gives Mission participants a description of the damage done to the Canada Centre by Katyusha rockets.

Off to Helsinki. A family of Russian olim prepare for their bus ride to the Finnish capital on their way to Israel. Mission participants were there to bid them farewell.

Mission participant Bonnie Goldstein talks to the leader of the Finnish Chrisitian organization which charters the Helsinki-bound buses.

Mary Golfman pins a Canadian flag on the lapel of Moti Paz, head of the Jewish Agency in St. Petersburg and Helsinki.

Mission Chairman David Goldstein and Mendy Sharf outside the Ronald McDonald House in Moscow.

Day 17 in the Kiryat Shmona bomb shelter. A visit by UJA Federation representatives to this family seemed to relieve some stress.

Photos: Henry Campbell

Noa (Achinoam Nini) plays at Convocation Hall on Wednesday, May 26

Noa night is on the way

The biblical Noah may have weathered 40 days and 40 nights of torrential rain, but Noa, the Israeli singing sensation, is causing a flood of her own - a flood of international popularity.

Achinoam Nini, better known as Noa, is coming to Convocation Hall on May 22 at 8:30 p.m. to perform her own original recipe of pop, jazz and Middle Eastern sounds. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to UJA Federation, among other organizations.

The 26 year old Israeli-born, Bronx-raised artist and her accompanying guitarist Gil Dor will be performing songs from Noa's latest English album, *Calling*, which was released in Canada, May 15. In Israel, Noa's chart-topping 1993 hit Bo-ee Kalah (Come to Me Bride) has become a musical anthem at Israeli weddings.

Aside from music, Noa's passion is peace. She appeared on stage with the late Prime Minister Yithzak Rabin at the Tel Aviv rally preceding his assassination. "Peace finds its way into my music," she says. "I believe in the peace process. It is the only option for our survival." Her latest album includes songs commemorating Rabin and victims of terrorism.

Noa concert tickets ($54, $36 and $18) are available by calling Ticketking, (416) 872-1212 or in person at Matana Judaica (248 Steeles Ave. W.) and Edward's Record World (2359 Yonge St.).

The performance is being sponsored by UJA Federation's Young Leadership Cabinet and Jewish Campus Services, the UJA-Federation supported March of the Living, the Consulate General of Israel, the Israeli Association of Toronto and the New Israel Fund. Concert proceeds will go to the sponsoring organizations.

Festival features song finalists

Attetion talent scouts! Mark May 26 on your calendars. That's when the Halleluya 1996 finals are taking place at the Jerusalem 3000 Festival, following the UJA Federation Community March for Israel. The Festival, at North York Centennial Arena, is co-sponsored by Canadian Zionist Federation and UJA Federation.

The winners of the city-wide song writing and performing contest, partially funded by a UJA Federation Jewish Continutity grant, will be awarded a trip to Israel to represent Toronto in the 3rd annual international Halleluya 1996 competition in Jerusalem.

Six 15-22 year old finalists will be selected on May 21 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. All six contestants will then perform at the Festival.

"We're really pleased to see a growing interest from local talent," says Efraim Sapir, Co-chair of Halleluya 1996. "We hope the success of this year's competition will entice others to come forward next year."

Play to support Yiddish

UJA Federation's Committee for Yiddish is banking on the success of an off-broadway hit to raise funds for Yiddish studies at the University of Toronto. On Sunday, May 26, 7:30 p.m., a special gala performance of Avi Hoffman's *Too Jewish*, will be held at Leah Posluns Theatre to help raise $50,000 for the Yiddish Studies Program.

For the last three years, under the leadership of Bayla Chaikof, the Committee for Yiddish Studies at U of T, has been helping to keep the program alive.

"We're hoping to fill the theatre this year," says Chaikof, who, with her colleagues, has raised more than $200,000 in endowments administered by UJA Federation. Four Yiddish courses, from introductory to advanced classes, are currently being offered at U of T.

Tickets for the gala are $50 each and available by calling (416) 635-2883 ext. 600.

Jewish Agency opens windows

He's not exactly Bill Gates, but Yosef Dinerstein, 29, a new immigrant from St. Petersburg, Russia, is working for Microsoft in Israel, where he is helping to develop a new generation of Windows products.

Dinerstein, who immigrated to Israel with his parents in 1989, with the assistance of the UJA Federation-funded Jewish Agency, never imagined that he would someday be employed by Microsoft. He had been a computer student at Leningrad University before his arrival in Israel, and enrolled at Tel Aviv University after he made aliyah. His tuition was paid for by the Agency's Student Authority. The result is a budding career with one of the world's outstanding software companies.

After graduating from Tel Aviv University, Dinerstein began work in 1993 as a computer engineer for Israel Aircraft Industries. Soon after, he answered a Microsoft newspaper ad but expected to be rejected. Dinerstein was wrong. He not only prevailed over dozens of other candidates, he is one of three new immigrant computer software specialists among Microsoft Israel's team of 30.

Dinerstein, who is married with a three year old daughter, comes from a refusenik family. "My parents waited 10 years for their exit visas," he says. "I grew up with a very strong sense of Jewish identity. We were not orthodox but we went to synagogue for some of the festivals."

"And of course there was always anti-Semitism in the air," he adds, "in case a Jew was to forget that he was Jewish."

In his office, Dinerstein sits surrounded by three computers used for developing and testing systems. Clearly enjoying his work, Dinerstein explains that he is developing software "so interesting to use that people want to explore their computer's capabilities."

The UJA Federation-supported Jewish Agency helped Yosef Dinerstein get his dream job.

Summer clothing campaign is no sweat

Jewish Women's Federation is asking day school students to help clothe the needy.

The children's clothing drive is the first program for JWF's Community Response Project, to help agencies maintain services in the wake of government cutbacks.

Students are being asked to bring one or two pieces of good quality summer clothing – either new or barely used – to their schools, between May 27 and May 29. The clothes will be delivered by volunteers to *Just a Second*, the Jewish Family and Child Service clothing store, as it nears its busiest season. Participating schools are Associated, Bialik, CHAT, Eitz Chaim, Leo Baeck, Netivot Hatorah, Or Chaim, Or Haemet, She'arim, Ulpanat Orot and USDS.

"It's a pilot program that we hope will continue on an ongoing basis," explains Danita Dubinsky, who co-chairs the Community Response Project with Ellen Kachuck. "We're trying to help meet needs by matching our more than 50 Jewish Women's Federation affiliates with community agencies and organizations.

According to Dubinsky, approximately 3500 Jewish children – many of whom rely on donated clothing – live below the poverty line.

"So far the response has been very positive," says clothing drive chair, Barbara Barak. "It's an easy way for members of the community to show they care about our children."

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What's New

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, May 16, is deadline for May 30 issue, and Thursday, May 23, is deadline for June 6 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, May 16

WRESTLING FOR LIFE

A fundraising dinner to help finance a Bone Marrow Clinic to help save the life of 9-year-old **Adam Kruger**, 6:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. $150, tax deductable for non-dinner portion. Donations may be made at Bank of Montreal or Beth Tzedec. 781-3511, ext. 35.

Friday, May 17

ONEG SHABBAT SERVICE

West Toronto Jewish Community Association Oneg Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m., Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Ave. **Sharon** 236-2054.

Saturday, May 18

PEACE CONCERT

The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band headlines Shalom Haverim: A Peace Concert, sponsored by Canadian Friends of Peace Now in aid of a peace project for Israeli and Palestinian youth. Concert also features Israeli-Canadian vocalist **Yitzhak Argamon**, 8:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Patron $36, general admission $18, low income $10. 905-764-3997.

Sunday, May 19

YIDDISHE KULTUR

Yiddishe Kultur Geselschaft presents **Dr. Moshe Wolf** speaking on The Jewish King Lear, Shlomo Michoels, 8 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. $3.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

Women's Rosh Chodesh celebration at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, davening for women at 9:30 a.m. followed by refreshments and lecture by **Rabbi Mark Dratch** on Women's Biblical Commentaries. All women invited.

Monday, May 20

CRAFT & GIFT SALE

Na'amat Canada Beersheba Club Craft and Gift Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall (Sheppard and Bayview). Proceeds to child care and education, prevention of domestic violence and the advancement of women's rights. **Malka Mirsky** 636-5425 days, 633-6538 evenings.

Tuesday, May 21

HONORING SIMCHOVITCH

Toronto Yiddish poet **Simcha Simchovitch** is being honored at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on the occasion of his 75th birthday, 7:30 p.m. Reception following.

WOMEN IN THE '90S

At Shaarei Shomayim sisterhood luncheon, **Cynthia Gasner** discusses Women in the '90s: Changes and Challenges, 12:30 p.m. **Ruth Fruitman** 905-731-6660.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kosher Cooking School course, Gourmet Cooking Made Easy, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. 635-9550.

Wednesday, May 22

SENIORS AND DRUG USE

Pride of Israel's adult education series continues with Seniors and Drug Use with **Carl Kent** of the Addiction Reasearch Foundation, 8 p.m. 226-0111.

SIMCHA FAIR

Simcha Fair at Beth Tikvah Synagogue introduces a new concept for kosher catering at the synagogue featuring four caterers. Along with dessert samplings from each of the caterers, patrons will meet party service professionals and discuss ideas for their simchas. 7-10 p.m. Open to the community

LUNCH AND LEARN

Topic of Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement is

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What's New

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My Jewish Daughter by guest **Rev. Agnes Groom**, United Church minister, noon. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies served. $1.

YAD BEYAD MEETING
A few spots are still open in the Yad BeYad program for volunteers to teach English to Russian immigrants in Israel this summer. Information meeting, 221-7384 or 445-4554.

Thursday, May 23

TORAH LEARNING
Shavuot all-night Torah learning program, a joint program of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and Aish HaTorah, begins at midnight at Shaarei Tefillah with a series of *shiurim* conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern, Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein, Dr. S. Diena, Rabbi Nachum Berlatt** through 5 a.m., followed by services and breakfast. Men, women and teenagers welcome.

MASTER THE MARKET
Master the Market $100,000 Investment Challenge, a Mount Sinai Hospital fundraiser presented by investment advisors **Stuart Wilson** and **Mark Shimkovitz** in association with Leadership Sinai, lets you select your own hypothetical portfolio. Prizes $2,000, $1,000, weekend at Four Seasons Hotel and more. Entry fee $18. Entry deadline June 3. Forms at Mount Sinai, Room 341. **Ira Grossman** 586-5065 or **Barb** 586-8662.

And What Else Is New...

TRIBUTE TO CARLEBACH
Enjoy an evening sponsored by Shaarei Tefillah brotherhood and sisterhood to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Social Hall, Sunday, May 26. Kosher wine tasting 7:30 p.m. followed by a tribute to **Shlomo Carlebach** by **Rabbi Yisroel Travis**, accompanied by **Yehuda Gilden**. $10. **Sharon**, shul office, 787-1631.

HEBREW TEACHERS GALA
Hebrew Teachers Federation celebrates Jeruslaem 3000 with a gala dinner and music, Monday, May 27. Reserved seating. 785-6286.

BEREAVED FAMILIES
A self-help group for parents is offered by Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario, an organization providing support following the death of a child. Groups are held for eight weeks. **Maureen Feder**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

NA'AMAT HAMILTON
Na'amat Hamilton 12th annual Celebrity Author Luncheon with **Pierre Berton**, Tuesday, May 28, at noon, Fontbonne Building, St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. $12 including light lunch, door prizes. 905-628-4842, Hamilton.

COUPLES LODGE
Come and join Thornhill-Maven Couples Lodge. There's something for everyone: sports, social, family events, volunteering. 905-707-8850.

SJO CONFERENCE
Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations 1996 Conference hosted by Secular Jewish Association, United Jewish People's Order and Morris Winchevsky School, May 24-26. Reservations/information **Brendy** 905-881-4814.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Women's Institute of Torah Study classes at Barbara Frum Library. 905-881-2012.
Tuesday, May 21, 8-9 p.m., Avigail's Message, **Chaya Perman**.
Wednesday, May 22, 10-11 a.m., A New World Outlook in the Days of Mashiach, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

PLAYGROUP, AGES 2 & 3
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JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Widows/Widowers (daytime group), begins June 5; Adult Children Losing a Parent, begins May 30. **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP
The lives of isolated seniors in our community can be greatly enhanced by the gift of friendship from a Volunteer Visitor. All it takes is a walk in the park, a joke or a smile. Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) urgently needs volunteers to visit older adults in their own homes. If you can share two hours a week with a homebound senior, call **Arnold Foss**, 635-2860.

A TASTE OF JUDAISM
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VENDORS WANTED
The Art of Celebrating, Beth David-B'nai Israel-Beth Am's bridal, bar and bat mitzvah and fashion event, takes place Wednesday, Oct. 9. Trades please note and book early. **Gloria Dadoun 905-881-1124.**

KUDOS TO KARDONNE
An article appearing in the spring issue of *Art Focus* magazine, entitled The Tanenbaum Donation to the Art Gallery of Ontario, by former *CJN* music critic **Rick Kardonne** has been cited by the Canadian Magazine Publishers Association as being one of the most outstanding articles to appear in a Canadian magazine in April 1996.

For Seniors

LZA Seniors Club trips to Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23 inclusive, and day trip to Stage West to see *Lend Me a Tenor*, Wednesday, June 26, registration at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., phone 630-9444. Day trip to 30,000 Islands from Midland mid-August. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). No meeting May 23 due to holiday. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance with live band May 26; Good Age Show, International Centre, $5, May 28; Thornhill Square, $2, June 3; Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls, June 8; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, June 18; Cullen Gardens July 10; *Phantom of the Opera* Aug. 7; now booking for Frankenmuth, Mich., Flint and Windsor casino in October. 395-7881.

Pine Villa Retirement Residence, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. presents Walk Down Memory Lane, with music by **Harry Bentham**, Wednesday, May 22, 2 p.m. Free. RSVP 787-5626.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; Art Park for *A Chorus Line* Aug. 1; Catskills Homowack Hotel, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo. New members welcome. **Viola Landman** 905-886-2625.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.
La'Briyut Wellness Centre, The Mitzvah Technique, talk and demonstration on back pain, Thursday, May 23, 1:30 p.m.
Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. May 22 is bingo. **Anna**
Movie *Going Hollywood*, Sunday, May 19, 2:30 p.m.
Dance with music by Creative Band, Sunday, May 19, 7:30--10:30 p.m.
Bernard Betel Centre Creative Choir performs Wednesday, May 22, 1:30 p.m.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC presents A Night of Nostalgia with Squirt (**Murray Tonken**), music from the '50s to the '90s, disc jockey, entertainment, cash bar, Sunday, June 2, 8 p.m. Tickets $20 at Bloor JCC and BJC. 924-6211.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club: Thursday, May 16, **Susan Jackson** of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto speaks about Me, My Children and Grandchildren: What is the Jewish Community All About? 2 p.m.; Thursday, May 23, **Deanna Yee**, consultant pharmacist, Pharma Plus, discusses Medication Awareness and Changes in the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan, 2 p.m. **Judy** 924-6211.

BJC Early Childhood Department, 636-1880, ext. 248:
Preschool Lunch Program for nursery and junior and senior kindergarten children who attend the BJC in the mornings. Parents may have their child stay one or two days after their morning program for games, stories, crafts and lunch.
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WEIZMANN INSTITUTE MEETING
At a Weizmann Institute of Science "global gathering" in Palm Beach, Fla., representing the Toronto group are, back row (from left) Morris Kerzner, Harry Raymond, Victor Perkell, Leo Perkell, George Zuckerman, Murray Koffler, Evelyn Rothstein, Dr. Aser Rothstein and Gloria Snow. Front row (from left) Miriam Kerzner, Joyce Raymond, Judith Teller, Bertha Kerbel, Sharon Zuckerman and Marvelle Koffler.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they may have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

After long absence we're back at Berlin Nightclub! Metro Toronto Singles presents our annual Victoria Day long weekend party at Berlin, 2335 Yonge St. (1 1/2 blks N. of Eglinton), **Sun. May 19, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.** Door prize - Blue Jay tickets. **Beat the clock!** Cover $11 til 8 p.m. $12 8 - 9 p.m., $13 after 9 p.m. For info 222-7111.

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Singles Audition! Create & perform original script. no exp. necessary. Wed. May 27, 7 pm. at the Morris Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. For info 256-2606

Sun., June 2, 7 p.m., tour and exhibit of **William Kurelek**'s paintings of Canadian Jewish life & meet over elegant dessert at the Koffler Art Gallery, Bathurst Jewish Centre, $25. befor May 29, $30 at the door. Register at 636-1880, ext. 352.

Federation nominations

TORONTO — The nominees for Board of Directors, Board of Governors and individual representatives to Council have been anounced by Bernard Ghert, nominations committee chair for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Elections will be held during the federation's 21st annual meeting scheduled for June 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

In accordance with the bylaws, the governance consists of a council, the president, a Board of Governors and a Board of Directors. An executive committee will be elected by the Board of Directors from amongst the directors. No nomination can be made from the floor during the annual meeting. However, any member of the Jewish community may be placed in nomination by complying with the following bylaws.

"Only members of the federation who have made a financial commitment to the United Jewish Appeal in respect of the previous year, and are in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal, shall be eligible to serve as an individual or group representative on the council.

"Any 20 representatives may nominate any individual member of the federation for election to the Board of Directors and the position of president, provided that: a) any one individual representative may nominate not more than three nominees for election to the Board of Directors; b) such nominations shall be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee; and c) such nominations shall be delivered to the federation at least 21 days before the annual meeting of Council.

"Any seven individuals or group representatives may nominate any individual or group representative of the federation for election to the Board of Governors, provided that: a) any one representative may nominate not more than three nominees for election to the Board of Governors; b) such nominations shall be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee; and c) such nominations shall be delivered to the federation at least 21 days before the annual meeting of Council.

"Any seven members may nominate any individual member of the federation for election to the council provided that: a) any one member may nominate not more than three nominees for election to the council; b) such nominations shall be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee; and c) such nominations shall be delivered to the federation at least 21 days before the annual meeting of members."

Re-nominated for president is Sandra Brown. Nominees for the Board of Directors include: Rosanne Ain, Dov Altman, Barbara Bank, Arthur Benjamin, Donald Carr, Karen Chisvin, Roz Davidson, Sheldon Disenhouse, Helen Finder-Guttman, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Eleanor Getzler, Norman Godfrey, Dr. Charles Gold, Marty Goldberg, Jill Goldberg-Reitman, Judy Gwartz, Beverley Holtzman, Carol Kassel, Dr. Saul Kendal, Marshall Kesten, Les Klein, Henry Koschitzky, Elaine Lightstone, Glennie Lindenberg, Barry Naiberg, Neil Nisker, Elliott Peranson, Naomi Rose, Michael Rosenberg, Gerald Ross, Alan Sandler, Lorraine Sandler, Ralph Shedletsky, Randy Shiff, Joseph Steiner, Francie Storm, Barry Tissenbaum, Cyrel Troster, George Weinberger and Terri Weintraub.

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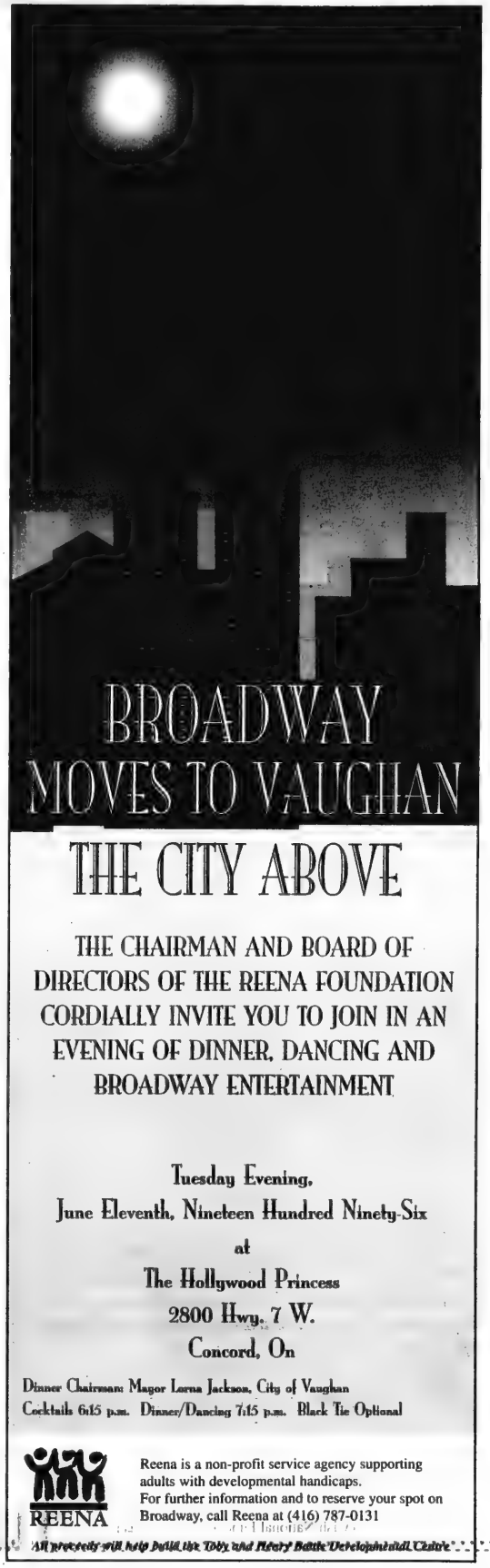
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From coast to coast

CJC holds 'productive' meeting with Rock

OTTAWA — Justice Minister and Attorney General of Canada Allan Rock met recently with a delegation led by Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) past two national presidents, Les Scheininger and Prof. Irving Abella.

"It was a very productive meeting," said Abella, chair of CJC's war crimes committee. "This minister understands the urgency of the Nazi war crimes cases and appreciates the harm done to minorities in Canada by the spread of hate propaganda. He is prepared to take action on both matters."

CJC raised concerns about the delays in the judicial system which have bogged down the war crimes and denaturalization proceedings currently in the Federal Court of Canada and may slow the pace of forthcoming cases.

Rock assured CJC that new cases would be brought forward in the very near future and noted that his department was considering its options to resolve the legal issue at the heart of the logjam of current proceedings.

"It is gratifying that the minister shares our frustration over the undue delays in the Federal Court which have further slowed the process in dealing with individual cases to denaturalize and deport Nazi war criminals," said Scheininger, chair of CJC's international affairs committee.

Also discussed was the current disposition of possible amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to assist in reviving the option of laying criminal charges against suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada.

CJC reiterated its long-standing position that the current anti-hate provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada should not be amended, particularly in the wake of the recent decision on James Keegstra, in which the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously upheld the constitutionality of the law.

Other issues discussed included hate in cyberspace, national unity, anti-terrorism measures and amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Also in the delegation were CJC's national executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone, Ottawa advocacy office director Eric Vernon and associate national director of community relations Steven Shulman.

Cantors receive enthusiastic welcome

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — When cantors Stuart Friedman, Yaakov Motzen and Moshe Weiss hit the final note of *Shehechianu* to close their performance, the audience at Halifax's Beth Israel Synagogue rose as one to afford the three men a standing ovation.

And very well deserved!

For the cantors entertained and enthralled more than 250 people, Jewish and non-Jewish, through two hours of cantorial, operatic, Israeli and Yiddish music. Several audience members yelled, "Encore," and the three men bounced through a version of *Sim Shalom* that brought another standing ovation.

This was the Three Cantors Concert II, presented by the Jewish Men's Club of Halifax and the Atlantic Jewish Council, with proceeds to the Jewish Family Services Committee of Halifax. Last year's inaugural concert, featuring Friedman and Montreal-area cantors Arie and Yair Subar, raised $3,500. Concert coordinator Leo Weniger expected close to the same amount this year.

Friedman, cantor at Beth Israel Synagogue, sang four selections, including *E Lucevan le stelle*, an aria from Puccini's *Tosca*, and *Amar Rabbi Elazar*, from Shabbat services.

Weiss, cantor of the Jewish Centre of Atlantic Beach on Long Island, opened the concert with *A Dudlele*, a Yiddish folk song, his smooth tenor voice giving the audience a taste of what was to come. He later held the audience with *Lo Teida Milchama* (You Shall Know No More War).

"I started singing in a choir when I was seven or eight," he said in a post-concert interview." "It's been in my blood ever since. My mother's father was a cantor in Europe who died in the Holocaust. I was named after him and his spirit resides in me."

Weiss has been a guest chazzan in synagogues throughout the United States.

Motzen, born in Tel Aviv, is a fifth generation chazzan, who was a choir soloist when he was 6 years old. After holding major positions in Israel, he came to Montreal in 1978 and is currently at Adath Israel Synagogue.

He has performed around the world, including at a recent concert as a soloist with the Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir. He has sung in Hungary, Romania, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Australia and England.

His deep, booming tenor voice raised goose-bumps with a rendition of *Lefichach* (It is Upon Us to Praise) from the daily morning service. And he showed a certain softness with *Hechalil* (The Flute), an Israeli folk song.

"This was an outstanding success," said Weniger. "Judging from the exuberance of the audience and people to whom I spoke afterwards, it was a fabulous night.

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From coast to coast

Exhibit creates 'gates' into Jerusalem's past

By MAGDA PHILIPS
Special to The CJN

OTTAWA – "Jerusalem is a city which transcends its own frontiers," says curator Cheryl Jaffee, standing in the middle of the exhibition of rare Hebraic and Judaic books currently on display at the National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa.

"I have tried to create gates of entry into the very long and dense history of Jerusalem."

The exhibition opens four main gates of entry to Jerusalem – the sacred, the historical, the literary and the artistic. Each of the 30 rare books exhibited – from sacred scriptures to histories, from religious poetry to travel accounts – offers access to one or more of these gates.

Jaffee's accompanying texts provide carefully prepared and interesting explanations of the books and their connection to Jerusalem.

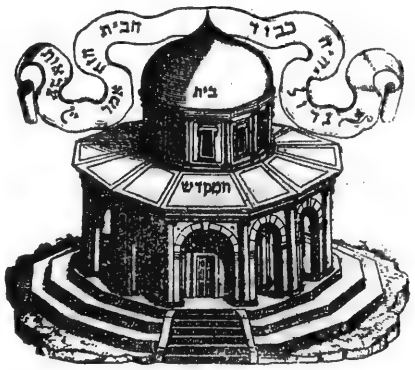
The Hebrew Bible printed in Paris around 1540 is open at II Samuel Chps. 5-6.

This passage tells the story of Jerusalem's beginnings – of David being anointed king and moving his capital to Jerusalem.

The Temple is depicted in one of the historical books on display, a 1732 edition of the works of Flavius Josephus. His detailed and often controversial histories are the only eye-witness accounts of how the Jews became an exiled people.

"But Jerusalem continued to live with the people, in the study of texts, in prayer," says Jaffee. "Jerusalem had become moveable."

The moveable Jerusalem is represented in the exhibition by Haggadah texts and Mishna commentaries, by bibles and prayer books, by teachings and treatises. It is also represented by literary works like a children's picture book of Jewish holidays, and collections of religious poems mourning and lamenting the lost Temple.



The Temple is, in fact, a major symbol for intellectual and spiritual life.

Printers often used it as their printer's mark, depicting the candelabrum, the Temple itself or hands spread in priestly blessing.

The implements and tools of the Temple serve as symbols of a restored Jerusalem. On display are illustrations to one of the Haggadah texts, created by contemporary scribe-illuminator David Moss. He depicts the set Passover table, laid with implements of the Temple instead of regular knives and forks.

But Jerusalem captured more than religious imagination. A genre of Holy Land travel writing became popular in the 15th century, and the exhibition shows a map from the 1977 reprint of the first book of this genre – Bernard von Breydenbach's 1486 *Die Reise ins Heilige Land.* Also on display is a 1912 polyglot dictionary and phrase book intended for pilgrims and travellers to the Holy City.

The pilgrims include Jews, Christians and Muslims, a fact which ties into another important aspect of the exhibition.

"I tried to tie in the connections of the other two monotheistic religions to Jerusalem," says Jaffee. "Jerusalem has touched all of us, and that's part of what this exhibition is all about."

The exhibition is sponsored by the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation, the Embassy of Israel and the National Library of Canada.

Jerusalem 3000, a companion mini-exhibit of posters, supplied by the Embassy of Israel to celebrate the city's 3,000th anniversary, depicts the holy places, architecture and culture of contemporary Jerusalem.

The exhibit is open daily, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m, until May 31. No admission charge.

The Jacob M. Lowy Collection of Rare Hebraica and Judaica

The 30 books in the exhibition cannot be touched or handled. But just one floor up, the Jacob M. Lowy Collection of rare Hebraica and Judaica, where the books in the exhibition come from, is open to the public.

Acquired by a gift to the Crown in 1977, this impressive collection has grown to almost 3,000 volumes representing over five centuries of printing. It is the largest holding of Hebraic and Judaic printed material in a Canadian public institution.

Many people come to visit the collection, from students and scholars, to artists and ordinary people who walk in off the street. Jaffee is happy to receive people singly or in groups. She loves to see people in contact with the books.

"I have seen a few people become very moved because of the antiquity of the book," she says. "It's a very physical contact you make."

Because it's a rare book room, it's normally locked. So it's best to call in advance and make sure that Jaffee is there.

To arrange to visit the collection, call 613-995-7960.

To help the collection grow and develop in terms of acquisitions, research and scholarly projects, a Council of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection is being formed under the aegis of the Friends of the National Library. For more information call Dan Mozersky 416- 485-7898.

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Tax cuts criticized

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The audience applauded Clement when he said welfare receipients in Ontario were getting too much money and questioned whether young people, who cannot support themselves, should get welfare if they leave home.

Harold Segal, a Betel executive and former pharmacist, said new government charges for seniors under the drug plan will result in he and his wife paying $1,000 more in a year, despite the cut in income tax.

Despite many questions from the floor, and comments of economist panelist Armine Yalnitziane, Clement maintained that the tax cuts will stimulate the economy and produce jobs.

Kwinter said the government was in hot water because it tried to make income tax cuts and expenditure cuts in the same year.

From coast to coast

UIA launches campaign to line up bequests

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — In the next 20 years, almost a trillion dollars will be transferred in Canada from one Jewish generation to another. The Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal (UIA) hopes some of that amount will go to Israel through bequests.

Shlomo Pollack, a former Montrealer now based in Jerusalem, is the director of the wills and bequest department of UIA. He was here recently with Barney Harris, UIA fundraising director for Canada, to launch a campaign to line up bequests. They started the campaign in Victoria and then went on to Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Windsor, London, Ont., and several other Ontario communities.

Pollack said his goal is to convince specially selected prospects to will at least 10 percent of the residue of their estates to Israel. That 10 percent, he contended, will not affect the living standards of the children.

He said the present generation "brought us to our current stage of Jewish life in Israel and in Canada, and hopefully this can continue with the next generation."

However, there could be waning support for Jewish causes in future generations. In the United States, many Jews are giving more to non-Jewish than to Jewish causes. Future funding for Israel and the local community will have to come mainly from bequests, he said.

He added that in 1993, 55,000 Jews in the United States who died, left less than $5,000 to charity and only 1,000 of them left anything for Israel. He said the reason is that "nobody asked them." His department, which has been operating for some 13 years, attempts to remedy that situation. Substantial sums have already been committed and Israel is beginning to feel the benefits.

Bequests can be earmarked for specific projects or go into the general funds of the Jewish Agency, he said.

The present campaign is modest and "more sophisticated," Pollack said, because it's run strictly on a person-to-person basis. Prospects are mainly people who can bequeath $50,000 or more.

His department doesn't publicize bequests, but a memorial book of donors is kept in Jerusalem. Keren Hayesod usually gets a copy of the will in which bequests are made, but this is not a requirement.

Pollack said he encourages donors to consult with their lawyers or financial advisers so that there are no legal misunderstandings.

In effect, he said, "we're asking our prospects to share their capital, as compared to giving from their cash flow to the general campaigns."

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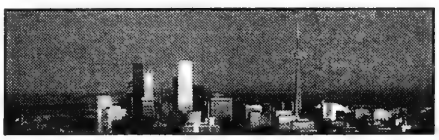
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An exercise routine is a must. You can't hide that extra five pounds with a T-shirt. Join a health club, do regular stretching and at the very least walk for 20 minutes a day. Keeping fit not only keeps your body healthy, but increases your circulation which will give you a healthy glow.

Many moisturizers and foundations contain sunblock, so check ingredient lists. Sunblock should be worn daily and applied 30 minutes before going outside.

Keep off the pounds with a low-fat and low calorie diet. Vegetable and fruit drinks are not only healthy, but great hunger crunchers.

SKIN CARE

Moisturizers should be lightly textured and applied sparingly. Use a sun block and lip protection daily. Create a healthy summer glow with a "Tan in a bottle."

Estee Lauder: Clear Difference – oil-control hydrator is an oil free fluid gel that will dramatically benefit the look and feel of your skin. It regulates oil production while delivering oil-free moisture to help keep the skin supple and free of clogged pores. This product is perfect for the summer months when your oil glands tend to be more active due to intense humidity.

Biotherm: Self Tanning – Special Wrinkle Sun Care (face) and Hydro-Nutritive Self-Tanning Lotion (body) both contain the pure extract of Thermal Plankton – a pure, active concentrate from thermal springs which stimulates the natural defence and repair potential of the skin. This product promises to give that sun kissed look.

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FOUNDATION

Choose a color that suits your skin tone. Two shades darker is the limit. To prevent a demarcation line, use a small amount of moisturizer along the jaw line and blend well.

Estee Lauder: "Impeccable Quick Finish Makeup" is a light-weight, oil-f creme gel formulation that smoothes on easily and feels weightless. Its compact portablilty is perfect for the lady on the go.

Lancome: Maquicontrole, is a long-wearing foundation that will make your skin look smooth, matte and flawless.

BLUSH

Sweep on the gentlest of color high on your cheekbone and blend well. Dust bronzing powder over your entire face, be sure to use a large soft bursh to avoid streaking.

Chanel: Rose Astral is a fresh, luminous pink blush that will give you that flushed look of summer. For that extra natural look use a soft sponge for blending. Create a rich golden glow, with Chanel's Perfecting Bronze Powder.

EYES

Eyes shimmer with new iridescent pastel shades. New beige tones are fresh and natural. Line your eyes precisely, or simply keep them smudged.

Elizabeth Arden: Eyefix. This charm of a product not only moisturizes your eye area, but keeps your eye makeup fresh all day.

Chanel: Quatre Ombre De Chanel (four shadows) – Satin, Mist, Flint and Glow, presents a complete opalescent color collection for the fashion forward woman. For a more natural look, Chanel's new threesome, Safran, Gold and Taupe is fabulous and not quite as glitzy.

Lancome: Le Crayon Glace is a waterproof high gloss eye color pencil that couldn't be easier to apply. White eye pencil is fun and will give your eyes that extra sparkle.

LIPS:

Lips are shining, full and sensuous. Colors are iced pearlized and luminized. Too add volume, follow your lip line with a color similar to your lipstick.

Elizabeth Arden: Lip-Fix – is the perfect answer to keeping your lips soft and keeping your lipstick on through the day and even dinner.

Estee Lauder: "A Hot Summer of Frozen Colors" – Pastel lipsticks drenched with iridescence, fresh icy colors like: Frozen Rose, Berry Brr and Snow White are gorgeous on their own or will help you update your summer makeup '96.

Clinique: Due to the lack of melanin in your lips, you need extra protection from the sun. Sun Buffer Lipstick SPF 15 will help rescue your lips from burning and chapping. It is waterproof, PABA-free and comes in a variety of natural looking colors. Remember, keep those lips soft and kissable.

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Israel's issues, emotions inspired new album by Noa

By JOSEPH SERGE
TAB News editor

TORONTO – With her latest album, *Calling*, about to be released, Israeli singer Noa will bring her golden voice and exotic rhythms to Convocation Hall May 22.

Calling – her first all-English album – "was inspired by the issues and emotions of Israel," the 26-year-old Yemenite-Israeli said from Amsterdam recently.

"This new album is a lot more powerful [than *Noa* , her 1993 release], more emotional, more mature, more middle-Eastern (mostly Israeli), and a lot deeper. There's a lot more questions being asked."

Unlike *Noa,* which was a lighter, more upbeat album, *Calling* tackles deeper subjects. The song *All Is Well,* for example, is a reaction to a bus bombing in Tel Aviv that killed 40 soldiers, while *Mark of Cain* is a political allegory about Israel.

Noa performed at last November's tragic peace rally, finishing her set 15 minutes before Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

Despite her strong feelings about Israel – she made aliyah at the age of 17 and now lives in Tel Aviv– she explained living there doesn't necessarily make the turmoils and polarities of Israel an obvious thing to write about.

"This album is about Israel. It doesn't mean the next one will be. A person can write a song from the middle of the jungle. It all depends on what kind of person you are."

Noa

Although some artists can only express themselves fully through their art, Noa said that's not the case with her. "I'm an open and expressive person anyway. I do it through conversation, dance, music anything. That's why I like to perform on stage."

Strangely enough it was serving in the Israeli army that pushed Noa in her musical direction.

"I wrote songs at an early age [at 11 her music teacher wanted to record some of her songs] but I didn't believe I was going to be a singer and it wasn't until I served in the army for two years as a singer that I felt I wanted to be a singer and proceeded to do just that."

Although her Yemenite parents moved to New York from Israel shortly after her birth, Noa always felt uncomfortable there, and decided to return when she was 17.

"My parents never made a move to integrate [into the U.S. mainstream]," Noa says and because of her Yemenite-dark skin and unpronouncable name (her full name is Achinoam Nini) she always felt like an outsider. A "wildflower growing in all the wrong places," she says in one of her songs off *Noa.*

"I'm always looking far ahead and at that time I was thinking of life, the future, marriage, etc. and for me, the only place in the world I felt comfortable is Israel.

"I felt Israel fulfilled my identity as a Jew. There was too much [identity] conflict in America and I didn't want to deal with it. Israel is a place I can rest my soul."

It also helped undoubtedly that a year before moving to Israel she met her future husband, Asher Barak, at a summer camp there.

She admits she wasn't aware that she would have to serve for two years in the Israeli army but fortunately she landed in an outfit as a singer entertaining troops.

"Mandatory service is something the European media don't understand. They say 'If you're a pacifist why did you join the army?' They don't understand in Israel you have to because of the situation there. That's why [because of the mandatory service] people in Israel understand the value of peace more than anyone else in the world."

She said although she was a singer in the army it still was no summer camp. "The army is not a fun thing. It demands a lot of you. I was lucky to be a singer but it was still very gruelling. Music and the army do not have anything to do with each other. It's not easy being forced to sing on command."

Noa combines American folk/pop with Middle-Eastern rhythms.

However she acknowledges everything worked out in the end. "I'm happy I was forced to sing or I wouldn't be doing it now."

It was after her stint in the army she attended the Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music where she met Gil Dor a classical guitarist and composer who helped her fine-tune her talent. After recording two albums as a duet, Dor hooked her up with jazz guitarist Pat Metheny, who produced her third album *Noa.*

Noa's music magically combines American folk/pop (Joni Mitchell/ Paul Simon) with Middle-Eastern/ Oriental melodies and rhythms (Ofra Haza/ Oum Khaltoum). A contemporary Canadian comparison is native singer Susan Aglukark.

Her music is eclectic, running the gamut of many different styles and her high-pitched voice lends a soothing flavor to her melodies. On stage she is known to begin chanting in Hebrew while beating on *darbukkah* (traditional hand-held Arabic drums).

"It's been said even our most popish song is very sophisticated to most people. *Calling* is accessible to anyone with an open mind and will certainly demand your attention. I'm very proud of it."

Calling, produced by Rupert Hine, will be available on Geffen Records early in June. Tickets for her Toronto concert are on sale at Edward's Record World (2359 Yonge St.), Matana Judaica (248 Steeles Ave. W.) or by calling 416-872-1212.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

It's A Wrap: Seeing the crowds outside the Bloor Street Cinema last week, a passer-by asked someone in line whether they were giving out free tickets. "Not only that," came the tongue-in-cheek reply, "but they're paying us to attend!"

As the Toronto Jewish Film Festival wrapped up last week for the fourth time in as many years, it was clear that it has become a permanent and highly anticipated fixture in Toronto's arts calendar. Ticket sales were brisk: more than 100 festival passes were sold at $70 each even before the program was announced. Many films were screened to full or nearly full houses.

Somewhat like the Jew who is ever hopeful of finding the Mashiach, a cinema buff seeks the elusive reward of a sublime cinematic experience. One hopes, for instance, to discover a new *Black to the Promised Land* or *Yidl With Her Fiddle* or *Mina Tannenbaum* or *Exodus* or *Schindler's List.*

From where this reviewer sat, however, neither *Song of the Siren* nor *Sh'chur* – the two lead films this year – possessed that quintessential magic of which enduring cinematic memories are made.

With an apt pun in the title, *Song of the Siren* (Israel, 1994) tells the story of a "smart and sexy" Tel Aviv ad exec, Talila Katz, who deliberates between two boyfriends as Saddam Hussein's Scud missiles shower down on the city like poisoned arrows from a crazed Cupid. The film is an escapist dream, a cute romantic comedy that unfolds against a backdrop of sealed rooms and gas masks.

But its self-absorbed heroine and pat Hollywood ending seem equally false when so many larger issues scream for attention. Evidently, Katz and director Eytan Fox never learned the lesson Humphrey Bogart taught us in *Casablanca* when he said the problems of three little people don't amount to a hill of beans in this lousy world.

While *Song of the Siren* presents an overly-wide, Americanized view of a Jewish family in which the lead characters have stepped right out of a glossy magazine, *Sh'chur* (Israel, 1994) presents a claustrophically narrow portrait of a Moroccan-Jewish Israeli family caught in the grip of ritualized Jewish black magic: there isn't a sympathetic character in the lot. The film could have been a gripping dramatic story with a moral; instead, it comes across as a dramatized documentary about a lingering form of witchcraft.

Rewards are often greater when expectations are lower. The films that received "second- billing" - including the various films about the Jews of Cuba, Rhodes, India and China - provided the most outstanding moments at this year's festival.

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Perlman & Zukerman: Violinists Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman are featured in the President's Evening, a special gala performance of Bach, Mozart and Mussorgsky with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO), May 21, 7 p.m. Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto.

In a program designed to showcase his talents, Zukerman plays with and conducts the TSO on May 29 and 30. 416-593-4828.

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In Brief: *Something For Nothing*, the adaptation of a Jewish folk-tale that explores a boy's relation with his grandfather, combines music, dance, drama and puppetry. It's based on the book by Phoebe Gilman. May 19 at 4 p.m. and May 20 at 2.30 p.m. at Harbourfront (part of the Milk International Children's Festival that runs May 13 to 20).

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Joe Rosenthal sculpture chosen as Rabin Award recipient

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles based Friends of Sheba Medical Centre (FSMC) has chosen a sculpture by Toronto artist Joe Rosenthal to receive its second Rabin Award.

The Sheba Medical Centre is located in Tel Hashomer near Tel Aviv.

The Rabin Award will be presented annually to those who FMSC deems to have most effectively advanced the cause of peace, exemplifying Yitzhak Rabin's efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

The first recipient of the award was Leah Rabin who was honored for her courage in speaking out to help maintain her late husband's legacy and for her spirited challenge to the forces who were trying to derail the peace plan in the wake of his assassination.

Rosenthal says that the choice of his 19-inch bronze, originally entitled *Endless Journey*, which embodies a vigorously articulated individual treading within a sphere, was fortuitous.

"Seven years earlier," he notes, "one of my exhibitions carried a photo of *Endless Journey* on its mailing piece and was similarly advertised in the *Globe and Mail.*"

Peace quest

The work remained unnoticed by the media he says, but the mailing piece was seen in Los Angeles by an FSMC director who remembered it much later when the search began for a sculpture which would symbolize the spirit of the award.

In response to a phone call from Los Angeles, the artist submitted photographs and *Endless Journey*, was selected by the FSMC board.

At the awards banquet, posters of the sculpture, renamed *Eternal Journey* to represent the ongoing human quest for peace, were distributed to the guests. FSMC reports that $2 million was raised that evening. Funds will be partially allocated to a memorial wall at the Sheba Medical Centre, which will incorporate a lifesize scale-up of the sculpture.

Rosenthal is a painter and sculptor who explores the human condition, creating works of strength and tenderness.

Gala Film Screening
A riveting account of modern day descendants of the Jews who were forcibly converted during the Spanish Inquisition, the film features performances by **Placido Domingo, Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.** Meet co-director **Simcha Jacobovici** ("Deadly Currents").

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Notebook computer biz thriving

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

NORTH YORK — Niche marketing, competitive pricing and good service are only some of the reasons for the continued growth of The Notebook Store, a North York business specializing in notebook computers, accessories and equipment for users of portable computers.

"We're aggressive in terms of selling, which means we sell products that people want at prices very close to cost. Those factors alone add up to success," says owner Corey Meiteen.

Meiteen, 30, who opened the business in 1991 after a career as a computer broker, says that while working in the field, he realized that portable computers were the way to go.

"With a portable computer, business people can carry their office with them," he says. "They can go on site and order, sell and compare prices on the spot. Salespeople have access to instant presentations. Notebooks may cost a bit more than desktops but they can be taken everywhere — they replace two computers.

"Computers are no longer a luxury; they are a commodity item. Business people cannot live without them — they are the life of an industry. I see this year as the year of wireless communication. People will be able to keep in touch with their offices with nothing but a notebook. They really won't need offices anymore. Get a computer and a phone, and you are in business. When purchasing a computer, then, consumers need to know exactly what they're getting."

Staff at The Notebook Store know this, says Meiteen, and someone is always on hand to educate consumers about various manufacturers and about the product that is right for them.

"While most mainstream retailers handle desktop computers and notebooks, generally from only a few manufacturers, we specialize in selling name-brand notebook computers from a wide range of manufacturers. Competing on price is important, but providing customers with the right technology choices from a wide range of available models is an added value that remains rare in the computer industry," he says.

On the heels of a $14-million record-breaking year, a leap from the $200,000 it enjoyed in its first year of business, The Notebook Store has recently completed its third round of expansion.

"Together, the three phases allowed us to grow from 700 square feet to a total of 3,000 square feet. As a result, we've been able to broaden our notebook selection, our range of services and our store personnel. In fact, the extra room has made it comfortable for the 14 people who work here, seven of whom were hired during the past year."

"Before the expansion, we could only service machines that were out of warranty. When everything is complete — we're targeting for the spring — we will be able to service computers under warranty on the premises. What that means is quicker service, less headaches and less paperwork." Meiteen says.

Tourism suffering in Israel's north

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Tourism in northern Israel has suffered some NIS12 million (close to $30 million Cdn) in lost business, according to Upper Galilee Tourism Board manager Moshe Attia.

Others in the area noted that although Israelis have been quick to return, it will take more time for foreigners to start coming.

"Before Grapes of Wrath, we had 80 percent occupancy for May, but now it has dropped to 50 per cent and we're not sure if those people will show up," Dubi Benari, manager of the guest house at Kfar Blum said.

"If we can recoup June, it will be a good year," Benari said.

The Income Tax Commission announced that compensation to owners of 558 rooms offering rural lodging would come to about $2 million. The criteria for final compensation to the hoteliers is still being worked out, he said.

Hotels elsewhere in the country also suffered as a result of the tension in the north and the terror attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, according to Hotel Association director Avi Rosental.

He said 1996 had started as a record year, with January and February showing 27 percent more tourist stays. He said he feared that potential tourists who made their plans in March and April would not be coming this summer.

Innovative design wins architectural award

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to the CJN

TORONTO – A Toronto architect recently won an award of excellence from the City of Ottawa Heritage Branch for a commercial project he did there.

Sander Gladstone's winning project was the conversion of a 70-year-old animal feed supply building on Richmond Road into the Senior Citizens Tour and Travel Inc.

Gladstone said he and Danny Shay, who owns the travel agency, wanted "to renovate the building in such a manner as to provide a quality facility both inside and out, from the standpoint of structural integrity, interior design, architectural design, mechanical and electrical capability and neighborhood context."

Recognizing that there were many pedestrians in the neighborhood, they decided to convert a portion of the existing parking lot into a parkette.

The project was cited for its innovative adaptive design and reuse of the building, while fully replacing and upgrading all aspects of the building.

Shay and Gladstone were congratulated at the ceremony for "their vision and commitment to upgrading the urban quality of the Westboro area of Ottawa."

Gladstone told *The CJN* it was Shay's willingness to be daring and conscious of quality systems and finishes that provided him with an opportunity to find creative solutions for the box-like structure and for his firm, Sander Gladstone Architect, to put forth a winning design.

Gladstone's architectural portfolio includes residences, stores, offices, malls, restaurants, hotels and synagogues.

Gladstone also practises in Israel and has been promoting investments in the development in Israel with Canadian capital.

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Bronx bocher's show a real Yankele Doodle Dandy

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Who could be sewing up the *kishka* for the derma festival or hanging the *pupiks* up to dry?

No one but Avi Hoffman, the 38-year-old writer-performer of *Too Jewish?*

Though at times he seems to go completely mad singing *I'm Dreaming of a White Chanukah, Oy Glaucoma (Oklahoma)* and *Alta Knacker (Old Man River)*, his show has a serious side too. It is a rebuttal to those who have made the expression "too Jewish" a put down.

The son of Holocaust survivors, he credits inspiration for the musical to his parents, Mendi and Miriam, and to the Bronx ("we used to sleep seven in one bed") where he grew up and thought everyone in the world spoke Yiddish.

Too Jewish?, a Broadway hit brought to Toronto by co-producers Eda Zimler and Helen Zukerman, will play four performances at the Leah Posluns Theatre, May 26 to 29, with the opening night gala to benefit the Yiddish program at the University of Toronto.

His lush singing of *Afn Pripitchik, Afn Veg Shteyt a Boyn*, show off his serious side too, as does his closing number, Yiddish lyrics for *Faith in Whom* a song written for *Fiddler on the Roof* which Hoffman says never made it on stage because it was considered "too Jewish."

But Hoffman's forte is his ability to give the world's great literature and songs a Yiddish *tam*. You've never heard a Hamlet soliloquy before that ended, *Ich Hub Nisht Kin Koach* (I haven't got the strength). One of his favorite targets is Cameron Hamentosh (a well-known British composer?), and the song, *Vain nisht for Mir Argentina*.

He takes the audience on a singalong of favorite Yiddish melodies in which he manages to inject *Yankele Doodle Dandy, Mama of La Mancha (So eat, you're breaking my heart)* and *A Za Yur of Columbus*. The *Oomglick Blues* is another great number.

He puts on a scrunched-up little cap to impersonate Menashe Skulnick and sing *It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog, What Happened to Me*, recounting several verses of the little comedian's disasters. "I haven't talked to my wife in three years," he says, "I didn't want to interrupt."

Avi Hoffman seems to go completely mad.

Yiddish diva to perform with Bulgar Klezmer Band

TORONTO – The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band with special guest Yiddish diva Adrienne Cooper will be performing at the Music Gallery Tuesday May 21 at 8 p.m.

The concert will be recorded and released as the group's third album.

Cooper, from New York City, is considered this generation's major interpreter of Yiddish vocal styles. Her performance ranges from the contemporary caberet song to the purity of Chassidic *nign* with breathtaking musical and emotional range.

Also appearing will be violinist Steven Greenman from Cleveland and Toronto's own percussionist extraordinaire Rick "Shadrach" Lazar, and many others.

Tickets are $10. Call Music Gallery Box Office at 416-204-1080.

Resale art gallery opens

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Private gallery owners are becoming an endangered species, undermined by devastating cuts affecting the art scene. But in true entrepreneurial style, Penny-Lynn Grosman is taking up the challenge, even as galleries close or relocate to more modest space.

Grosman, an art historian and former head of Extension Services at the Art Gallery of Ontario, has opened Pentimento Fine Arts Resale Gallery in an attractive erstwhile coach house set back from the street at 190 Dupont St., two blocks west of Avenue Road.

"This is a new concept," Grosman says. "Today's economic uncertainty has impacted on companies and homeowners who are downsizing and often need to dispose of artwork."

She explains that traditionally one of the few ways to resell art has been at auction, but auction houses rely on the "quick sale" and "bought in," or unsold works are returned. As well, in the present slow market, dealers are less willing to take back art which they sold years earlier because they are striving to move current inventory.

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U.S. Arabs oppose 'monopoly' over Jerusalem

By SHAWN COHEN
Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON – A new ad hoc group of Arab American organizations and leaders is waging a national education campaign on Jerusalem, arguing that sovereignty over Jerusalem must be shared with the Palestinian Arabs in order to achieve an enduring peace.

The Washington, D.C.-based American Committee on Jerusalem (ACJ) is advocating for what it calls the mainstream Arab American position on Jerusalem.

"We believe strongly that there can be no monopoly on sovereignty over Jerusalem by either party, if there is to be a just and lasting peace," said Raafat Dajani, coordinator of the ACJ and a member of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC). ACJ and the ADC operate out of the same office complex, but each is considered an independent body.

The status of Jerusalem is one of the key issues to be addressed in final stage talks between Israelis and Palestinians, which began last week. Israeli officials have stated that the entire city must remain the undivided capital of the sovereign Jewish state. Palestinian negotiators argue that eastern Jerusalem, which has a large Arab population, must serve as the capital of a new Palestinian state.

While these positions appear intractable, ACJ members see room for compromise. According to Khalil Jahsan, a member of ACJ's board of directors, the prevailing opinion among mainstream Arab Americans is that Jerusalem should not be redivided. They envision a united city serving as a capital for both Israel and an emerging state of Palestine.

For administrative purposes, Jahsan said, the city would be split into two boroughs – eastern and western Jerusalem – with independent city councils managed by a joint mayoral council of Israelis and Palestinians. Sovereignty would be shared, he noted.

"There is widespread support for this position in the organized Arab American community," said Jahsan, who is also executive director of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA). "This seems to be the least common denominator in terms of Israelis and Palestinians.

"If Israel wants sovereignty over east Jerusalem, Palestinians must have some sovereignty over west Jerusalem," Jahsan said.

Technically, ACJ was established last September as a non-profit organization with an initial budget of $150,000. Now, ACJ is trying to raise matching funds. By producing resource materials, organizing seminars and planning for a possible conference in June, the Arab organization is targetting the American public and U.S. government on Jerusalem-related matters.

The committee claims that in the past, information on the subject has been supplied almost exclusively by the Israeli government and pro-Israel groups in the United States.

"We provide the other side of the argument," said Dajani. "We're saying that Muslims, Christians and Palestinians have an equally valid claim, and in some cases longer historical and religious claims to Jerusalem than Jews."

ACJ is directed by a board of governors including Jahsan, Abdulrahman Alamoudi, executive director of the American Muslim Council, and ADC president Hala Maksoud. The committee's president is Rashid Khalidi, a professor at the University of Chicago.

"The odds are stacked against the Palestinians across the board in this peace process," said Jahsan, whose NAAA has lobbied congress on related issues for years. According to Jahsan, worldwide celebrations this year of Jerusalem 3000, focusing on Jewish heritage in Jerusalem, were designed to preempt negotiations. In addition, the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly passed a bill last year to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, thus recognizing the city as Israel's capital.

"You can't have your cake and eat it too," Jahsan said of the United States, which is also the main mediator in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Although ACJ has not taken a formal stand on the NAAA proposal, Dajani said the committee could support such a compromise. However, he deviated from that position when pressed on whether eastern Jerusalem would be part of Israel. "That depends on how you define Jerusalem," Dajani responded. He considers eastern Jerusalem, not as a part of Israel, but as land "occupied" by the Jewish state.

According to Dajani, international law and the United Nations do not recognize eastern Jerusalem as part of Israel, because the Jewish state captured that section in the 1967 Six Day War.

Several prominent members of the Arab American community continue to lobby independently in Washington on issues relating to Jerusalem, including James Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute, who was not asked to serve on the committee.

Eastern Jerusalem is part of the West Bank and therefore implicated in any future Palestinian state, Zogby said, adding, eastern Jerusalem "must be its capital."

Hussein wants Jerusalem as Palestinian capital

BY DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority called on Israel last Sunday to withdraw from what they termed all occupied Arab territory, and to renounce ideas of expansionism and domination.

King Hussein pledged to support the Palestinians' demand for Jerusalem as the capital of a future state, allaying Palestinian fears that Jordan coveted the city.

The king also urged that the numerous holy sites in Jerusalem be shared by Jews, Christians and Muslims.

"As for the holy shrines, we have always believed they should be in the hands of the faithful," Hussein said at a Cairo news conference with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"But Jerusalem is Arab and God willing, our Palestinian brothers will be able to regain it as a symbol of peace," he said.

Hussein said last week that the holy places in Jerusalem should be outside any sovereignty.

Contrary to his earlier plan, Prime Minister Shimon Peres will not be visiting Amman before the elections, a top aide said Sunday night.

Since it was known that Peres was eager to visit Hussein before the voting, this fuels speculation that the decision to delay the visit was taken in Amman, not in Jerusalem.

Jordanian public opinion was fiercely opposed to Israel's action in southern Lebanon, especially since the attack on Kana. There were parliamentary motions by the Jordanian opposition to cut ties with Israel, and the Independence Day celebration at the embassy in Amman was boycotted by many Jordanians.

It is uncertain whether Hussein also wanted to avoid a visit by Peres at this time so as not to be accused of seeking to influence the election's outcome.

Peres disclosed Sunday night that in the last few weeks, President Hafez al-Assad has rejected his suggestion of a summit meeting between the two countries, but has agreed in principle to a government-level meeting with Israeli officials. Peres told an audience at a campaign rally that Assad had told American mediators he now agrees "to a meeting on a decision-making level."

In a joint statement after a one-day summit in Cairo, Mubarak, Arafat and King Hussein also said recent violence should not distract people from peace as a strategic objective.

Mubarak called the summit to support the Palestinians in the final status negotiations and to try to speed up Israel's talks with Syria and Lebanon.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Israel says UN must share blame for Kana shelling

By MARILYN HENRY and DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

NEW YORK – The government of Israel continued to lash out at the United Nations last week over the organization's report on last month's Kana shelling, charging that the UN had contributed to the incident by sheltering Hezbollah.

"The UN was sheltering the terrorists, enabling them to shoot the Katyushas and the mortars, then giving them protection because they were in the compound and they knew we could not shoot at the compound," Chief Artillery Officer Brig.-Gen. Dan Harel said here.

"The UN, we know now, let Hezbollah work from the Kana compound itself, before and after the shooting," Harel said. "Some of the terrorists were in the compound with their families, went out of the compound, set up the mortar, working very calmly ... 100 metres from the fence, and the UN did nothing about it. Then, after the shelling, they ran back to the UN compound to take cover."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said that UN influence in Israel would be undermined as a result of what he termed the organization's "scandalous" and "one-sided" report on the Kana killings.

Speaking to reporters in Acre, Peres said, "You cannot write a report as if there is no Hezbollah and there were no Katyushas. According to this report, it seems like the IDF just decided out of the blue to shoot at a UNIFIL camp. There is nothing farther from the truth than this.

"It is very strange that UNIFIL allowed shots to be fired from 150 metres away from the camp, and that it allowed Hezbollah members and their families to hide within the camp ... This report is one-sided, instigating great anger in Israel. I think as a result, the influence of the UN in Israel will be greatly weakened."

Acting Israeli ambassador to the UN David Peleg said the UN is at fault for failing to prevent more than 30 Hezbollah attacks from areas adjacent to UN camps and for sheltering terrorists.

Hezbollah less than 200 metres from UN base

"From the beginning of the operation until the Kana event, we reported 19 times to the UN cases in which Hezbollah shelled us from a distance of less than 200 metres from UN bases," Peleg said. "Altogether during the operation, there were 34 cases. And the question is, why didn't the UN do anything?"

The report on the Kana incident by UN investigator Maj.-Gen. Frank van Kappen of the Netherlands, contends that the shelling, which killed more than 100 people, was not accidental.

Lebanon's UN ambassador, Samir Moubarak, is seeking to have the Security Council condemn Israel, but this is considered unlikely to occur, since the United States has successfully thwarted previous efforts in this direction.

Peleg expressed the hope that the council would issue a presidential statement that refers only in general terms to the report and does not refer to its conclusions.

The van Kappen report fails to mention the real cause of Kana – that Hezbollah launches attacks from positions near UN bases and UNIFIL does not stop them, Peleg told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The UN "doesn't question the evidence about Hezbollah firing from UN bases," Peleg said. "They just say there's nothing they can do."

Van Kappen's report cited one case in which a Fijian member of UNIFIL tried to prevent Hezbollah fighters from firing rockets and was shot in the chest.

Peleg also suggested that the UN rushed to judgment and that Israel was being penalized for cooperating in the early stages of the UN inquiry. Israel provided partial data as it became available, rather than waiting until the IDF inquiry was complete. If Israel had waited, Peleg said, "we would not have the problem we have now.

"Our impression is that the conclusion of the report was decided before the collection of data was completed," he added.

The van Kappen report is dated May 1, before Harel arrived in New York to discuss the shelling with UN officials.

IDF soldiers hurt in Lebanon

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – The Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement is showing that it has no intention of halting attacks on Israeli soldiers and their allies in southern Lebanon.

Clashes between Israeli forces and Hezbollah gunmen erupted over the weekend — some two weeks after a ceasefire was achieved — in the security zone.

On May 12, five Israeli soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously, in two separate Hezbollah attacks in southern Lebanon.

An IDF officer was seriously wounded when an anti-tank rocket fired by Hezbollah hit a patrol in the northeastern sector of the security zone.

In a second incident, four other IDF soldiers were wounded, two moderately and two lightly, by shrapnel from mortar shells fired by members of the Shi'ite Hezbollah movement at an IDF outpost in the area. The IDF responded by shelling Hezbollah positions north of the security zone.

Hamas cell found in Jerusalem

By BILL HUTMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Security forces have uncovered a Hamas terror cell in east Jerusalem, whose members took advantage of their Israeli identification cards to transport the explosives and suicide bombers used in the recent Jerusalem and Ashkelon attacks.

Cell members hid the three bombers and the explosives they used in homes and mosques in Jerusalem for several days before the bombings.

Until Thursday, the Jerusalem District Court had prevented the publication of news of the arrests, at the request of the police and General Security Service (GSS), on the grounds that it would endanger an important security investigation.

Eleven residents of the Ras Al-Amud neighborhood, all of whom were arrested in mid-March and have since been charged in Lod Military Court, made up the cell.

According to police, the 11 admitted they began to organize into an Izzadim Kassam unit about a year before the attacks. They received "military and theoretical training aimed at turning them into a fighting unit" in Gaza, a police spokesperson said. They knew from the outset that they would be involved in attacks in Israel.

In a statement, the spokesperson said that just before the three suicide bombings, five of the suspects received instructions from Hamas members in Gaza to go to a prearranged spot in an orchard near Ashkelon, where they would find explosives.

They took the explosives to hideouts in Ras Al-Amud and Abu Dis, just outside the Jerusalem city line. Days before the attacks, the suicide bombers and explosives were all brought into Jerusalem, where they remained in Hamas safe houses. The cell members used their Jerusalem identity cards to pass army checkpoints, with the bombers (who were residents of the territories) and the explosives hidden in their cars.

The two Jerusalem attacks a week apart were carried out in the same manner. Cell members drove the suicide bombers to Jaffa Road and let them off in front of City Hall, where they boarded No. 18 buses. In the first attack, the bomber waited till the bus neared the central bus station to set off his device; in the second, he did it just several dozen metres from the stop where he had gotten on.

In both cases, the explosives were carried in a handbag. Security sources said it appears the bombers were wearing army uniforms.

The suicide bomber in the Ashkelon attack was driven there from Jerusalem by cell members, who again used their Israeli identification cards and Israeli licence-plated vehicles to travel unnoticed.

The sources said several cell members were known to the GSS even before the suicide bombings. The six members not directly involved in the terror attacks are suspected of involvement in such activity as firebomb and rock throwing in the Jerusalem area.

The GSS revealed last week that it has captured Akram Rahman Salameh, a wanted fugitive and a brother of Hassan Salameh, who recruited the suicide bombers who blew themselves up in Jerusalem and Ashkelon last February.

The IDF spokesperson said Akram Salameh, 23, a Hamas activist from the Khan Yunis refugee camp, was arrested on April 22 when he returned to Gaza from Sudan.

During interrogation, the army said, he supplied a great deal of information on his brother's activities abroad, including a visit to the camp set up in Lebanon by the Hamas deportees.

Akram Salameh was one of the deportees and admitted in his interrogation that at the time, he underwent military training at a base belonging to Ahmed Jabril, the army said.

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May 6

• The central elections committee issued the final official listing of parties running in the upcoming general elections, the 14th in Israel's history. Twenty-one parties will be listed on the ballot as compared to 25 in the last general election. Twelve of the parties are new. Six are religious and/or haredi. Five are Arab and/or jointly Arab and Jewish.

• The head of the General Security Service, Ami Ayalon, advised the government that terrorism against Israel has entered a new phase. It is now controlled and directed against the state of Israel by another state – Iran.

May 7

• Security forces were put on alert in search of two individuals missing from their homes in the West Bank and suspected of being on a possible terror mission in the heart of Israel.

May 8

• Various public opinion polls reported that Shimon Peres enjoys a lead of between four and five percent over Benjamin Netanyahu in the race for prime minister.

May 9

• *Ha'aretz* reported that a U.S. federal judge in New York has ruled that Dr. Musa Abu Marzook could be extradited to Israel. Marzook is being held in Manhattan on charges that he was the head of the Hamas cell operating out of the United States, responsible for planning a number of terrorist strikes against Israel.

May 10

• *Ha'aretz* reported that 31 foreign companies have invested more than $500 million in Israel's hi-tech industries within the last seven months.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

Approximately 1,850 people were expected in Jerusalem to attend the International Christian Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference, the European Cable Communication Conference and the European Symposium for Lawyers.

Likud hasn't changed essential platform

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

As the Sheila Copps brouhaha illustrates, Canadian politicians risk tarnishing their integrity, such as it is, when they make extravagant claims.

Mideast Analysis

But in Israel, no such rule exists. Consider the case of Ariel Sharon, the Likud stalwart. Writing in the *Jerusalem Post* several months ago, Sharon stated in no uncertain terms: "If the Likud accepts the Oslo (peace) pact, it no longer has a right to exist."

Well, a lot of water has flowed under the bridge since Sharon unburdened himself of this dictum, and neither Sharon nor the Likud has paid the penalty.

Forced to react to the new realities confronting Israel on the eve of its May 29 general election, the Likud has performed a remarkable flip-flop. From opposing the Oslo agreements, the party now grudgingly accepts them as an unpalatable fact of life.

Indeed, according to a survey published in the *Jerusalem Report*, only six of Likud's 32 members of Knesset flatly oppose the Oslo accords. They are, among others, Yitzhak Shamir, the former prime minister; Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's first ambassador to Egypt; and Benny Begin, the son of the first Likud prime minister.

In addition, Benjamin Netanyahu — the Likud leader — has had to eat crow with regard to his position on meeting personally with Yasser Arafat, PLO chieftain and Palestine Authority president.

"I will not meet with Arafat, will not grovel before him, will not chase him," Netanyahu told an interviewer on Channel 2 in early February. But since last month, when the Palestine National Council decided to delete clauses from its national covenant calling for Israel's destruction, Netanyahu has been singing a different tune.

With these alterations and its new-found emphasis on peace, the Likud, in a sense, has moderated its policy, doubtless hoping to win over undecided voters. But has the Likud changed its stripes, the basic essence of its right-wing platform? Not really.

Tactical adjustments

According to one of Netanyahu's closest associates, Tzahi Hanegbi, the son of super hawk Geula Cohen, "there is no real departure from the Likud platform and certainly not from our ideology. What we have here are tactical adjustments to a new situation ..."

In Netanyahu's view, the Oslo agreements are deeply flawed. "We strenuously and justly oppose the Oslo accords, but they created a situation which we have to face to prevent it from getting worse," he has said.

According to Netanyahu, the Likud has every intention of continuing with the peace process and of not putting it into the "deep freeze."

And while Netanyahu may sincerely believe this, Likud's platform and statements by its leading lights suggest that the peace process in its present form would probably wither should Likud win the election.

The Likud is against a Palestinian state, the supreme objective of the Palestine Authority. By contrast, the Labor party recently dropped its opposition to the concept. The Likud would create islands of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank, a patchwork arrangement the Palestinian side would not accept under any circumstances.

In line with its Greater Israel ideology, the Likud would expand existing Jewish settlements and build new ones in the West Bank, leaving major Arab towns except Hebron in Palestinian hands. The more pragmatic Labor party would annex settlements closest to the old Green Line and pull out of Hebron, possibly retaining only its Jewish enclaves.

The Likud and the Labor party concur that united Jerusalem is Israel's indivisible capital. Sharp differences, however, are evident in other respects. The Likud would not even discuss Jerusalem in final status talks, and would close down PLO institutions like Orient House.

The Golan Heights is another point of contention between the Likud and the Labor party. Last month, the Labor party amended its platform to read that the Golan is no longer essential to Israel's security. But the Likud is still wed to the idea that the Golan should be controlled by Israel. "We will remain on the entire Golan with no cosmetic changes," said Netanyahu, precluding any realistic chances of reaching an agreement with Syria, which demands a total Israeli withdrawal.

Clearly, Netanyahu is under the impression that his "peace for peace" approach to negotiations will satisfy the Palestinians and the Syrians. But in the real world of Middle East diplomacy, Netanyahu's formula is either a cynical ploy or an exercise in naivety.

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The PNC resolution: historic or deceptive?

By HILLEL NEUER

Though controversy remains as to whether the Palestine National Council (PNC) actually did or did not amend its covenant, Shimon Peres' willingness to accept the April 24 PNC vote as sufficient carefully preserved the very survival of the Oslo process – and by extension, of the Labor party's election campaign.

Opinion

Equally if not more importantly, notwithstanding its dubious legal effect, the resolution symbolized the gradual acceptance of compromise in the Palestinian national mindset.

Why the controversy? Because while most of the pro-Oslo world rallied to praise Arafat for his victorious 504-54 resolution in favor of amending the covenant to conform with commitments repeatedly made to Israel, skeptics such as Likud Member of Knesset Benny Begin, reluctant to take Arafat at his word, wanted first to see the text.

But if the government of Israel had deemed the PLO to have fulfilled its contractual obligation, third-party nations like the United States were not about to reserve judgment. With a strong vested interest in the success and progress of the Middle East negotiations, surely the Clinton Administration was only too glad to see one long-standing thorn in the side of Oslo finally removed.

Similarly, in their eager rush to portray Arafat as a peacemaker, the media virtually ignored their primary responsibility to check and analyze the facts, in this case the text of the PNC resolution. Only in citing questions raised by others, such as the independent monitoring agency Peace Watch, did a few wire stories even touch on the subject, and then only cursorily. (Notable exceptions include the editorial pages of the *Jerusalem Post* and the *Washington Times*.)

What any ordinary person reading the resolution would discover is that there are two substantial problems. First, in purporting to cancel articles in the covenant considered offensive – like Article 20, which states, "Jews are not one people," or Article 22, which calls Zionism "fascist and Nazi" – not one of them is specifically enumerated; rather, making as it does only a general reference, it leaves us to guess which articles the resolution contemplates.

Second and more importantly, the orginal text of the resolution – at least as it appeared in a Voice of Palestine broadcast from the PNC session in Gaza – states that the PNC has "decided to amend" the covenant, whereas the "official" version sent to Peres states that the covenant is "hereby amended." The latter denotes that the amendment has been made, whereas the former suggests there was a decision to amend, but the amendment was not actually effected.

The suspicion that the PNC did not actually complete the amendment is supported by the resolution's mention of future drafting to be done by a legal committee, in order to create a new charter.

To be sure, all of this hair-splitting legalese should appear rather obtuse if not downright silly. That is, unless we were dealing with anyone other than Yasser Arafat: the Arafat who in 1988 "renounced," or then again maybe didn't renounce, terrorism; who in 1989 had the *New York Times* investigating French medieval etymology to interpret his terming the charter "*caduc*," a French word meaning anything from "decaying" to "deciduous;" who says his calls for *jihad* (holy war) are actually calls to peace; in a word, the Arafat who has proven he can make anything mean something or its very opposite, or both at the same time.

Much to Israel's chagrin, if Arafat does finally come through on an obligation, his performance is never fully satisfying. Consider the May 1994 ceremonial signing of the Cairo accords, when Arafat suddenly refused to sign, even though some of the most important world leaders were on the stage with him.

Here, too, what Peres had to deal with in the PNC resolution was a classically Arafatesque move. Many have tried to coach Arafat on which words to use – from American dove Rita Hauser to Peres – and the man must be tired of his nagging Jewish coaches. Peres was desperate for some saving gesture and was in no mood to play the stickler.

Arafat in turn managed to appease a major Israeli demand, boost Labor's election fortunes, placate important donor states and still keep the way open for future moves.

At the end of the day, the PNC move, despite valid questions, must be regarded as extremely significant if not historic. That it is being treated as such by the rejectionists – Hamas and DFLP, Syria and Iraq – indicates that the Palestinian and Arab world recognize the occurrence of some kind of deepened understanding with Israel.

Whether this apparent Palestinian reconciliation is worth encouraging through continued concessions is the difficult question Israeli voters must now decide.

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Bibi backs limited Syrian pact

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Israel would be better off trying to reach a limited agreement with Syria that would remove Syria from the U.S. State Department's list of countries supporting terrorism, rather than continuing with the futile effort to reach a peace treaty and normalization, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said last week in an interview with the *Jerusalem Post*.

However, senior U.S. administration officials say privately that Netanyahu's approach is unworkable.

Netanyahu accused the United States of "misreading" Syria in believing the return of the Golan Heights is at the top of President Hafez al-Assad's priority list.

Instead of the "zero pressure" and "carrot-carrot" approach currently employed by the Clinton administration, Netanyahu said, the United States should warn Syria that it will impose sanctions, as it has done with Iraq and Iran, unless it expels Palestinian rejectionists and Hezbollah from areas it controls. If it does so, Israel should favor Syria's removal from the terror list and reach an unspecified limited agreement with it.

On the domestic front, Netanyahu asserted that a government under his leadership would invest more money in infrastructure, transportation, education and settlement activity in the territories.

At the same time, the government would be "weaned" from $1.2 billion of U.S. non-military assistance and would lower taxes, he said.

Hebron pullout set for mid-June

BY DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Serivce

JERUSALEM – The IDF will redeploy in Hebron a month from now, the cabinet decided Sunday, after being informed by its top peace negotiator, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, that the Palestinians will accept the delay.

The date was agreed upon by Savir and top Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) after a week of parallel military talks between OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Palestinian Police head Gen. Haj Ismail.

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Family stress linked to high youth suicide rate

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canada has the third highest rate of youth suicide in the world, mainly because of the stress on families resulting from changes in society, says Dr. Paul Steinhauer, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto and a senior staff psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Steinhauer spoke recently at the Bialik Hebrew Day School about the effects of stress on children and youth. In his talk titled, Children and Youth in the 90s: The Needy Generation, he referred to reports showing the dramatic rise in school violence and violent youth crimes

Dr. Paul Steinhauer

— up 30 percent in 12-year-olds and 25 percent in 13-year-olds over the last year.

"One out of four children and youth in Ontario aren't making it," he said. "The stress on children and youth is a direct reflection of the increased stress and pressure in families, frequently attributed to the high rate of marriage breakdown — 10 times higher than in the 1950s."

He said that as a result of major technological changes "on the scale of the Industrial Revolution," 70 percent of families now require two incomes to stay above the poverty line; more children are therefore at home alone or in some kind of variable quality care. A recent report circulated by the Jewish Family and Child Services, he noted, indicates that child abuse is a real problem in all segments of the Jewish community.

"We can't abdicate our role as parents and expect government and professionals to bring up our kids for us successfully," he said. To produce a generation of healthy, competent and productive children requires time and involvement of parents, especially the father.

"Quality time is not enough. There is no quality time without quantity time." He suggested that businesses should minimize unnecessary pressures on their employees, since excess stress undermines their ability to parent.

"This will not only give them more time and energy to devote to parenting but will also decrease absenteeism and increase productivity in the work place," he said.

Government downsizing, he said, will require the community to do more for itself and to rely less on the government than in the past.

He told *The CJN* that we can either do what is needed to help families give their children the competence and coping skills they will need to get off to a successful start in life, or avoid doing so, "in which case we will pay later, and much more, for our short-sightedness and for the result of our and their failure."

Steinhauer is the chair of the steering committee of Voices for Children and chair of Sparrow Lake Alliance. He has published six books and numerous papers and professional journals.

A friend in need...

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a cliche that you find out who your friends are when times are bad.

Ramy and Bonnie Ganzi have discovered that they have very good friends indeed at the St. Clair West Services for Seniors.

When Ramy, only in his early 40s, was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Bonnie's friends at St. Clair, where she worked as a volunteer, raised funds to send them home to Israel, so that he could see his family one last time.

When the Ganzis came to Toronto, things appeared to be going well and they opened their own business. Unfortunately, their efforts were not successful and they suffered personal bankruptcy.

Bonnie is considered "a very special and unique volunteer" at St. Clair, where she worked with the Older Adult Centre and the Adult Day Program. A fundraising letter said that she "has befriended both the members and the staff and has truly warmed the hearts of many people with her genuine and kind nature."

When Ramy was diagnosed, the couple didn't have the money either to return to Israel or to support themselves once they got there. Their friends at St. Clair got together on a personal basis to help them out. They held a fundraising dinner and sent letters of appeal to members of the Jewish community and "to anyone we could think of," said colleague Tanya Trachtenberg.

St. Clair clients contributed also, she said, as did people from other agencies.

"There wasn't much time to organize things," Trachtenberg told *The CJN*. "We took things one day at a time."

Nevertheless, they were able to send the Ganzis to Israel and are still giving them financial help.

Ramy and Bonnie Ganzi have decided to stay in Israel for the time being, as he has been told he has only a few months to live.

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Wheat-grass juice tested as colitis treatment

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The juice of the wheat-grass plant, found in health food stores, is being tested as a possible treatment for ulcerative colitis, a severe chronic inflammation of the large intestine and rectum that affects more than 1,500 Israelis.

The clinical trials are being carried out at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and are open only to sufferers of the disease who are in the midst of an acute attack, said Dr. Eran Ben-Arye, who is coordinating the research.

A preliminary study of 10 patients was completed, with eight of them reporting improvement in their condition, even though wheat-grass juice was the only change in their diet and their drug treatment had not been amended.

Ben-Arye said that the juice will be fresh, prepared by squeezing the wheat-grass. It is rich is chlorophyll, vitamins A, C and E, iron, calcium, and magnesium. A control group will receive a green-colored juice with the same taste, but not made from wheat-grass. In the double-blind, two-month study, no one will know who is getting the real thing until the results are disclosed.

Cause not known

The condition is usually diagnosed between ages 10 and 30, based on symptoms that include watery diarrhea containing varying amounts of blood, mucus and pus. The cause is not known, but it is more common among Jews of Ashkenazi origin.

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Jewish groups urge Schott's removal as owner

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish organizations in Canada and the United States are calling for the removal of Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott from major league baseball in the wake of her comments saying Hitler merely "went too far."

"There are fans of every racial, religious and ethnic group who follow baseball," said Steven Shulman, associate national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. "They should expect the league to attempt to remove her [Schott] from the game. I can't think of comments that would bring more discredit on the game. Clearly she's a liability for the image of baseball."

Phil Baum of the American Jewish Congress urged acting commissioner Bud Selig to "put together a committee at once to find a buyer for the team, who would make Schott an offer she can't possibly refuse and get her out of baseball's executive suites."

Meanwhile, the Toronto Blue Jays have asked Selig and the league's executive council to take action against Schott, though club president Paul Beeston would not indicate what that action should be. Beeston noted, however, that Schott was suspended for the 1993 season after she used racial and ethnic slurs against blacks and Jews.

"You would think that with the suspension she'd have learned [her lesson]," Beeston said.

Asked what further sanctions might be imposed if a suspension didn't work, Beeston replied "you can read what you want into that."

Schott's most recent case of foot-in-mouth disease came when she was asked by ESPN (sports TV) interviewer Sal Paolantonio about a swastika she keeps in her house.

"Everything you read, when he [Hitler] came in he was good," Schott said. "They built tremendous highways and got all the factories going. He went nuts, went berserk. I think his own generals tried to kill him, didn't they? Everybody knows he was good at the beginning, but he just went too far," she said.

Michael Rapp, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati, said, "Her remarks were outrageous. I'm personally appalled, but of all of [her] strengths, sensitivity to intergroup relations or knowledge of European history has never been among them."

Baum called Schott "a crude and thoughtless woman who has now reached a new low."

Schott's comments are "profoundly ignorant" and "offensive," said Ken Jacobson, assistant national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Beeston called Schott's remarks "disgraceful and despicable. It shows a total lack of understanding about history."

Selig, himself Jewish and owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, said he and National League president Len Coleman were monitoring the situation.

Rapp called Selig's response "tepid. You would hope they'd do a lot more. What I want is a public recognition by Schott that what she did was hurtful and harmful and a commitment that this won't happen again," he said.

The Reds issued a statement after the controversy erupted saying Schott was sorry her remarks "offended many people ... Hitler was unquestionably one of history's most despicable tyrants."

Four years ago, the league's executive council suspended Schott for one year and fined her $25,000 because her ethnic and racial slurs brought "disrepute and embarrassment to the sport."

At the time, she agreed to participate in sensitivity training and to increase minority hiring by the Reds.

Softball tryouts set

TORONTO — Maccabi Canada is holding open tryouts for its softball team that will compete at the 15th Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 4 to 14, 1997.

Tryouts will take place at Clanton Park field, Bathurst and York Downs, on June 15 and 16, 1996 beginning at 9:30 a.m. All positions are available.

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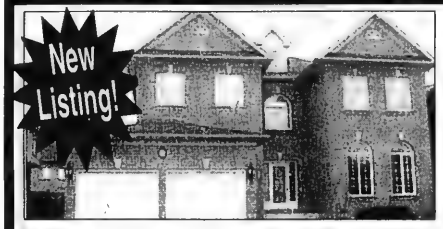

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Gluck, Barbara on May 5, 1996, late of 3555 Bathurst St. #201
Fisher, Muriel on May 6, 1996, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd.
Clodman, Sarah on May 6, 1966
Khondo, Isaak on May 8, 1996

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late beloved

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Section #9
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About families

In previous articles, we have discussed how to prepare for a child's first camp experience. This week, we will talk about the child who suddenly refuses to attend camp and announces that he or she wants to get a summer job.

There can be nothing more disconcerting than having your child break with a long-standing pattern of behavior. Just as they rely on us for consistency and predictability, in our own way we come to rely on them. Therefore, when your teenager suddenly announces, that after years of regular camp attendance, he or she no longer wishes to attend, but rather wishes to work for the summer, we face the challenge of coping appropriately with this sudden change in attitude. How we cope with this change will determine whether the situation can be turned into an opportunity for real growth.

Just as the desire to first attend camp indicates that your child is embarking on an important developmental stage, the sudden desire to work for the summer also can be seen as a sign that your child is ready for new challenges. As with the first camp experience, your job as a parent is to help the child determine whether or not he or she is ready to take this step.

The first thing you can do is listen. Has your child developed any plans, and how realistic are those plans? Keep in mind that during the teenage years, a fairly high degree of narcissism and perceived infallibility are perfectly normal. The challenge you face as a parent is to inject a dose of realism into your child's thinking without discouraging your child's efforts to take these important steps towards maturity.

Your child will need to begin by doing a realistic inventory of his or her skills and interests. Again, a delicate balance between encouraging realism without discouraging ambition and enthusiasm has to be maintained.

The next step is to assess the opportunities that exist. In this regard, your child will need your help and advice as he or she begins the often difficult and frustrating activity of looking for a job. You can help your child learn how to market himself and how to present himself to others. You can also show him or her how to put together a job search plan, and how to set realistic and attainable goals. Most of all, your child will need your encouragement – as we all know, looking for a job more often results in failure than success, and your biggest challenge will be to help your child maintain his or her self-confidence and enthusiasm. Even an unsuccessful job search can be a valuable learning experience.

Some teens may opt to create their own jobs. You can assist these budding entrepreneurs by helping them select a field of activity (i.e. lawn care, house or pet sitting) and assisting them in marketing (i.e. flyers). Again, your key contribution will be encouragement – succeed or fail, your child should realize that initiative and ambition are always traits to be respected and nurtured.

Be sure to give your teen the space he or she needs at this point in his or her life. Plan time-outs from each other in order to avoid overexposure and to give your child the sense that you value his or her privacy.

Many teens will review the options available and determine that they are not yet ready to take this step. Some will decide to return to camp, while others will opt for a different kind of summer experience, such as a structured trip across the United States or Canada. This is a more "grown up" experience with a social benefit to boot. Parents will be relieved to find that there is excellent supervision on these trips.

For those of you with a child who is entering the job market, good luck. For those of you with a child who is returning to camp, remember – there's always next year!

Susan Leventhal is a family, marital and individual therapist, who has been practising for more than 17 years.

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3 cups	shredded green cabbage	2 tbsp	rice wine vinegar
3 cups	shredded red cabbage	2 tbsp	vegetable oil
1 cup	sliced water chestnuts	1 tbsp	soya sauce
1 cup	sliced red peppers	1 tbsp	sesame oil
3/4 cup	canned mandarin oranges, drained	1 tbsp	minced garlic
2	medium green onions, chopped	1 tsp	minced ginger root

1. Microwave snow peas until tender-crisp. Place in serving bowl with shredded cabbage, water chestnuts, red peppers, mandarin oranges and green onions; toss well to combine.
2. In small bowl whisk together brown sugar, vinegar, vegetable oil, soya sauce, sesame oil, garlic and ginger; pour over salad and toss well.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

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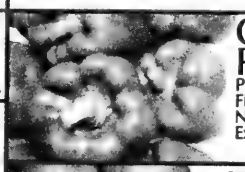

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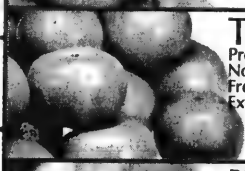

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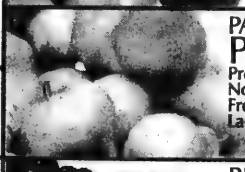

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Terrorist linked to Iran

By BILL HUTMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The man who accidentally blew himself up in an east Jerusalem hotel room last month has been identified as a Hezbollah terrorist sent by Iran, apparently to blow up a plane leaving from Ben-Gurion Airport.

Last Thursday, Jerusalem District Court lifted a ban on publication of details of the investigation conducted by the Mossad, General Security Service and Jerusalem police, aided by several European security services.

"We verified that he was motivated by Iranian money and Iranian officials who sent him to try and undermine the peace process," said Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal.

"I think there is more and more evidence about the intensive Iranian activity against the peace process ... [and] an attempt to intervene in the elections in Israel," Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir told Army Radio.

He said this should serve as incentive for Europe to sever what it calls its "critical dialogue" with Iran and impose economic sanctions.

Security has been tightened in recent weeks at Ben-Gurion and airports abroad, after it was discovered the suspect, Hassin Makdad, from the village of Faroun in Lebanon, carried explosives with him on at least one flight.

The case for the first time showed direct Iranian involvement and also greater complexity in planning bombing attacks, said Anat Kurtz, an expert on terrorism at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

"There is an element of escalation in this. We are talking about a sophisticated operation," Kurtz said.

Makdad remains in serious condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. He lost both of his legs, one arm and sight in at least one eye in the explosion at the Lawrence Hotel in April.

Security sources identified the bomb material as RDX, a powerful plastic explosive that is diffi-

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ONE MORE WEEK LEFT IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Prime Minister Shimon Peres embraces Rabbi Baruch Abuhatzera after the rabbi blessed the Prime Minister's chances in the upcoming election. Seen on the right, is an Israeli from Ethiopia at a Likud party rally holding a campaign poster in support of Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu. *[RNS photos]*

Bouchard tells leaders separatist dream will never be abandoned

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

QUEBEC CITY — Premier Lucien Bouchard last week offered the Jewish community assurance, by referring repeatedly to Quebec's steadfast commitment to preserving the province's democratic heritage and "cherished" values, and making "no distinction between communities" in a sovereign Quebec.

But the premier, meeting with a large delegation of Jewish community organizational officials at the Assemblée Nationale, also made it abundantly clear that his government had no intention of abandoning the dream of a separate Quebec.

He said the transition to sovereignty will take place in keeping with the province's democratic traditions, without the "fear of violence" or the threat of an armed "coup d'etat."

He vowed that the principles of tolerance and respect for others would continue "whether as a province, or a country.

"I won't deny there's economic apprehension," Bouchard told a 60-member "parliamentary mission" organized by Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q). I hear it too much not to be aware. It's the reality, and we have to deal with the reality."

Bouchard was responding to Richard Diamond, a representative of FEDERATION CJA's Young Adult Division.

Diamond, vice-president of Canderel, a Montreal real estate development firm, told Bouchard that the province's "tremendous amount of political and economic uncertainty" was wreaking havoc with business tenancy leases.

"I see it every day," Diamond said. "Businesses renew [their leases] for only one year, because they don't know where they want to be next year. There have been tremendous repercussions."

He suggested that Bouchard had an obligation to be "much more honorable" in describing the "true costs" of Quebec separating.

While recognizing the presence of uncertainty and of having to live through a "difficult time," Bouchard blamed the situation on the failure to renew federalism, particularly the Meech Lake Accord, five years ago.

"Those who rejected it contributed to the uncertainty," he said.

"Try to put yourself in the shoes of a sovereigntist, who is despairing because there's nothing [to satisfy Quebec] in sight. We have to deal with that."

Bouchard accused Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, through his recent statements challenging

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CANADA

Israel's Red Cross

OTTAWA – Canadian Jewish Congress, in a meeting with Canadian Red Cross Society, has continued its lobbying efforts for the Magen David Adom in Israel to gain offficial membership to the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Jewish Education Professor

NORTH YORK – York University has appointed the first professor of Jewish Education at a Canadian university, Dr. Alex Pomson.

He will be spearheading York's Jewish teacher education program which prepares students to become teachers of Jewish and general studies in Jewish or public schools. His appointment has been made possible by the Israel Koschitzky Family Foundation.

ISRAEL

Amir Can Vote

JERUSALEM – Israel's High Court of Justice has ruled that Yitzhak Rabin's assassin can vote in the May 29 national elections, saying that there was no clear law that calls for revoking this right.

Yigal Amir is serving a life sentence for fatally shooting the prime minister at a Nov. 4, 1995 peace rally in Tel Aviv.

Terrorist Arrested

JERUSALEM – Israeli security forces have arrested a Palestinian who was trained by a militant Islamic group based in Syria to carry out terror attacks in the Jewish state.

Salim Muhammed Abdel Banah, a Palestinian carrying a Jordanian passport, was apprehended by the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security service, in conjunction with Jerusalem police, according to reports.

Righteous Gentiles

JERUSALEM – Turkish Jews have requested that Yad Vashem recognize about a dozen Turkish diplomats who saved Jews during World War II as righteous gentiles.

The diplomats all served in Nazi-occupied Europe and personally took the initiative to save Jews, risking their lives, it was revealed by Yad Vashem officials last week.

Jordanian Memorial

JERUSALEM – A memorial may be built in Jerusalem for Jordanian soldiers who fell in the battle for Ammunition Hill in the Six Day War, according to Col. (ret.) Shimon Cahaner, director of the Ammunition Hill memorial site. Cahaner says he has tentative approval from Jordanian officials to build a memorial at the site.

Fighting Pollution

REHOVOT – New ways to combat pollution in Mediterranean countries with the aid of polymers was discussed at the MEDNET International Conference on Environmental Impact of Polymetric Materials held recently at the Weizmann Institute.

Kosher Palestinian Beer

JERUSALEM – Until now, Taybeh Beer, produced in a boutique brewery in a village near Ramallah, has been the first Palestinian beer. Now it is the first kosher Palestinian beer.

What's more, the brewery is getting its kashrut certificate from Rabbi Avraham Gisser of nearby Ofra, and the person who made it all possible is Mira Weigensberg, from Tekoa.

WORLD

E.U. Aids Palestinians

BRUSSELS – The European Commission has approved a grant of $18.5 (US) million to the Palestinian Authority.

The money is intended to fund in part the operating budgets of Palestinian universities and colleges in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It also will ensure that more than 30,000 students can continue full-time study for the rest of this year, said a spokesperson for the European Union's executive body,

Cultural Ties

LOS ANGELES – In a major effort to boost cultural ties between Israel and the western United States, the Israeli government co-hosted a conference at the University of Denver in Colorado last weekend.

BB Slashes Budget

NEW YORK — B'nai Brith International plans to slash $2 million (US) from next year's annual budget, with a hefty portion of that cut expected to hit two programs targeted at youth: Hillel and the B'nai Brith Youth Organization.

Nevertheless, the impact on Hillel, the college campus program, is not likely to be dramatic, because B'nai Brith provides less than 10 percent of Hillel's $22.5 million annual income.

WORLD WIDE WEB

Internet Project

JERUSALEM – Almost three years ago, the World Zionist Organization's student and academic department launched the Internet Project. Today it includes over 3,500 subscribers and over 10,000 files downloaded per month from its Web site and gopher. To access the site contact [www.wzo.org.il].

Bible Lands Museum Launches Exhibition

JERUSALEM – In celebration of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary, the Bible Lands Museum of Jerusalem is presenting a premiere exhibition titled: Jerusalem – A Capital for all Times: Royal Cities of the Biblical World.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert has designated the display, on until the end of December, as the primary museum exhibition for this year's year of celebrations.

For the show, eight capitals of the biblical world have been reconstructed in detail through historial models. The exhibition depicts Jerusalem during the First Temple period, comparing it with seven other great capitals of the ancient world.

Former Torontonians Dr. Elie and Batya Borowski are the founders of the museum, which will celebrate its fourth anniversary on May 30 with a gala dinner honoring former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek on his 85th birthday.

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Attempt to influence judge should end case: lawyer

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The lawyer for an alleged Nazi war criminal launched into a blistering denunciation of the federal Justice Department last week, suggesting a first-year law student, a transit driver or even a welder would know better than to attempt to influence a judge.

Lawyer Donald Bayne said a letter from Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice Ted Thompson to Chief Justice Julius Isaac of the Federal Court and Isaac's subsequent talk with Associate Chief Justice James Jerome were so improper as to undermine any perception of fairness in the case.

"It's enough that the attempt was made to interfere in the associate chief justice's wholly independent handling of the case," he said. As a result, "the only thing commensurate with the violation is a stay."

Jerome was the presiding judge in a case involving three alleged Nazi war criminals, Johann Dueck (Bayne's client), Helmut Oberlander and Erichs Tobiass. Federal authorities are seeking to strip them of their citizenship and deport them for lying about their wartime activities.

The letter from Thompson to Isaac suggested that unless the pace of proceedings was stepped up, the government would make a reference to the Supreme Court to get a quick decision on outstanding legal issues.

But it does not matter what was discussed between Thompson and Isaac, Bayne argued. The very fact there was a meeting, and that Isaac subsequently contacted Jerome, is enough to shake the public's confidence in the judicial system.

A first-year law student would know better than to try to influence a judge. "I'll go farther. The average guy driving [for the] TTC knows that. Welders know that. [Thompson] didn't know that," Bayne said.

Last week, three days of court time that had originally been designated for legal arguments on technical issues were devoted to the stay application. Federal Court Judge Bud Cullen has taken over from Jerome in the case.

Bayne unleashed his considerable advocacy skills by arguing the correspondence shows that Thompson tried, through the chief justice, to get Jerome to change his approach to the denaturalization cases, since he was unhappy with the decisions Jerome had made.

In that situation, the natural public perception would be of powerful forces pulling strings behind the scenes and of a justice system that is not independent of the political system. Bayne asked how "the little guy" would perceive the principle of judicial independence when "the rich and mighty" can "get in the back door and turn the screws on the little guy."

While legal arguments dragged on last week, one interested observer at the hearing was lawyer Barbara Jackman. Jackman is representing alleged Nazi war criminal Joseph Nemsila in a separate deportation matter before Judge Jerome.

She told *The CJN* she had not decided whether she too would raise a request for a stay, though she added there were similarities in the cases.

Proceedings began last week with three requests for intervener status by B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, Ken Narvey on behalf of the Coalition of Concerned Congregations and the German Canadian Congress (GCC). Cullen turned down the requests, saying the applicants did not have any unique expertise to offer the court.

Eric Hafemann, lawyer for the GCC, said the congress believes "the whole court has been compromised" by interference from the Justice Department. The GCC is alarmed by "political intervention" in the case, he added.

Two of those before the court, Oberlander and Dueck, are ethnic Germans.

Meanwhile, while four of the six ongoing war crimes cases in Canada hover on the brink of oblivion, the U.S. Office of Special Investigation (OSI) announced that a Florida man who admitted serving in a Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian battalion has agreed to relinquish his citizenship and has left the country.

Juozas (Joseph) Budreika, 79, admitted he served in the 2nd/12th Lithuanian Schutzmannscaft Battalion. During 1941 and 1942, the battalion murdered thousands of unarmed Jews and other civilians in Lithuania and Byelorussia (now Belarus). Budreika has returned to Lithuania.

Since the OSI began operations in 1979, 53 Nazi "persecutors" have been stripped of their U.S. citizenship and 46 have been removed from the country.

1941 document links Kalejs to Arajs Kommando

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A 1941 document signed by a physician of the Latvian Security Auxiliary Police that certified to the good health of Konrads Kalejs was submitted to immigration adjudicator Anthony Iozzo last week, as Kalejs' immigration hearing continued.

The certificate was the latest in a series of wartime documents that link Kalejs with the Security Auxiliary Police, more commonly known as the Arajs Kommando. The Kommando was notorious for instigating a bloody anti-Jewish pogrom in Riga in the summer of 1941 that killed 400, and for subsequently participating with German forces in the mass shootings of 30,000 Jews.

The document certifies that Kalejs, "lieutenant of the Security Auxiliary Police" is free of disease in accordance with the rules of admission at the Latvian University.

Several documents tendered earlier at Kalejs' immigration hearing also place Kalejs in the Arajs Kommando, named after its fanatically anti-Jewish leader, Viktors Arajs.

However, in cross-examination, Kalejs' co-counsel Lloyd MacIlquham attempted to discredit those documents.

MacIlquham suggested to Holocaust historian Konrad Kwiet that Arajs might have forged those documents. When Kwiet disagreed, MacIlquham asked why he could accept that Arajs was a mass murderer but not a forger.

"This is the basic essence of genocidal campaigns," Kwiet responded.

As an officer of the security police, Arajs would be held responsible for forgeries, he added.

Later, defence co-counsel Win Thompson suggested to Kwiet that the Soviets were adept at forging documents. Kwiet agreed that Soviet security agencies, among others, had personnel trained in that skill.

Kwiet also agreed with Thompson's suggestion that witnesses in Soviet trials might come under "undue pressure" from Soviet authorities. He said he knew of a few cases involving Latvian and Lithuanian witnesses who recanted their testimony after the case was heard, saying they were forced to make statements under pressure. (However, no connection has been made between that situation and the Kalejs hearing.)

In later questioning by Justice Department lawyer Donald MacIntosh, Kwiet said the wartime documents he has studied were authored by Germans, confiscated by the Soviets and then deposited in archives. He said he did not believe they were Soviet forgeries.

The hearing was adjourned after a defence attempt to call a witness out of order ran into a roadblock. After the defence announced the witness did not want her name publicly revealed due to "embarrassment," Bill Dunphy, a reporter for the *Toronto Sun* objected. After consulting with his editor, he placed his objections on the record and would not agree to shield her name. *The CJN*, the only other media present, agreed to voluntarily refrain from identifying the witness.

The case adjourned for possible legal arguments on that issue. It is scheduled to resume on May 27.

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Sounds of battle punctuate visit to Israel's north

By HENRY CAMPBELL
Special to The CJN

There was an eerie absence of human activity and sound as we drove through the towns of northern Israel. Occasionally, we would hear a muffled explosion and then the pounding of artillery returning fire. Apart from army vehicles, maintenance trucks and supply trucks off-loading food for those who had not been evacuated, we saw little else.

"Why are you here?" we were frequently asked in the bomb shelters.

As participants last month in the 1996 UJA Federation Prime Minister's Mission to Russia and Israel, we had come to see the human side of those countries. What we saw was the part of the story the TV news never seems to cover.

Not far from Kiryat Shmonah, and out of the range of the Katyushas, we visited temporary classrooms where children from the evacuated towns and villages of the north continued their studies and showed little concern that they had to travel extra distances to get there. "We are staying further south for now," said one, "but soon this will be over and then we will go home."

Visiting with Israeli troops stationed in Israel's north

We visited Grade 6 students studying English and the teacher encouraged us to speak to them. What did they think of all this, we asked. We got the answer: "It's the innocent people who are dying in Lebanon ... that's what makes us sad."

Late in the afternoon, as we were leaving our bus to visit yet another shelter, we heard a high whirring sound. Before we could react, there was a huge explosion about 1,000 yards to our left. The muffled sounds of battle we had heard earlier in the day were now closer.

Once we were inside the shelter, we were immediately engulfed by the warmth and understanding of those who have learned to take all this in stride.

As our bus finally left that evening and made its way south, we sat in silence pondering the question we had been asked by the children, the volunteers and the soldiers: "Why are you here?"

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Omission

In our front page article last week on Leah Rabin's visit to Toronto under the auspices of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, we omitted to properly identify the co-chairs of the event. They were Gerald Halbert and Charles Gold. And we altogether omitted to identify the third co-chair, Brian Steck, chairman and CEO of Nesbitt Burns.We apologize for these ommissions.

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Germany winning fight against extremism: Bubis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Germany is winning the battle against right-wing extremism, says Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Due to Germany's rigorous laws against racial incitement, and to a series of law enforcement measures taken by the authorities, violent neo-Nazi incidents have declined by 50 percent in the past year, said Bubis, who was here at the invitation of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Goethe Institute.

But Bubis, a concentration camp survivor, is not certain whether the downward trend of neo-Nazi violence will continue.

Germany's current high unemployment rate — the highest since the Depression — may have an eventual effect on the overall situation, he warned in an interview at the home of the German consul general in Toronto.

Right-wing radicalism does not pose a danger to German democracy, according to Bubis.

"We've never had in Germany such a resilient democracy as now. The young German generation is a democratic one, and has learned something from the past."

Bubis disclosed that anti-Semitic incidents, invariably perpetrated by neo-Nazis, have decreased by about 25 percent in the last two years.

Nevertheless, he still receives a steady stream of anti-Semitic letters.

Bubis said he has not drawn firm conclusions from the recent discovery of a mortar and a shell aboard an Iranian freighter bound for Hamburg. Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres recently claimed that Iran — an opponent of the Oslo peace process — is shipping weapons to Germany intended for attacks on Jewish and Israeli institutions.

"We can't say for sure whether the weapons were to be used against the Jewish community," said Bubis.

Until now, Jews in Germany have never been the targets of Iranian terrorism, he noted.

Bubis does not oppose Germany's "critical dialogue" with Iran, one of its biggest trading partners in the Middle East.

But he believes the German government should not shrink from publicly castigating Iran as a sponsor of terrorism.

Bubis, who is also president of Frankfurt's Jewish community, said there are 50,000 registered Jews and another 5,000 to 10,000 unregistered Jews in Germany today.

Approximately 45,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union have arrived in Germany since 1990 and about half are Jewish, said Bubis, a native of Breslau.

Many of the new Jewish immigrants "know nothing" about Judaism and suffer from joblessness, he said.

He expects 4,000 to 5,000 Jewish newcomers from the former Soviet Union to settle in Germany each year for at least the next few years.

Asked what he thought of the recent appointment of Germany's first female rabbi, Bubis was clearly ambivalent.

Ignatz Bubis

"I am not against her existence or her work," said Bubis, referring to Bea Wyler, a Reform rabbi who was rejected for membership by the German rabbinical conference. "It's a free country, and I have no problem with Reform people. But I, personally, would not go to a Reform synagogue, whether the rabbi was male or female."

Although Bubis does not consider himself an Orthodox Jew, he belongs to an Orthodox congregation. "I'm not strictly kosher," he said, "but I expect my rabbi to be strictly kosher."

Bubis expressed satisfaction that construction of a national Holocaust memorial in Berlin will begin on Jan. 27, 1999. Last year, the German government designated Jan. 27 as a day of commemoration for the victims of Nazi persecution.

He said he hopes the planned monument will be inscribed with the names of concentration camps where Jews perished rather than with the names of its victims.

Riverdale Shul finds permanent home

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A strip of the Danforth lined with souvlaki restaurants and sidewalk cafes may be an unorthodox setting for an Orthodox congregation, but this east-end neighborhood is now the permanent home of the Riverdale Shul.

This month the shul's board of directors signed a lease on a second storey space at 179A Danforth Ave.

The 2-year-old congregation had been leading a nomadic existence. Friday night services have been held at the home of documentary film-maker Simcha Jacobovici, founder of the shul, with Shabbat services at a local public health clinic. Two Greek restaurants donated space for High Holy Day services.

To raise money for the renovations and rent on the new premises, the shul will be holding a gala benefit featuring guitarist Aaron Skitri and Sephardi vocalist Charly Sibony on May 26, at 8 p.m. at the Music Hall, 147 Danforth Ave. Jacobovici will also screen his recent film, *Expulsion and Memory: Descendants of the Hidden Jews.*

The theme of the movie — the hidden Jews — is apropos for the neighborhood, Jacobovici said. "There's been no organized Jewish community here in Riverdale. We've had a hidden existence."

Jewish people in this community may have a low profile, but there are at least 100 Jewish families in the area. Records show that in the last four years some 60 families — many of the couples are intermarried — have used the local Hebrew heritage program run by the Toronto Board of Education.

According to figures provided by the shul, 300 people attended High Holy Day services this year, while community Chanukah and Purim parties drew more than 100 people each.

Jacobovici envisions the new space for the shul as a centre for the entire Riverdale Jewish community, he said. "The sign on the door will be the Riverdale Jewish Community Centre. It will be open to everyone."

The shul will have access to the space at designated times, but he insists the centre will be available to the community for other uses like education and family programming.

In addition to the new Riverdale Shul, another group of area residents has begun forming a more egalitarian organization and will be holding its first event, a Shavuot Oneg Shabbat on May 24.

Jacobovici is aware that there is a division in the community, but he's optimistic that the differences will be resolved as the community centre develops, he said.

"I think it's great a new group is forming. We're a small community, but we have complex needs. It's exciting. A place where there was little Jewish life, is now bubbling with Jewish activity and debate."

For information about the gala benefit, call 416-504-6662.

Reform body rejects double track education

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Double track education for children of interfaith couples is not acceptable, according to a resolution adopted at the recent biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) in Atlanta (UAHC).

Enrolment in Reform religious schools should be open only to children who are not receiving formal religious education in any other religion, the resolution stated.

During the hot debate and close vote on the resolution, the rabbi at a temple in Syracuse, N.Y., said he discovered six weeks prior to a bar mitzvah that the boy was concurrently preparing to receive first Communion in a Catholic church.

"While the UAHC is sensitive to the challenges interfaith couples face when raising their children, it does not want to condone a two-pronged approach that might lead a child to an identity crisis," said Jessie Caryll, Outreach coordinator, Canadian Council of Reform Judaism.

"At the same time it is the Commission on Reform Outreach's mandate to provide learning experiences and emotionally warm welcomes that might prompt a non-Jewish spouse to become a Jew-by-Choice and at the very least, to endorse raising his or her child in the Jewish faith."

Caryll said Rabbi Sheldon Ezrick pleaded at the assembly "to give us strong boundaries so people can know whether they are in or out of Judaism."

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Ontario govt., Yad Vashem honor survivors

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the fourth consecutive year, the Ontario government and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem joined last week to honor Holocaust survivors who have made significant contributions to life in this province.

Eight survivors were presented with specially inscribed scrolls at a Queen's Park ceremony attended by Ontario Premier Mike Harris and Citizenship Minister Marilyn Mushinski.

Also on hand were Attorney General Charles Harnick, interim NDP leader Bud Wildman, Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter and Israel's consul general, Jehudi Kinar, as well as Jewish communal leaders.

The theme of this year's ceremony was From Generation to Generation — Never Again, said Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chair Hank Rosenbaum.

The survivors represent a broad spectrum of activity in business, the arts and academia. Louis White, Efiam Multianer, Joseph Klasner, George Horvath, Katherine Horvath, Tom Newman, Ada Hefter and Leo Druckmaler were congratulated by Harris.

At the Ontario Legislature is (from left) Leo Drukmaler, Tom Newman, George Horvath, Katherine Horvath, Louis Efiam Multianer, Ada Hefter, Premier Mike Harris and Joseph Klasner. [Ron Csillag photo]

In his comments, the premier recounted how, as a former teacher and school trustee, he found it "sad" that the lessons of the Holocaust were not being as well transmitted among non-Jews in the public schools as among Jews.

Harris recalled his visit to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem two years ago, and advocated using "every tool" to teach about the Holocaust.

Kinar said he found the ceremony especially moving because during World War II, he had been hidden in the Dutch underground as a young child, not to be reunited with his parents until the age of five.

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Moments later in the legislature, Harnick, Kwinter and Wildman each rose to praise the honorees and recall the Holocaust.

Said Harnick: "Without the memories and testaments of the survivors and their families, this horror might be allowed to fade into the pages of history, which it must never be allowed to do if we are to ensure that it never happens again.

"As a people and as a nation, we cannot allow the world to forget, as once again the horror of 'ethnic cleansing' is visited upon the world."

Kwinter noted "a growing body of literature that even denies the Holocaust happened. I challenge all of us here today to take a look at the eight [honorees] in the Speaker's gallery, and face them and tell them that the horrors they experienced and the viewing of their families being slaughtered and being separated, tell them that it didn't happen."

Wildman recounted for the house that after a personal tragedy in his own family, he was visited by a Holocaust survivor, who said his survival was "an accident."

To Wildman, "That brought home what it meant to be a survivor."

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Police seize weapons

TORONTO — Metro police last week seized a cache of arms in a raid on a private North York home.

But they say that two signs referring to the Ku Klux Klan found outside the house were just "a joke made in extremely bad taste."

Detectives discovered a grenade, four hunting rifles, an AK-47 assault rifle and about six handguns in a safe inside the bungalow, in the Sheppard Ave.-Senlac Rd. area.

One person has been charged with 11 counts of weapons-related offences, Det.-Const. Gary Grinton of 32 Division told *The CJN*.

He discounted any links to white supremist groups, saying the signs were a prank played on the owner.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, says it received calls of protest after a *Toronto Star* article on the raid said the house is next to Chosen People Ministries, which the paper said is "a privately run Jewish organization."

In fact, Chosen People Ministries is a fundamentalist Christian organization with a track record of trying to convert Jews, said CJC's Bernie Farber.

CORRECTION

The Night of Hope fundraiser for Adam Kruger, the 9-year-old who needs a bone marrow transplant, will be held at Shark City, 117 Eglinton Ave. E., on May 28, at 8 p.m. Cost is $10.

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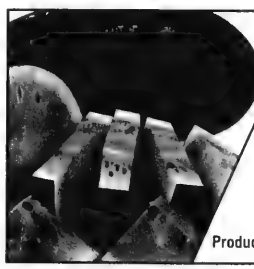

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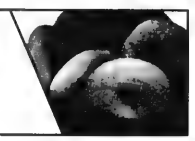

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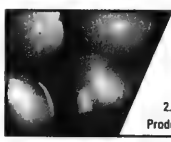

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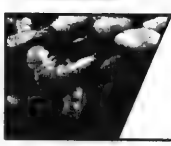

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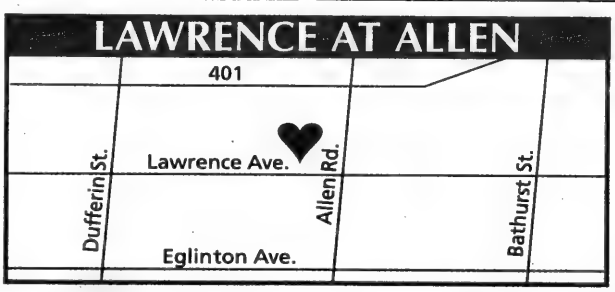

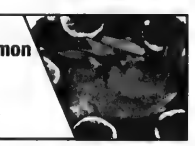

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Absurd and alarming

The conclusions in the report are absurd and alarming. Quebec's Chief Electoral Officer Pierre F. Côté reported last week that the referendum law had been violated by both separatists and federalists. Separatist scrutineers in four Montreal ridings, he said, had perpetrated a fraud upon an unusually high number of voters by illegally rejecting their properly completed No-to-separation ballots. However, he found no evidence of a widespread campaign.

Côté also concluded that 18 companies and individuals, including nine from outside Quebec, had violated the referendum law by exceeding its spending limits when they assisted Canadians from all parts of the country to travel to Montreal to attend the emotional unity rally held on the Friday before the vote.

That Côté decided Canadians helping Canadians to demonstrate their love of country violated the law, is absurd. But that he viewed the travel subsidy to have been "more harmful to the democratic system" than the voter fraud, is alarming.

It alarms us because it pays no heed whatsoever to the "democratic system" we call Canada.

The referendum was not without its context. It was not a consultation about merely local matters. It was intended by its sponsors to bear the most severe of all possible political consequences for the rest of Canada. Why then, do Quebec's chief electoral officer and others in Quebec think that the rest of Canada would have been indifferent to the outcome or, more to the point, uninvolved in the process? At every turn, separatists and indeed, all Canadians, should be reminded that separation affects Canada as much as it affects Quebec. Canadians, therefore, are entitled to act in defence of the country.

Premier Frank McKenna of New Brunswick eloquently, if politely, expressed our disbelief at the Côté report when he said: "All Canadians are somewhat stunned that we are assumed to have no role or interest in the future of Canada ... To suggest that we have no right to participate or no say is very disturbing."

Disturbing, absurd and alarming.

Waiting for the sounds

Israeli police last week filled in the details of a mysterious incident that occurred in a hotel in east Jerusalem on April 12. Hassin Mohammed Hussein Mikdad lost both legs and a hand when a bomb he was making blew up in his hotel room. Apparently he had been recruited, trained and sent by Hezbollah, the agents of Iran, to commit yet another atrocity in Israel. His instructions were to blow up an El Al airplane.

This revelation, along with the Katyusha rocketing of recent weeks, demonstrates Iran's reinvigorated determination to play a role in unfolding political events involving Israel. It also shows the lengths to which it is prepared to go in attempting to influence the outcome of the election in Israel.

Everyone knows that the terrorist organizations will try to strike inside Israel before the election. Their aim is first, to kill Jews, second, to intrude their blood-soaked hands into the election process and third, to put an end to the possibility of peace. It is a sorry and sickening comment about these individuals, their organizations and the countries directing them, that they hold onto murder as their chief instrument and cause.

By the same token, it is an inspiring and rallying comment about the people of Israel that they go about their lives and participate in democracy's most important activity, edgy but relatively calm, knowing the terrorists' jagged, deadly instrument hangs over their heads. Like a taut muscle waiting to absorb a blow, the entire country is braced, awaiting the awful sounds of the explosion, the sirens, the ambulance, the sobbing and the anger.

We pray those sounds won't be heard, ever again.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

"...with the rising of the sun, there was thunder, lightning, a heavy cloud upon the mountain, and the loud blast of the shofar..." *(Exodus 19:16)*

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...THEN PENTECOSTAL PROTESTANTS
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Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History

May 25, 1944 The S.S. Serpa Pinto, a Portuguese boat carrying 74 Canada-bound refugees was stopped by a German U-Boat. The passengers were forced into lifeboats; spent 6 hours drifting in the mid-Atlantic; then continued on. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)*

Ethiopian Jews still await rescue

In *The CJN* (May 9) Ron Csillag wrote about "Tougher Affirmative Action Laws urged for Israel." This is just the tip of the problem facing Ethiopians in Israel. Ethiopians are encountering difficulty with housing, education, the army and absorption. On the positive side, the Israeli government is finally acknowledging the existence of these problems and beginning to take action. Jews in the Diaspora are equally responsible for this community, as we were the driving force in bringing these Jews to freedom!

I know that, in time and with efforts both here and in Israel, the Israeli community of Ethiopian Jews will hopefully overcome the "challenges they are presently faced with," said Avraham Neguise, director of South Wing to Zion in Israel.

The concern, sadness and injustice is for those who have been left behind. Why concern? The Israeli government has said there are no Jewish Ethiopians left in Ethiopia. And yet other sources, the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, the Israeli Ethiopian organization, South Wing to Zion, Rabbi Waldman, members of the Orthodox National Religious Party and many other credible sources disagree with the Israeli government about those left behind.

The government of Ethiopia has finally dropped its quota for emigration of Ethiopian Jews, but Israel now has a quota of 100 Ethiopian immigrants a month. The story goes on and on, the pain and suffering, children dying, lack of food, lack of medical treatment, broken families, broken promises. Our Jewish publicity shows kessim smiling, Ethiopian children playing in Jerusalem. But nowhere do we see the other side of the picture. Why?

There is no shame in having problems, only in denying their existence.

Marsha Slivka
Director of New Israel Fund of Canada
Toronto

Viva's right to date only Jews

Re "Defending my Jewish ethnicity" (*CJN*, April 18).

I was both saddened and intrigued by Viva Press' account of her experience with the fellow student who called her a racist for only wanting to date other Jews.

My advice to Viva is that the next time she is accused of being a racist, she should ask if this accusation only applies to Caucasians. Would a Jamaican who only wanted to date Jamaicans be a racist? And what about Japanese or Muslims who only want to date people of similar backgrounds? Are they racist? Or are they simply exercising their right to chose who they associate with?

Stephen Dreezer
Toronto

Cemetery in Slovakia in disrepair

My grandfather and great-grandfather were buried before the war in the cemetery in Sebes, Slovakia (a town near Presov). Last year, in honor of the 50th year since liberation, my mother took her children to see where she came from. The worst point for her emotionally was to see the disrepair of the cemetery in Sebes. She would very much like to restore this cemetery and is interested in contacting anyone who has family members buried there.

Would anyone who has an interest in the restoration of the cemetery in Sebes, Slovakia, please contact Ernie Greenwald 416-638-6695; e-mail 103264.2630@compuserve.com

Ernie Greenwald
Toronto

Disputes CJC's right to speak for all Jews

I have received a copy of the Report of the Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) ad hoc bylaw review committee, dated March 31. At the top of page 15, it reads: "CJC is seen as the 'parliament of Canadian Jewry.' It speaks in the name of the Jewish community on many important issues."

This Jew takes exception to such presumption.

I submit that the term "parliament" is a misnomer, and I propose that it be discontinued in future. The total absence of an opposition, the total absence of public debate and the total absence of voting rights among Canadian Jews (save for 2,000 who attend a plenary) make a mockery of the term "parliament of Canadian Jewry." Also to be considered in a debate on this subject should be the monolithic aspects of Congress, particularly in reference to its arbitrary decision making.

Reuven Carin
Montreal

Baron Byng High reunion

The "Girls of Room 14," graduates in 1946 from Baron Byng High School (BBHS), Montreal, are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Of our 40 classmates, we have been unable to locate two: Ruth Hoichberg and Reva Jezaroff. Would they or anyone knowing their whereabouts please contact Helen Yarost Wise, 514-482-9190.

Shirley Nerenberg Cahn
Montreal

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Perspectives

Shavuot marks formative event of Jewish people

By MARTIN LOCKSHIN

The central text of the holiday of Shavuot is the story of the revelation at Mount Sinai, and of the words that our ancestors heard spoken from the fiery mountain. This was *the* formative event of the Jewish people, the reason that we Jews have had such a singular and unique identity.

The average person, when asked to list the major contributions of Judaism to western civilization, would likely put the Ten Commandments that were recited on this occasion at or near the top of that list. In other words, most people these days think of the Ten Commandments as a universal text, a text that might once have typified Judaism but is now part of the shared heritage of all cultured western people. Doesn't the entire western world renounce murder and perjury, theft and idolatry?

In fact, the name that people assign to the text these days, the Ten Commandments, isn't the real Jewish name. The Bible's own name for the text, *aseret ha-daverim* (Exodus 34:28), or the later Hebrew name, *aseret ha-dibberot*, does not mention "commandments" at all. The "10 sayings" (or Decalogue) would be a more accurate English version of the Hebrew name. The first so-called commandment, "I am the Lord, your God," hardly commands anything. In fact, if one counts commandments per se — dos and don'ts — in the traditional manner, one doesn't find 10 here. In Moses Maimonides' *Sefer ha-mitzvot* (*Book of Commandments*), one finds that the Decalogue actually consists of 14 mitzvot (commandments).

But aside from the technicality of the precise name of the text, isn't the content of the Decalogue universally accepted? Doesn't just about everybody observe the Ten Commandments? Actually, they do not.

Most people to be sure do at least pay lip service to the idea that perjury, theft, murder, adultery and idolatry are to be avoided. The idea that parents should be honored is a truism of our society. But one of the Ten Commandments relates to the Sabbath — forbidding all types of labor and commanding us to do symbolic actions to commemorate the way God created the world.

What do people mean when they say, "I may not be religious but I observe the Ten Commandments?" Generally what they mean is that they are committed to ethical behavior, but they do not find ritual to be meaningful to them. And they make the assumption — the false assumption — that the Ten Commandments is a text that contains only ethics and not ritual law.

The distinction between ethics and ritual is not a modern innovation. It can be found in many ancient societies, for example in ancient Rome and in ancient Babylon. But the distinction is not a Jewish one. One of the central messages of the Ten Commandments — and of all the law collections in our Torah — is that ethics and ritual are *not* separable. The Torah refuses to separate these realms and to present us with a ritual-free collection of ethical maxims.

To be sure, the Ten Commandments comes closer to that pure "ethics model" than any other unit of text in the Torah. Only one "commandment," the fourth one to "Remember the Sabbath," would be naturally categorized as a ritual.

Probably that was the reason that a number of "rebel" groups in Judaism who have opposed rabbinic law and its emphasis on ritual have tried to rally around the Ten Commandments. The most famous example is the early Jewish-Christians.

Drawing from *Pictures Of The Bible*, illustrated by Gustave Doré

Rabbinic texts teach us that before the first century, the Ten Commandments not surprisingly held a place of honor in Jewish liturgy and were recited in the Temple in Jeursalem on a daily basis. But, the rabbis say, the custom was abolished. The reason for this change in liturgy is described in a cryptic comment in the Talmud. It was done "because of the murmurings of the heretics" (*mi-pene tar'omet ha-minim*).

The standard explanation of that Talmudic line is that various heretical Jewish groups — presumably the early Christians but perhaps others too — used the Ten Commandments to prove their religious bona fides. These "heretics" argued that while they may have abandoned some traditional rituals, they were truly loyal to the ostensible core of Judaism — the Ten Commandments. The early Christians soon enough had abandoned most Jewish rituals — the rules of kosher food, circumcision, family purity. But they continued to "Remember the Sabbath." To be sure, their Sabbath differed in many ways from the Shabbat of the rabbis. Nevertheless, early Christians could and did claim that they too turned the Sabbath into a ritual observance.

Accordingly, one of the many tactics used by the classical rabbis to try to counteract the spread of the "Christian heresy" was to de-emphasize the Ten Commandments, the text that the early Christians saw as proving their own allegiance to the core of Judaism. Without the Ten Commandments as Judaism's core text, recited alongside of the Shema in the Temple every day, the heretics' argument loses its force and their practice loses its validity.

Yet despite the early rabbinic attempts to de-emphasize the Ten Commandments, Jews have continued to venerate that text and to see it as a core text of Judaism. The Talmud itself records that more than one (unsuccessful) attempt was made to reinstitute the custom of reciting the Ten Commandments in the daily liturgy. Jews, both heterodox and orthodox, continued over the generations to see this text as the crucial Jewish law code.

The attraction to the Ten Commandments must be seen as connected in part to the dramatic story of how our forefathers received these laws. But part of the uniqueness and the appeal of this text might also be in the style of the laws.

So much of biblical law is written in casuistic form: "If the following happens, then this is what you should do." In fact, that is the way that most if not all law codes work. There is a certain grandeur and majesty to the strong, unequivocal statements of the Decalogue — "Do this! Do not do that!"

But there is something deeper about the attraction of the Decalogue to people who look at the world through Jewish eyes. The content of the Decalogue may not be unique, but the legal theory underlying it is clearly Jewish.

Generally, we who live in the west at the end of the 20th century have all accepted the legal theory that emphasizes individual rights. When challenged to provide a rationale for any restriction that is put on an individual's behavior, we say: "Such and such an activity is forbidden because it infringes on the rights of some other individual." In other words, the reason that we consider theft wrong is because of the victim's right to own his own money. The reason that we consider trespass immoral is because of the victim's right to privacy.

Legal theorists have shown that Judaism has managed to build a remarkable system of morality and law without the use of the concept of rights. The theory of the Jewish legal system is based on obligations, on mitzvot. The reason that an individual must refrain from theft or trespass is because he or she has been *commanded* by God to refrain from those activities.

In Canada, the core text of our legal system is the Charter of Rights and Freedom. All law must conform to those standards, which guarantee that various rights will be preserved. In Judaism, the core legal text is the Decalogue, which outlines obligations — not rights — that apply to every Jew.

Is there really a difference between a legal system based on rights and a legal system based on obligations? When the issue is theft or trespass, the difference appears to be one of semantics only. What difference does it make if we outlaw theft based on the victim's right to own property or based on the criminal's obligation to refrain from taking what isn't his? If I fail to pay my workers on time, does it matter if one says, in the Canadian way, that I have infringed their *rights*, or if I say, in the Jewish way, that I have failed to live up to my *obligation* to pay workers expeditiously (Deuteronomy 24:15)?

In the cases of theft or trespass or paying one's workers, the distinction between rights and obligations is not critical. But there is a world of difference between a legal system that is based on rights and a legal system that is based on obligations.

Our western legal systems regularly grapple with numerous problems that are a result of basing all laws on the idea of rights and freedoms. For example, on some level we all feel that lying is bad or that coming to the aid of an accident victim is a requirement for any just citizen. But when legal systems are based on the concept of rights and freedoms, we have no way of outlawing lying — or any other victimless crime — unless one can prove that the lie infringed on another person's rights. And we have no straightfoward way of obligating a citizen to come to the aid of an accident victim, or to be kind and compassionate to the underprivileged, or to feed the starving or clothe the naked. We tell ourselves in the west that such "duties" are only (?) ethical duties, and that we cannot legislate morality.

Judaism has never accepted such thinking. Our tradition teaches us that the requirement that we refrain from murder and the requirement that we give charity both come from the same source. They are both based on the sense of obligation.

The Decalogue tries to get across that message. The same text that teaches us not to steal and not to murder also legislates values that western law codes do not and cannot address — honoring parents or commemorating creation. In the Decalogue, we learn that we Jews have obligations that are not limited simply to refraining from abridging somebody else's rights and freedoms.

So when we think about the Decalogue, we ought to think about it as a *Jewish* text. Our people, to be sure, have taught many things to the western world. And in some senses, many of the "Ten Commandments" *have* become part of the values of our secular society. But the crucial lesson of the Decalogue — that Jews have obligations, that law for us is not simply a matter of rights and freedoms — is something that we Jews should not forget.

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Opinions

The final countdown

By Shira Herzog

This article will appear one week before the Israeli election, and even then, it will be difficult to predict the outcome. At the risk of being proven wrong, I hereby offer some random observations on the last days of the campaign of 1996.

The new electoral system will not diminish the intensity of coalition negotiations. Indeed, many observers have wryly commented on the "dual track" of courting the small parties, especially the religious ones. First, before the election — and with a view to the direct election of the prime minister — Shimon Peres and Benjamin Netanyahu have been wooing the haredi voters with promises to their rabbinic leaders. After the election, the second round of negotiations will begin, this time, led by the elected prime minister.

The only difference in the new system is the advantage to the newly elected prime minister, who will be "the only game in town." And if the potential coalition partners demand a price that is higher than he is prepared to pay, the ball will go back to the voters' court. If a majority of Knesset members do not vote in support of the proposed cabinet, new elections will be called. In the view of supporters of the new system, this is the deterrent factor that will persuade enough parties to join a cabinet representing a majority in the Knesset.

This may be wishful thinking. Since this is the first election in the new system, there are no useful precedents that will help to accurately anticipate the results. Twenty-one parties are registered, and when it comes to the vote for party lists, many votes get dissipated on small parties that never make it past the 1.5 percent threshold.

In the prime ministerial race, the spread remains steady at four to five points in Peres' favor. However, Israelis themselves believe that external events may dictate the results. A majority of Israelis — including Likud voters — believe that Peres will win the race, but a significant percentage — including Labor voters — also believe that if there is a terrorist attack a few days before the election, Netanyahu will win. Some Israelis have described these last days as a nerve-wracking waiting game to see if the campaign will conclude with relative quiet.

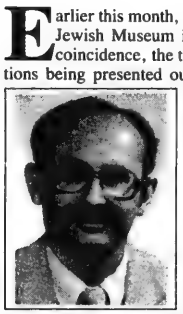
Israel's Arab minority has been the subject of a great deal of scrutiny in the last few weeks. This is a significant bloc of votes: of 450,000 eligible voters, 360,000 are expected to vote. Since the fighting in Lebanon, and especially since the shelling of Kana, Arab voters who were expected to favor Peres over Netanyahu have become reticent and even cynical. The concern in Labor is that Arabs will abstain in protest over the government's actions in Lebanon. This, in turn, would mean a net loss for Peres.

Interestingly, a recent poll on Arab attitudes to voting paints a less politicized picture of Arab voters' motivations. The poll, conducted by Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre, found that for 78 percent of those polled, the most important factor in determining their choice of party is the perception of its ability to further socio-economic equality for the Arab community. Seventy per cent stated that a party's ability to further the Arab community's civic political status was the most important factor in their choice of party. Issues of national identity ranked low for almost all those questioned. In other words, Arabs, like many other voters, are voting on "bread and butter issues." Since 85 percent of those polled indicated that the Labor party had performed best on these issues, it is safe to predict that the Arab vote will go to Peres after all.

In the last weeks of an Israeli election campaign, the candidates virtually disappear from direct television and press coverage, and the popular game of jingles and television advertising takes over. In a significant departure from our Canadian experience, no live interviews or press statements are allowed by the leading candidates. Instead, they issue press releases and try to generate news stories that will refer to them indirectly.

This time, due to the scars of the Rabin assassination, the ads are more moderate in tone than in previous campaigns. Israeli pollsters believe that they will reinforce the views of the decided voters, rather than sway the undecided. And it is these undecided that will swing the vote to its ultimate result. My prediction: a close Peres victory, barring a significant terrorist attack just before the election. If elected, Peres will form a government, although with considerable difficulty in coalition negotiations. And if I'm wrong, remember that it is very difficult to predict anything about the Middle East, especially about the future ...

How Jewish is 'too Jewish'



By Morton Weinfeld

Earlier this month, I paid a visit to the Jewish Museum in New York. By coincidence, the two special exhibitions being presented outlined clearly the dilemmas facing western Jews who seek to integrate their Jewishness into the modern world.

The first exhibition consisted of several dozen early paintings by Marc Chagall from the period 1907 to 1917. These paintings were heavily suffused with Jewish images, personalities and themes, and dealt mainly with Chagall's recollections of Jewish life in his *shtetl*, Vitebsk.

It has become fashionable in some circles to cast aspersions on Chagall's work, perhaps because of its popularity. I am certainly no art critic, but I found the collection singularly moving and deeply authentic. Though Chagall himself moved far away from the traditions of East European Jewish life, there is no denying his rootedness in that world and his appreciation of it.

The second exhibition was entitled Too Jewish?: Challenging Traditional Identities. It was a multi-media exhibition designed to present the varieties of artistic Jewish expression in the United States. It included paintings, sculptures, videos and short clips of TV sitcoms featuring Jewish themes or stars.

The exhibition attempts to establish the Jewish legitimacy of various forms of contemporary Jewish expression or lifestyles, even if they deviate from traditional identities. The range of themes included a focus on the Jewish body, especially noses; contemporary stereotypes of Jews, notably the Jewish American Princess (JAP); Jewishness in everyday life, including of course, food; Jewish forms of self-hatred and inauthenticity, such as name changes; and challenges based on feminism and sexual orientation.

This kind of Jewishness is in many ways typically "New York." The exhibition is far more about the ways non-Jews perceive Jews and the ways Jews perceive themselves than about timeless Jewish truths or values. Its objective is to expand notions of Jewish identity and community.

My favorite paintings included Neil Goldberg's *Shecky*, which featured photos of six Borscht Belt comedians affixed to six large matzahs; Deborah Kass' *Four Barbras*, part of her Jewish Jackie Series, which featured four profiles of Barbra Streisand; a large untitled canvas by Adam Rolston of a box of Manischewitz American matzahs (if it's OK for Andy Warhol to paint a can of Campbell soup ...); and a photo montage featuring former Dodger great Sandy Koufax.

One of the videos was *Coping with Clothing* by Barbara Nuddle. In this short film, Nuddle links her passion for shopping — a JAP stereotype — with her grief at the sudden tragic death of both her parents in a hotel fire.

In another video, *Tomboychik*, Sandi DuBowski, clearly wrestling with his own sexual identity, explores issues of sexuality and gender stereotypes in a moving dialogue with his grandmother.

The exhibition is thoroughly enjoyable, particularly for those with a fondness for Jewish popular culture and art dealing with Jewish themes. On the one hand, the subjects depicted in the exhibition are clearly Jewish, and in some cases might be deemed too Jewish to be exhibited in more mainstream artistic shows.

On the other hand, some might question: "Where's the brisket?" One wonders whether these works reflect a sufficiently Judaic content to withstand the ongoing seductions of the North American environment. While the sampling is terribly unscientific, I noticed only one visitor wearing a kippah. The Jewishness on display is in many ways symbolic.

It is ironic that Chagall prints have themselves become part of the symbolic repertoire of North American Jewish culture. In other words, they can be found in Jewish homes along with Sabbath candlesticks, Manischewitz matzah, Barbra Streisand music or a tape of Jackie Mason's one-man shows. In this sense — for better and for worse — the exhibitions are two sides of the same coin.

Smash the computers

By Rabbi Jonathan Plant

It has become common wisdom that much of our economic dislocation is due to an ever-increasing level of technological innovation. Computers are everywhere; e-mail is replacing snail mail (handled by the post office); the Internet lets you talk to strangers, which in turn makes you forget your neighbors (and sometimes your family); computers displace secretaries; voice mail improves the business budget and computer experts replace personnel managers. Jewish tradition says, "The more flesh, the more worms;" a modern parallel might be, "The more technology, the more dislocation."

So it is not surprising that last year on a much-publicized occasion, author Kirkpatrick Sale took a sledgehammer to hand and smashed his (or maybe somebody else's) computer. In doing so, he said something to the effect that in the past he used to own the instruments of his work, now they own him, and the computer served as the chief example.

There is no question that except for those who are employed in the electronics industry, a lot of us are profoundly disconcerted about developments that we cannot control. People working in offices used to look at other people (and sometimes even talk to them); now they are looking intently at their little screen, developing backaches and other ailments with fancy new terms. While the electronics industry is burgeoning, part of the unemployment problem stems from technological changes.

So, was Sale right when he smashed the computer in a public demonstration of what we all should do?

It comes as a surprise to some that the Sale syndrome is not new at all, for the anxiety over technological developments is by this time nearly 200 years old. At the beginning of the 19th century, when the new textiles machinery began to displace workers in England, groups of laborers organized themselves, and masked men began to smash textile machinery in various parts of the country. They were said to have a leader by the name of Ned Ludd (who was never seen by anyone), and enemies of machinery therefore came to be called Luddites.

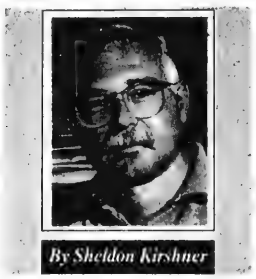
At first, there was much public support for the Luddites' revolutionary activities, but when the government started instituting severe counter-measures — with shootings and hangings — the Luddites began fading from view and disappeared altogether when prosperity returned to England.

Again today, many of us are deeply worried about the impact of computer technology and all it means, rivaling or even surpassing the industrial revolution of 200 years ago. Neither then nor now will technology solve all our problems. We are going through a profound change in the way we conduct our relationships, our businesses, our teaching and our self-understanding. In all these changes it is important to remember that there are human needs that have to be met. The Torah's basic command is to love our neighbor and not things, however attractive or serviceable they may be.

The Kirshner File

The life and times of Ilya Ehrenburg

Ilya Ehrenburg was, simply, one of the most intriguing and controversial figures in the history of the Soviet Union. A



By Sheldon Kirshner

novelist, poet, journalist and unofficial government spokesperson, Ehrenburg loomed large in the cultural and political spheres of his country.

Since his death in 1967, his memory has faded and, perhaps, been forgotten. But with the publication of Joshua Rubenstein's excellent biography, *Tangled Loyalties*, (HarperCollins, $49), the man and his life are resurrected for all to judge.

Rubenstein, a fellow at Harvard's Russian Research Centre, has done his homework. He immersed himself in, and mastered, the voluminous material. He interviewed a wide range of personalities who knew Ehrenburg on a firsthand basis.

A Jew born in Kiev in 1891 to secular middle-class parents, Ehrenburg was a paradox: a Communist who cared deeply about the Jewish people and a conformist-cum-careerist capable of tilting at windmills.

Ehrenburg, a political creature to the core, joined the Bolsheviks when he was 15, befriending Nikolai Bukharin, one of the future leaders of the 1917 revolution. Then, abandoning himself to art and poetry, Ehrenburg left the hurly-burly of politics. Facing a vacuum, he briefly toyed with the idea of converting to Catholicism and joining a monastery

The next few years were decisive. Ehrenburg endured the hunger, disease and violence of the Russian civil war; he published several collections of verse, including a poem entitled *To the Jewish People;* he denounced the Bolsheviks' intolerance of literary and political expression; he flirted with the Whites (the pro-Czarist forces), turning against them when he realized that pogromists were deeply embedded in their ranks; he went to Berlin, then Paris, writing a succession of novels and falling into journalism.

During this period, he produced his only Jewish novel, *The Stormy Life of Lasik Roitschwantz*, which revolved around a Jew who rejects tradition, tries in vain to blend into bourgeois Paris and finally settles in Palestine.

Interestingly enough, the sole Jew in the ruling Politburo, Lazar Kagonovich, disapproved of the book, and it did not appear in the Soviet Union until 1989.

As Rubenstein tells it, Ehrenburg did not reconcile himself to the Soviet state until the early 1930s, when Josef Stalin was consolidating his authority. The shift occured as Ehrenburg assumed the post of Paris correspondent of *Izvestia* . From this point onward, he was an "official" Soviet journalist.

Rubenstein speculates, not implausibly, that the rise of Nazism in Germany compelled him to choose sides. No longer could he remain an uncommitted, ironic skeptic.

Ehrenburg's career at *Izvestia* blossomed, thanks in no small part to the patronage of the editor, his old friend Bukharin. Travelling through Europe, Ehrenburg charted the rise of fascism and, through his network of friendships with European intellectuals, artists and politicians, did whatever he could to enhance the prestige of the Soviet Union. Indeed, Ehrenburg became part of Stalin's apparatus in the West.

Back home in Moscow, Ehrenburg challenged, albeit guardedly, the increasingly rigid conventions of Soviet literature and promoted the right of writers to individual expression. Although Ehrenburg had no illusions about the totalitarian nature of the Soviet Union, the military threat posed by a resurgent Germany overrode whatever objections he had to Stalin's repressive domestic policies, including the 1936 show trial which doomed Bukharin.

In the same year, the civil war in Spain broke out, and Ehrenburg channelled much of his protean energy to cover that conflict from the perspective of the Soviet-supported republican cause.

As the war drew to a close in 1939, he continued to rail against Germany with respect to its policy in Spain and in Central Europe. But when the Soviet Union entered into secret negotiations with Germany in the spring of that seminal year, *Izvestia* stopped publishing Ehrenburg's anti-German polemics.

Stalin's sensational non-aggression pact with Hitler stunned and disheartened Ehrenburg. For eight months, he was terribly ill, unable to swallow solid food, and for a while he considered leaving for Palestine.

Ehrenburg's fortunes rose with Germany's invasion of France and with the publication of one of his finest novels, *The Fall of Paris*, which solidified his reputation as the country's leading anti-fascist writer.

According to Rubenstein, Ehrenburg's stock rose to even greater heights in 1941, when Germany invaded the Soviet Union and he began writing about the war for *Pravda* and *Krasnaya Zvezda*. During these heady years, he was the most widely read and most influential journalist in the Soviet Union. Among his faithful readers was none other than Stalin himself.

To Ehrenburg's bitter disappointment, he learned that Jewish soldiers on the front were the butt of crude anti-Semitism. He worked hard to counteract anti-Semitic prejudice, describing the heroic exploits of Jews in the Soviet armed forces. After 1943, when the tide turned against Germany, his articles, particularly those about Jewish martyrdom, were heavily censored.

As the war progressed, Ehrenburg, in collaboration with the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, threw himself into an ambitious project aimed at recording the Holocaust in the Soviet Union. The volume in question, *The Black Book*, reached the proof stage but was never published, a victim of shifting Soviet propaganda.

The worst period of Ehrenburg's life, however, was yet to come. From 1945 until 1953, the darkest epoch of Soviet Jewry, Ehrenburg publicly thrived but privately was torn by anguish.

As Jewish writers and artists were cast into purgatory, and as the infamous Doctors' plot unfolded, Ehrenburg was awarded the then coveted Stalin Prize (his second) and selected as a deputy of the Soviet Congress of Nationalities.

But even Ehrenburg, the ultimate survivor, was not immune from developments. In 1949, as Stalin's paranoia about Jews grew, his articles stopped appearing. Soon enough, after writing a glowing tribute to Stalin on the occasion of his 70th birthday, he was back in favor. Sensing this, he declined to sign an official petition cravenly asking Stalin to send Jews into exile in Siberia and Birobidjan.

As for Ehrenburg's attitude to Israel, it was ambivalent. He proclaimed his belief in the right of Jews to have a state of their own, but insisted that the solution to the "Jewish problem" depended on "the triumph of Socialism over capitalism ..."

After Stalin's death and Nikita Khrushchev's accession to power, Ehrenburg continued to probe the limits of Soviet censorship and constraints on art, literature and historical truth. But Ehrenberg was anything but a rebel. In 1966, he refused to endorse an appeal on behalf of two famous Soviet dissidents, Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuly Daniel. On the other hand, he refused to sign a petition condemning Israel during the Six Day War.

Clearly, Ehrenburg was a complex person, a multi-layered figure whom Rubenstein brilliantly fleshes out in this stellar biography.

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Anti-Semitism becomes a personal issue

By KATHY POLYCHRONOPOULOS
Special to The CJN

Guest Voices

In October 1995, I wrote an article that was published in the *Toronto Star* about my family's experience with anti-Semitism as people of Jewish heritage in the Canadian educational system.

The article was provoked by a radio broadcast in Toronto by a local personality who claimed Legal Aid's financial crisis should be attributed to Jewish mothers. He hypothesized that Jewish mothers push their children to go to law school and that these same children, when grown, are so greedy that they have drained the Legal Aid Plan of its funds.

The day my article appeared in the newspaper, two anonymous people phoned me at my home and threatened me with physical harm.

One of the men said Adolph Hitler made a mistake when he didn't kill my grandfather during the war and that I could be next.

I hung up the telephone, stunned and shaking.

The thought that my seemingly small voice could have provoked such a violent response was overwhelming and frightening. For a brief moment, I felt responsible, almost guilty.

When I recovered my senses and calmed down, I sadly contemplated that my real problem was not the immediate one of short-term safety but of my future as a journalist writing about Jewish issues.

I realized that if I wanted to live a safe and threat-free life, I might have to abandon the idea of writing "Jewish" articles.

That, in and of itself, was a profoundly sad moment for me, because it would be an abandonment of principles I think are central to me as a person and an abdication of my integrity.

This process has made me think a lot about the very reason I wrote the article about anti-Semitism.

When I'd written about anti-Semitism affecting my family, I had chronicled post-war events that had a direct impact on my father and prevented him from being educated at a Canadian university in Manitoba, 40 years ago.

Anti-Semitism has been one of my "causes" and I've always considered myself a faithful inductee, always proud to tow the official "Jewish" line.

But until that afternoon when I received the telephone threats, it was an issue that had not affected my daily life, that had not affected where I went to school, where I went to work or who I associated with in my community.

Until I felt the fright of not knowing who was threatening me, until I learned what it is like to jump every time the doorbell rings unexpectedly or the postman shoves my mail through the slot in the front door loudly, anti-Semitism didn't exist in my personal life.

The study of anti-Semitism has been easy for me. It's widely written about, reported on and broadcast in the media.

Morbidly, I think, it has become a fashionable cinematic topic. Nazi's are popular, commercially successful.

I've watched and read my share of movies and books analyzing anti-Semitism, but the movie that has had the most significant and poignant impact on me is *Schindler's List.*

The segment of the movie that remains the most disturbing and vivid in my mind is the deportation scene of the child inmates at a labor camp in Plaszow, Poland.

Untersturmfuhrer Amon Goeth attempts to clear the camp of all the children. He orders their immediate deportation to the crematoria of Auschwitz. The children are lured, under false pretenses, to large trucks which will transport them.

In the midst of the justifiable hysteria that explodes at Plaszow when the parents of these children see them being driven away, a few of the captured children manage to escape and are able to hide in the labor camp instead of being taken to Auschwitz.

Those who do manage to hide live in squalid, degrading, hopelessly cramped conditions. Some live under the floorboards of the barracks, some hide in furnace rooms and closets and others conceal themselves in the latrines.

One 11-year-old girl, Danka Dresner, chooses to hide in the toilets of one of the camp's outhouses.

She hides there in the movie, chest high in gallons of liquid excrement. Her round spectacles, neatly-tied braids, silk hair ribbons, cherubic face and yellow Star of David on the breast pocket of her simple, navy dress are blemished with human feces. She stands there catatonically, immobilized with fear and resigned to her fate of degrading filth.

It is that disturbing view of anti-Semitism in Jewish history that I think of now in relation to my own experiences.

It has been 50 years since World War II. Dresner is living peacefully in her retirement years in Israel, a mother and a grandmother, having been liberated from Plaszow by the Allied Forces at the end of the war.

Plaszow Labor Camp and Auschwitz and other centres of human destruction are no longer operational and, as in the case of Auschwitz, stand silently, supposedly a grim reminder to the world of the evils of hate, intolerance and anti-Semitism.

And yet, these issues continue to flourish and thrive in a global climate that tolerates them and sits in servile passivity as immigrants and identifiable religious groups are victimized. The dangers of anti-Semitism are given lip-service, I think, but are not genuinely tackled by the non-Jewish world.

My personal brush with anti-Semitism has been frightening, but it has been illuminating.

It has awakened in me a sense that being a journalist is not merely about writing and reporting. I realize now it is also about having the fortitude to stand up for values and for your community, regardless of the possible personal danger involved.

I've also realized that being silent about anti-Semitism may be safe for me in the short term, but dangerous to my community in the long term.

And as long as I have a picture in my conscience of a little Jewish girl whose fight for life rather than death meant hiding in a toilet, I know anti-Semitism is an issue I have a personal obligation to confront in my writing.

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Religionist's stand proves puzzling

Books

Has Tom Harpur fallen into the hands of the anti-Semites? That would be both surprising and unfortunate, because I have always regarded him as a liberal religionist, fair minded and level headed. As an Anglican priest, professor of New Testament at the University of Toronto, television personality and author, he has always expressed friendliness to Judaism and the need for ecumenical understanding.

In his recent book, *Would you believe?* he writes, "The authors of the Torah — the first five Books of Moses — believed they found and came to know God through the Law. The great prophets of Israel saw and knew him in ethical principles and above all, deeds of justice and mercy, especially towards the poor and the oppressed. So, too, can we find God in the promptings of our conscience and in our awareness of a moral

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Jewish Life

There's more than one way to get the byte on Shavuot

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Shavuot is certainly one of the most important holidays in the Jewish calendar. But the springtime festival that celebrates the giving of the Torah and the harvesting of the first fruits clearly doesn't receive the attention bestowed on Passover or even Chanukah.

But for people who want to know more about Shavuot, the information is waiting for you on the Jewish Highway. Israel Rosencrantz of Morristown, N.J., has written a comprehensive guide to the holiday and its customs. **[http://www.planet.net/peterr/shavuot.html]** Edward Walker of Belmont, Mass., takes a look at why Shavuot deserves our attention and how the festival is observed in the Reform movement. **[http://www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/ma/ma002/shavuot.html]**

Shavuot is not without controversy. In Tradition or Compassion **[http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/Shokel/950601_Shav_Brody.html]**, Calgary's Eliezer Segal tells a fascinating story of a 19th century dispute. It centred on whether the observance of the second day of Shavuot could be temporarily suspended because of the hardship it would cause an individual. That incident and its resolution would still provoke debate today.

For a more personal look at the holiday, Rabbi Mendel Weinbach describes his feelings on a special Shavuot 29 years ago in A Return to Jerusalem. **[http://www.virtual.co.il/education/education/ohr/special/shavuos/shav96.htm]** After the Six Day War, the Old City was closed off because of danger from snipers and land mines.

Rabbi Weinbach tells how it felt on that special Shavuot in 1967 to finally be allowed to return to the Kotel.

On Shavuot, the Book of Ruth is read. For several of the reasons why we honor the memory of the Moabite convert to Judaism on this holiday see **[http://www.virtual.co.il/education/education/ohr/special/shavuos/shav95.htm]**. If you have installed Hebrew fonts on your Internet browser, you can read Ruth in the original Hebrew at **[http://www1.snunit.k12.il/kodesh/bible/mrut-.html]**. The King James English translation of Ruth can be found at **[http://www.spd.louisville.edu/~m0zaud01/holy/rth.txt]**.

Of course, no discussion of any Jewish holiday would be complete without food. Shavuot is unique in the calendar because of the tradition of eating dairy products ... and that usually means blintzes. For those watching their waistline, there's Elaine's Bubbe's Low-Fat Blintz. **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/blinela2.htm]**

Would you believe a New Mexico Blintz **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/blinnewm.htm]** with chili peppers and paprika? And Goldie's Blintz Recipe **[http://www.users.interport.net/~gog/recp.html]** even includes an illustration on how to fold a blintz properly.

But why stop with ordinary blintzes when you can celebrate with something called a Blintz Loaf? **[http://www.op.net/docs/Recipes/jewish/blintzloaf]**

Finally, if you'd like some food for thought as you get out all that cheese, eggs and butter, take a look at The Yo-Yo Diet Guide to the Jewish Holidays. **[http://www.extremely.com/yoyodiet.html]**.

David M. Bader postulates that the Jewish holidays are divided between days on which we must starve and days we must eat. For example: Hanukkah – Eat potato pancakes; Tenth of Tevet – Do not eat potato pancakes; Tu b'Shevat – Feast; Fast of Esther – Fast; Purim – Eat pastry; Passover – Do not eat pastry; Shavuot – Feast on dairy foods (cheesecake, blintzes); Seventeenth of Tammuz – Fast (definitely no cheesecake or blintzes).

Far be it from me to contradict an undeniable scholar of Bader's stature. Pass the blintz loaf please.

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law within us. We can find him in acts of compassion and generosity towards all."

In a recent *Toronto Star* column, however, entitled, *Religions must Root out Bigoted Teachings*, he seems to have gone astray. Referring to a work entitled *Jewish Religion* by Israel Shahak, he repeats some ancient canards and falsehoods about Judaism.

Shahak's book has a cover blurb by Noam Chomsky and a forward by Gore Vidal. Surely that should have warned Harpur about the book, for both of them are passionate antagonists of the State of Israel. Recently, Chomsky wrote an introduction to a book by Robert Faurisson which denies the reality of the Holocaust.

Of course, there are zealots and extremists in Judaism, as there are in all major faiths. But, how numerous are they and how faithful to the Jewish tradition? Harpur quotes Shahak, who says that fundamentalist Judaism is "imbued with a deep hatred toward Christianity, complete with many Talmudic texts filled with malicious slander against Jesus."

It should be emphasized that it was the Talmudic sage Rabbi Akiva who asserted that the most important principle in the Torah is "Love your neighbor as yourself." And this law was meant not only for Jews because it is indicated quite clearly in Verse 34 of the same chapter, Leviticus 19, that similar love had to be shown to the foreigner who resided in the land.

In the 12th century, Maimonides taught that a Jew should perform all acts of charity for non-Jews even as for Jews — to visit the sick, to bury the dead, to support the needy — for Scripture teaches: "The Lord is good to all; His tender mercies are over all His Creation."

The 16th century codification of Jewish law in the Shulchan Aruch states the duty of a Jew to give to non-Jewish charity, to deal honestly, the same law applying to Jew and non-Jew alike.

These views are basic elements of the Jewish tradition. They represent the expressions of the foremost authorities in the Talmud and the standard code of Jewish practice. Their messages blend as one, telling of the common denominator which unites Christian and Jew.

The accusation that the Talmud contains texts filled with malicious slander against Jesus is an old and familiar anti-Semitic piece of hatred. It has been demolished over and over again. In the 19th century, for instance, the German Christian scholar, Prof. Hermann L. Strack characterized such teachings as a combination of ignorance, blind hatred and malevolence.

Harpur concludes his column with the admonition, "It's high time all Jews became aware of this dark side of their religious tradition and begin to confront it with courage and repentance."

What colossal chutzpah, with the agony of the Holocaust still fresh in our hearts and minds and in the light of two millennia of unrelenting Christian hatred and oppression of Jews and Judaism. I hope that Harpur will acknowledge that he has been naive, misled by a one-sided and tendentious work by an apparently self-hating Jew whose calumnies are far removed from the high traditions and teachings of Judaism.

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Jewish students lauded for achievements

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto's recent Jewish Campus Awards night was a far cry from its showbiz counterparts glitz-wise, but probably deserves its own prize for warmth and spirit.

The event, held in the subterranean billiard/TV room of Milanos, a downtown restaurant and club, was a first for Toronto university and college students, over a dozen of whom received awards.

"Why are we bothering to go to all this trouble?" asked Zac Kaye, director of Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto, the umbrella for Jewish student organizations at the University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson Polytechnic University and Seneca College.

"What we're trying to instil tonight is a sense of pride, that the community should really know that what we do is important. The work we do says that being Jewish is important and that being Jewish on campus is important."

Award recipients were recognized from within the campus community as well as by the greater Jewish community. Six sponsors, either organizations or individuals, presented the following recipients with a plaque and Artscroll Stone edition Chumash:

• Jordan Gottlieb, outgoing president of Seneca Hillel, received the Schwartz Levitsky Feldman Chai award for special involvement in Jewish campus life.

Lance Davis of U of T's Jewish Students' Union presents Teri Rothenberg of York University with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Action Committee for Jewish Continuity Award. [Kyle Greenspan photo]

• Sidura Ludwig of York University received the Jacobovici Family Award for Arts and Culture. Ludwig spearheaded the creation of *Dorot*, a new Jewish literary magazine.

• Jessica Pelt of U of T, co-editor of the Jewish student quarterly *Images*, won the Canadian Jewish News Award for Jewish Campus Communications.

• Teri Rothenberg of York University was presented with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Action Committee for Jewish Continuity Award. As a vice-president at the Jewish Student Federation (JSF), Rothenberg was involved in the creation of a number of Jewish identity programs.

• Naomi Rifkind of U of T received the UJA/Federation Award for Chesed and Social Justice for her work on Out of the Cold, a program for homeless people. Rifkind organized weekly contingents of student volunteers to help out with the program.

•Marc Altshuller, who heads a Toronto Jewish fraternity, received the Gropper Family Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Among the students receiving awards from their respective organizations were Natalie Margitta of the JSF at York, Leor Rotchild of Seneca Hillel, Derek Sherman and Ari Shapiro of Ryerson Hillel, and Jon Friedman of the Jewish Student Union-Hillel at U of T.

Two scholarships were presented to U of T students for involvement in the campus and general Jewish community: Noah Markus received the Max Rosen scholarship and David Moskovitch, the Emil Fackenheim scholarship. Both students will be studying at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem next year.

Honorary mention was given to 19 other students, among them Natasha Greenberg, who recently received one of U of T's most prestigious scholarships awarded to graduating students, and Dena Libman of York University who will soon be working at Hillel International in Washington, D.C., on a Hillel fellowship. (see article below)

Grad pursues career at U.S. Hillel office

TORONTO — Some university students find their career niche in the lecture hall, when a particular subject or professor has a strong impact on them. Others, like Dena Libman, a graduating history major, find that their extracurricular activities lead them in unanticipated career directions.

Dena Libman

Libman, a 22-year-old United Synagogue Youth adviser and former president of the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) at York University, is about to have a one-year taste of life as a Jewish campus professional in the Washington, D.C. office of Hillel International.

She is the first Canadian to receive Hillel's Arline and David L. Bittker Fellowship, established in the late 1980s. The one-year fellowship funds a recent college graduate interested in pursuing a career in the organized Jewish community.

A graduate of United Synagogue Day Schools (USDS) and Forest Hill Collegiate Institute, Libman became involved with the JSF during her second year at York.

She attributes her strong Jewish identity and commitment to her parents, Judy and Mark, who are active in a number of Jewish organizations. "USDS played a big part, but the education I was getting was reinforced at home. My family is very committed Jewishly."

Last summer Libman was one of 11 Toronto students to attend Hillel International's annual Leaders' Assembly in Pennsylvania.

"I came back so excited and geared up for the year," she recalled in a recent interview, her enthusiasm still fresh-sounding nine months after her return. "You come out of it with so much energy and so many program ideas." This year, as the Bittker fellow, she will help plan the seminar.

"Hillel has two tracks," Libman explained. "The 'engagement' track tries to find students who are uncommitted Jewishly or who aren't interested, and then help them find the Jewish connection. The 'empowerment' track helps students who are identified Jewishly, and who are showing leadership potential become better leaders. I'll be working with the empowerment track."

Among her other duties will be helping to plan Jewish Awareness Month, held on over 100 campuses across North America. — **F.K.**

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פֶלאפון כמו מלפפון:

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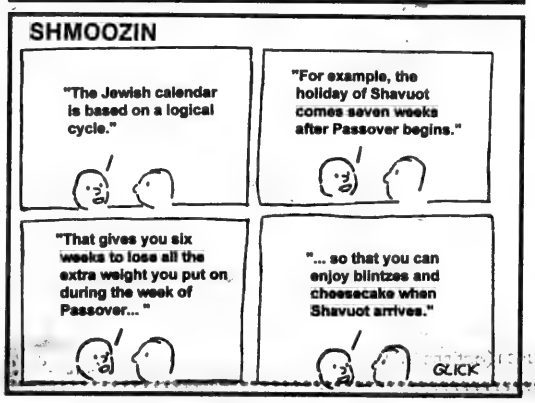

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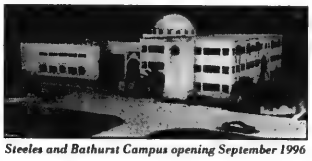
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Toronto wins big in Bible Contest

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish students from across the country recently gathered in the Toronto area to compete in the national Bible contest of the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

The 1996 national contest, held at Netivot Hatorah Day School and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation drew 149 students from seven Canadian cities — Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Montreal, London and Toronto.

The contestants, students from grades 5 to 13, had to score at least 85 percent in the regional written exams in February to qualify for the national contest. The marathon event spanned a day and a half and culminated with an awards and closing banquet on the second evening.

The students competed in one of four groups: an English division for supplementary school students in grades 5 and 6, and three Hebrew divisions for day school students in grades 5 and 6, 7 and 8, and 9 to 13.

The stakes were high, because besides wanting to win, competitors are aware that the winners of the 7 and 8 and 9 to 13 divisions are awarded trips to Israel to compete in the worldwide Bible contest.

"There is such a passion about this event; it gets to be the most important thing," said contest organizer Yael Seliger, director of teacher development and personnel practices at the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) in Toronto.

Students from out of town were billeted with families of day school students in the Toronto area, she explained. She also praised the people at Netivot Hatorah for their assistance.

Joseph Steiner, president of the BJE, said, "The Bible contest is one more opportunity to do things as a community rather than as individual schools."

USDS winners at the regional Bible contest included (second from left) Jonathan Mandelbaum and Nurielle Stern with teacher Yona Katz (left) and director of education Solomon Kaplinski.

The contest, a combination of oral and written questions, progressed to the semi-final and final rounds, with students eliminated gradually until there was a single winner of each division.

All the students who came first this year were from the Toronto area.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Board of Jewish Education of Toronto, the Education Council of Montreal and the Jewish National Fund.

And the winners are...

TORONTO — In the 1996 National Bible Contest finals of the World Zionist Organization, winners of the day school division:

Grades 5-6: Batya Breslow, Eitz Chaim — Spring Farm — Toronto; Nurielle Stern, United Synagogue Day School — Toronto; Eliav Danziger, Netivot Hatorah — Toronto.

Grades 7-8: Jonathan Mandelbaum, United Synagogue Day School — Toronto; Melissa Gitman, Herzliah — Snowden — Montreal; Carolyn Gehr, Herzliah — Snowden — Montreal.

Chatan Israel: Aviad Tapuchi, Eitz Chaim — Patricia.

Grades 9-13: Dalia Rotstein, Independent — Toronto; Elisheva Zoltov, Independent — Toronto; Ziporah Kapustin, Ulpanat Orot — Toronto.

Kallah Israel: Noa Englman, Ulpanat Orat — Toronto.

Winners of the afternoon school division:

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Sunday, May 26

EXPULSION & MEMORY

Riverdale Jewish Community Centre fundraiser features screening of *Expulsion and Memory: Descendants of the Hidden Jews*, an account of modern-day descendants of Jews who were converted during the Spanish Inquisition, produced by **Simcha Jacobovici**, plus guitarist **Aaron Skitri**, vocalist **Charly Sibony** and Flamenco trio **Esmeralda Enrique, Rodrigo Chavez, Nicolas Hernandez**. 8 p.m., The Music Hall, 147 Danforth Ave. Ticket details 504-6662.

UJA TEA PARTY

Congregation Habonim's annual UJA Tea Party, entertainment by vocalist/guitarist **Nicki Lewin**, 2:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. $10. Proceeds to UJA. 267-0047.

70TH JUBILEE

At Toronto Jewish Folk Choir 70th anniversary concert, soprano **Claire Klein Osipov** sings the lead in the folk operetta *Tevye's Hodl* and songs by **Mordechai Gebertig**, 2:30 p.m., Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park Cres. 489-7681 or 492-7110.

GARAGE SALE

The Avenel Non-Profit Housing Corp. garage sale, noon to 4 p.m., 262 Ridley Blvd. The Avenel is under the umbrella of Kehilla Residential Program which is affiliated with Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Proceeds go to building funds for future tenant programs.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate branch, Royal Canadian Legion, general members meeting, Centennial Arena (Skaters Lounge), 580 Finch Ave. W. Breakfast 9:15 a.m.

Monday, May 27

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Beth Sholom sisterhood general meeting, guest speakers: **Rabbi Irwin Brandwein**; and **Tilly Shames**, who discusses crucial problems facing many Jewish youth on campus, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

BIALIK'S ANNIVERSARY

Gala evening celebrating Bialik Hebrew Day School's 35th anniversary and honoring the memory of **Julius Sokoloff** features **Michael Burgess**, star of *Les Miserables*, and tribute speaker **Leslie Dan**, Inn on the Park Centennial Ballroom, cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner and dancing 7:30. **Sonia** 783-3346.

Tuesday, May 28

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Toronto ORT and State of Israel Bonds Women's Division lecture series presents columnist, award-winning food writer **Sara Waxman**, 7:30 p.m., home of **Rachel Kerbel**, Glencairn/Bathurst. 787-0297.

Wednesday, May 29

ZIMRIYAH 1996

Zimriyah 1996: Jerusalem, City of David, coordinating conductor **Esther Ghan Firestone** leads the massed choirs in a commissioned work *The Yerushalayim Mosaid* by **Yefim Adler**, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Zimriyah 1996 is a project of Jewish Music Toronto, Koffler Centre of the Arts at BJC. 636-1880, ext. 299.

RABBI & THE INTERNET

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Single Jewish Parents Group (ages 30-50) presents Rabbi Cruises the Internet, a hands-on lesson led by **Rabbi Phillip Sheim**, 8 p.m. 633-5500.

HONORING RABBI BECHER

Ohr Somayach of Greater Toronto is honoring **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, senior lecturer for Ohr Somayach Thornhill the past four years, who is returning to Is-

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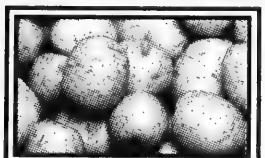

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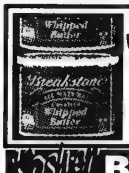

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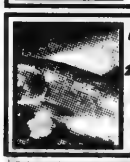

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What's New

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rael shortly, 8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation. 905-886-5730.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the Jewish Genealogical Society meeting, **Ronald Cushman**, Ontario Genealogical Society, discusses Computers and Genealogy, 7 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Non-members $3.

Thursday, May 30

MEET THE AUTHORS

Meet the Authors series, co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec Men's Club and sisterhood, features **Sheldon and Judy Godfrey**, co-authors of *Search Out the Land: The Jews and the Growth of Equality in British Colonial America 1740-1867*, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec.

SJA MEETING

Secular Jewish Association annual general meeting and election of new executive council, 7:30 p.m., North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Bring nosh to share. **Naomi** 364-7002.

And What Else Is New...

SCENE AT LE CIRQUE

Scene at Le Cirque, sponsored by Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Centre Monday, June 10, 7 p.m., set in "The Tent" at Sheraton Grand Ballroom. Dancing, casino, live and silent auction, door prize (two Air Canada tickets to any worldwide destination), and more. $125. 789-7071, ext. 2049.

AN EVENING IN HAIFA

An Evening in Haifa, music, entertainment, food and dancing, and special guest **Amram Mitzna**, mayor of Haifa, sponsored by New Leadership of the Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation Sunday, June 2, 8 p.m., Crystal, 2901 Steeles Ave. W. $35 in advance, $45 at door. 485-8863.

HEBREW ACADEMY

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy information session on all you want to know about Sunday and afternoon Hebrew school, Tuesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Rosedale Heights Public School, Thornhill, and Wednesday, May 29, 7:30 p.m., Alexander Mackenzie High School, Richmond Hill, Room 154. 905-770-1082.

SINGLES BRUNCH

Adath Israel Singles Group, 35-55, Sunday brunch, June 2, 11:30 a.m., guest speaker social worker **Andrea Moses** discussing Meeting Mr./Mrs. Right. $8 prepaid reservation, synagogue office 635-5340 until May 31, 2 p.m. $10 at door.

TOO JEWISH?

Canadian premiere of **Avi Hoffman's** one-man musical, *Too Jewish?* at Leah Posluns Theatre May 26-29. Ticketmaster 872-1111.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Canadian Jewish Historical Society annual meeting June 2-3, Brock University, St. Catherines, in conjunction with Learned Societies Congress. Major conference theme, Jews in Small Communities, keynote presentation at Congregation B'nai Israel by **Prof. Lee Shai Weissbach** of the University of Louisville, and **Susan Jackson**, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. **Prof. Ira Robinson** 514-848-2066.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND

Join North York Community House members on a trip to Shaw Festival July 17 to see *An Ideal Husband*. **Rose** 783-6096.

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FREE HEBREW CLASSES

Free Hebrew conversation classes for children six years and up, and adults too, Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., Anshei Minsk Synagogue (side door basement), 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market.

ADAM'S WRESTLE FOR LIFE

Bone marrow clinics to help find a match for 9-year-old **Adam Kruger**, Sunday, May 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Ave. W., and Thursday, May 30, 1-9 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

LADIES BOWLING

Ladies, 35-50 years, interested in bowling, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., Newtonbrook Bowlerama, starting in September. No babysitting. **Sandy** 905-884-8796.

U OF T YIDDISH COURSES

University of Toronto Yiddish courses, fall 1996, for non-U of T students or graduates: Elementary Yiddish, **Ellie Kellman**; Intermediate Yiddish, **Ellie Moidel**; Advanced Yiddish, **Ellie Kellman**; Yiddish Literature in Translation, **Sharon Green**. Reduced fees for seniors. Registration deadline May 30. **Eva Cooper**. 978-3186.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Women's Institute of Torah Study classes at Barbara Frum Library: Tuesday, May 28, 8-9 p.m., Yael's Courage, **Chaya Perman**; Wednesday, May 29, 10-11 a.m., Calculating the Arrival Date of Mashiach — Is This Permissible? **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**. 905-881-2012.

THEATRE OUTINGS

Kinnereth Club, Na'amat, two remaining theatre outings for this season, *A Chorus Line*, ArtPark, Tuesday, Aug. 13, and/or **Amadeus**, Stratford, Sept. 26. Each ticket $50 including bus. **Rita Tobias** 783-1656 or **Norma Zeldin** 633-8276.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Jewish Family & Child Service educational workshop for men who have trouble managing anger begins July 8, 7:30-9 p.m., five sessions, $75. Register. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

MITZVAH PARTNERSHIP

The Mitzvah Partnership, a volunteer organization, collects Canadian Tire money, which is used to purchase gift certificates that are then distributed to the needy to help them purchase household necessities such as soap and toothpaste. To volunteer or donate Canadian Tire money, 485-3712.

AJL CONVENTION

Association of Jewish Libraries 31st annual convention takes place June 16-19. Park Plaza Hotel. Theme is Culture and Continuity: A Jewish Commitment. AJL has over 1,000 members from around the world. Ontario chapter president **Edmond Y. Lipsitz** is chair of the convention. 785-7941.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Holy Blossom Temple sisterhood has duplicate bridge every Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. at the temple **Jean Sengaus** 781-9695.

For Seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Travelogue on China by **Stan Witkin**, Monday, June 3, 1 p.m.; Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; Catskills Homowack Hotel Aug. 4-11 (all inclusive). **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place 645 Castlefield Ave.: Tuesday, May 28, 2 p.m., current events lecture **Doug Haddow**; Thursday, May 30, 2 p.m., You're Getting Older — You're Getting Better, nurse/TV personality **Sue Johanson**. Reserve **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance May 26; Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls, June 8; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, June 18-20; Cullen Gardens, July 10; Catskills Raleigh Hotel, July 22-28; *Phantom of the Opera*, Aug. 7. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 30, The Use of Hypnosis for the Benefit of the Body and Soul, **Alexander Goldstein**, followed by film. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club: register at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23 inclusive, and Stage West for *Lend Me a Tenor*, June 26. Day trip to 30,000 Islands from Midland planned for mid-August. 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Serve a Child Group welcomes seniors and others to Wednesday, June 12, matinee of **Roshomon** at Shaw Festival. $42 including bus. **Molly** 781-7077.

Young at Heart Seniors Catskills trips to Raleigh or Pines Hotel, 10 days, Atlantic City included. $1,065. **Doreen** 636-7124 after 6 p.m.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute and La'Briyut Wellness Centre co-sponsor a lecture, Depression: Where Does it Come From? — The Brain and Depression, **Prof. Earl Thomas** of Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, Monday, May 27, 1 p.m. Non-members $2. **Bookie Kwart**.

Spring dance and entertainment by **Edward Rubin** and **Rachel Kastoryano**, light supper, Thursday, May 30, 7-10 p.m. Members $7, non-members $9.

Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-2:15 p.m. discussion, 2:15-3 p.m. walk. **Brenda**.

Israeli club Etrog meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. May 29 is a sing-along. **Anna**.

Movie *Over Board*, Sunday, May 26, 2:30 p.m.

Musical show with **George Frank**, 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 29.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club visits the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton Thursday, May 30, leaving 9:30 a.m. $15 includes bus, admission, tours of gardens. Bring lunch, kosher snacks provided. **Judy** 924-6211.

BAR MITZVAH

Dr. Anthony L. MacFarlane of Hamilton at bar mitzvah, Anshe Sholom in Hamilton, June 1992. (See Ben Rose story on minor role played by Jews in slave trading, April 25.) [Vincenzo Pietropaolo photo]

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Potential converts said to feel 'connected' to Judaism, Jews

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Those who convert for the sake of marrying a Jew, actually are looking for a Jew to marry so that they can convert, insists Patricia Rucker.

Rucker should know. While she converted before marrying her husband, Leon, she said that in fact she had been interested in Jews and Judaism since her childhood.

She was speaking at the first of a series of programs on conversion called Your God is My God, sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation adult study committee.

It all begins, she said, with a feeling of connectedness with Jews, perhaps neighbors, friends, classmates, "a sense of interest and curiosity about the Jewish people and the Jewish experience."

She remembers being "comfortable and happy" with her Jewish friends, and realizing with a sense of horror that the events of the *Diary of Anne Frank* "could have happened to my friend Julie or Shelly."

She said that she sensed even then "the strength of the Jewish community and the Jewish family, and an admiration for a people who could build [such a family and community structure] in exile."

While conversion is supposed to be a completely disinterested decision; she noted that in the Chumash, the impetus for conversion was another person - Naomi for Ruth, Moses for Jethro.

Along with intellectual learning, potential converts should be mentored, she suggested, "by people who understand what we are going through."

Holocaust survivors

There are so many things you don't know that you are always terrified of putting your foot wrong, she said, such as Yiddish expressions, the practical aspects of shopping for Pesach, Jewish humor.

"Minor things take on a major significance," she said.

A whole other problem in conversions is the issue of the Holocaust and Holocaust survivors.

The only response is to "learn about it, accept it, and realize that through our conversion we are making our stand. We are saying that we are putting ourselves beside you: like Ruth, we are saying 'where thous diest, I will die, and there will I be buried.' "

She questioned the attitude that when one converts, "a relationship with the previous life no longer exists."

"We are Jews, but with a difference," she said. "Our memories include Christmas, Easter eggs, funerals and weddings in churches. We can't just throw it away — we can't turn our back on the people who gave birth to you and raised you."

There will always be a tug, she said. "We can't forget where we came from, nor should we, no matter how happy we are."

Brando not anti-Semitic, King tells BB lodge

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Actor Marlon Brando is not anti-Semitic, according to radio and television personality Larry King.

King, host of CNN's *Larry King Live*, was the keynote speaker at a recent gala dinner for 400 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of B'nai Brith's Upper Canada Lodge No. 1615, which was founded by the late Phil Givens.

During an interview on King's talk show last month, Brando made derogatory remarks indicating that Jews control the film industry.

But King insisted that Brando's remarks were quoted out of context. After clearing the air about Brando — he said many people have been asking him about the actor's remarks — King entertained the audience with anecdotes about speech-making and growing up Jewish in Brooklyn.

Despite his celebrity status, King said he still maintains close ties with his boyhood pals. When he's in Washington he has lunch with his best friend, Herbie Cohen, he said. "We've been friends for 51 years."

King, who is noted for his celebrity interviews, which have included U.S. President Bill Clinton, Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev and O. J. Simpson, still marvels at his fame. "I can't believe all that has happened to me," he said.

Among those who attended the celebration were Liberal MPs Jim Peterson and Barry Campbell, Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick, Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter and Metro Councillor Norm Gardner.

"Your lodge is not the oldest," said Campbell, who had a long association with B'nai Brith in his youth. "But there are none [no other B'nai Brith lodges] that are better known, that have done more trail-blazing."

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'High risk behavior' said cause of AIDS in women

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Women in North America are not yet considered a high risk for being infected by the AIDS virus, and as a result are not protected as well as they could be, contends Louise Binder, a woman living with AIDS.

"There is no high risk group of people. There is only high risk behavior and that means one of three things — unprotected sex, blood to blood or mother to child," Binder said at a recent panel discussion sponsored by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committees. Panel members, Binder and Susan (who wishes to remain unnamed) represented Voices of Positive Women, a community-based non-profit organization directed by and for women living with HIV and AIDS. Moderator was Dr. Donna Keystone, an HIV primary care physician.

Keystone said that although the panel was called Women and AIDS: A Different Story, it is really a mainstream story.

"In 1985, six Ontario women tested HIV positive. In 1994, 1,500 tested positive and that is just those we know about. There is no profile for those living with AIDS."

Binder, 46, a retired lawyer, is chair of Voices of Positive Women and sits on the board of Toronto People with AIDS Foundation, which offers practical support such as emergency financial and housing assistance to people living with AIDS. She also sits on the board of the HIV AIDS Legal Clinic of Ontario. She was infected by her husband, from whom she was later separated and who has since died from AIDS and she blames doctors for not recognizing AIDS as a disease for which women are at risk.

"They do not test early enough and that could make a significant difference in terms of quality of life and longevity for those infected with the virus," she said.

Although medical symptoms may be similar for men and women, Binder said, that is as far as the similarities go. Poverty, child care, good health care, reproduction, safer sex, confidentiality and the role of the woman as the main caregiver all weigh heavily on a woman who discovers she is carrying the AIDS virus.

"Historically, women are lowest on the socio-economic scale, and living with AIDS requires tremendous output. Those infected need to eat well and take expensive vitamin and mineral supplements," Binder said. "Stress reduction is also important but not many women can afford the massages, acupuncture or yoga classes that could help reduce stress. There are significant costs just to keep in a healthy state."

As the caregivers, women often put their own needs last, she said, especially if there is another infected family member. "A woman might not be able to afford things for herself and give to her family as well, and that causes added stress.

Susan, who also contracted AIDS through heterosexual sex, has since married a man living with AIDS. She founded a support group for HIV positive mothers after her own son, now 3½, tested HIV positive. She said major issues for her revolve around who to tell, how much to tell and when to tell.

"Do you tell babysitters or a child's friends. You don't want their whole life to be AIDS. These are very hard decisions to make. If only everyone would tell someone else that we are average women, that would help the cause."

Baycrest run goes to dogs, as well as owners

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A total of 1,400 runners and walkers took part in Baycrest Centre's 16th annual run on Mother's Day, despite the cool weather.

Joining the 5-kilometre walkers were 38 dogs and their owners. Some of the dogs later took part in a dog fashion show.

Among the participants in the run were North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall, the latter being the special guest of Mon Sheong, a Chinese charitable group whose members also took part.

The two mayors finished the 5-km walk, as did Baycrest executive vice-president Stephen Herbert, while Dave Johnson, chair of the Ontario cabinet's management committee, completed the 10-km run.

Baycrest's annual run brought out dogs, as well as their loyal masters. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

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Conductive education program puts focus on disabled children

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Conductive education, a system which merges special education and physiotherapy for children with disabilities, will be the focus of an educational awareness program sponsored by Beth Tikvah Congregation social action committee and the Ontario March of Dimes.

The program will be held at Beth Tikvah, 3080 Bayview Ave., on May 26, from 8 to 10 p.m.

Conductive education was developed in Hungary by Dr. Andras Peto, a Jewish physician, shortly after the end of World War II. The Peto Institute in Budapest is still the heart of this program, not just in working with the disabled children, but also in producing the highly trained teachers, called conductors, necessary for the technique to be effective.

Physical disabilities are approached from an educational perspective. Dr. Maria Hari, the current director, describes it as "learning coordination — the same way as we learn math. If the brain can find a way to get to the moon, it can certainly find new ways for the body to work."

A holistic approach integrates physical, intellectual and social development, a media release from the March of Dimes says.

Working in small groups, and with a liberal use of music, chants, and especially encouragement, the children learn step by step to control their muscles.

Videos available at the March of Dimes office in Toronto show children who in the beginning have very little muscle control, but are later able to sit up, stand and even, in some cases, walk.

There are rewards for each accomplishment, no matter how small, and the parents are encouraged to allow the child to do things on their own.

Paige Soicher, 4, and her father Bernie work on conductive education techniques. [Photo courtesy of P.A.C.E.]

While there are institutes teaching the Peto method in Israel, Belgium, Holland, Australia, Hong Kong and England, there are none in the United States or Canada, although the Ontario March of Dimes runs Ability Camp, which uses the techniques.

For four hours per day, five days a week for five weeks, children, and their parents if the youngsters are under six or require parental assistance, learn these new skills from staff who are trained conductors. Participants may return for more advanced training.

An attempt is being made to heighten awareness of conductive education in Ontario by Positive Action for Conductive Education (PACE), a non-profit organization of parents and professionals.

March of Dimes executive director Andria Spindel and program director Jerry Lucas, both members of Beth Tikvah and very interested in conductive education, are taking part in the program at the synagogue.

Spindel's aunt, Betty Yan, found out about the Peto Institute on a visit to Hungary with her grandson, then nearly five, who has spina bifida, and who, she feels, could have benefited from the technique.

"It's very important to have a facility like that, where the families can be together and where they speak the same language," she said, noting that in Israel, Tsad Kadima, as the program is called there, is funded by the Ministry of Education.

For more information contact Judi Lytle at the Ontario March of Dimes, 425-3463, ext. 213.

Magazine angers mayors

TORONTO — Metro mayors are angry over a *National Geographic* article that quoted Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel's views on immigration and they plan to send the magazine a formal letter of protest.

"Zundel, I think, is extreme and doesn't represent balanced commentary," said Metro Chair Alan Tonks.

"This man is a blight on our community, an embarrassment," said East York Mayor Michael Prue.

Canadian Jewish Congress, in a letter to *National Geographic*, said "your choice to utilize Zundel gave him undeserved credibility and is a stain on you magazine's good name."

Zundel's comments appeared in an article in the June issue of the *National Geographic* magazine. He is identified as "one of the leading neo-Nazi propagandists in the world" and is quoted as objecting "to allowing hordes of racially unabsorbable populations to invade the living spaces of a specific race."

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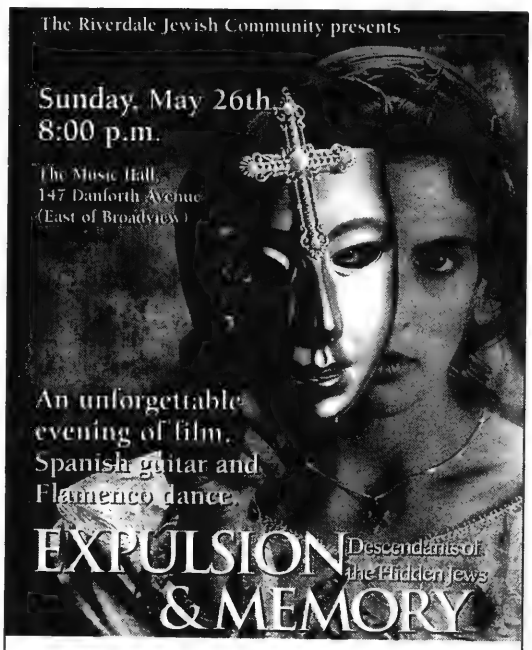
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JSU's Greenberg receives Moss Scholarship

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The University of Toronto recently awarded a student who has been active in the Jewish Students' Union (JSU) with this year's John H. Moss Scholarship, given to exceptional third and fourth year students to assist with their continuing education.

Natasha Greenberg, 22, who graduated with a BA in Jewish Studies from Innis College, received a $12,000 scholarship which she will use to continue her education at Brandeis University, where she plans on pursuing a doctorate in Jewish Studies.

Having the award presented to her was a little out of the ordinary, Greenberg says, because it is usually given to someone involved in university issues as opposed to issues that comprise a component of the university.

"This scholarship was particularly rewarding to me, because it shows that the selection committee is aware that a component community, such as the Jewish Students' Union, which makes up the university's larger identity, is considered to make a contribution to the whole," Greenberg says.

Educated in secular schools and the Holy Blossom Hebrew and religious school, Greenberg says she was always involved in temple and youth groups, but the Jewish experience was not her entire focus.

"I was actually torn between studying anthropology and taking Jewish Studies and I finally chose Jewish Studies because I was uncomfortable with the idea of invading someone else's culture. I decided to study my own culture where I belong and feel part of the community."

Through her work as president of JSU, Greenberg was recognized for her efforts in facilitating inter-ethnic and inter-group relations.

"It is very important that different groups connect, and the campus is a unique place for this to happen because everyone is a member of a single institute as well as their individual group."

This year, she initiated a small gathering of Muslim and Jewish students and was pleased with its outcome. "I think we made some headway in bringing groups together," she says.

Greenberg concedes that it is difficult to get students involved in JSU because the University of Toronto is a commuter campus and many students maintain their childhood and adolescent connections with synagogue and friends.

"We've tried all the tactics in getting them involved and what we discovered is that it is important not to underestimate students. Their level of understanding issues and self-determination is high and we have to appeal at that level. We can never appeal to the entire community, but we can plan programs that reach all levels of observance, something that can bring everyone together."

A social action project that actually attracted too many volunteers was the JSU's involvement in Out of the Cold, a downtown soup kitchen partly sponsored by Holy Blossom. "We plugged into that project and students just kept on coming out. They saw it as a way to get involved in the Jewish community and the community at large."

While at Brandeis, Greenberg plans to study modern Jewish studies and inter-group relations and sees herself, one day, working in an organization that is at the forefront of these issues.

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Anti-racism leaders fight 'assassins of memory'

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Holocaust deniers are "assassins of memory," said Helmut Loewen of Winnipeg, research director of the Western Anti-Racism Network (WARN).

Speaking at a meeting here to discuss community action against hate, Loewen said the new crop of Nazis "seek to destroy the history and memory of the Holocaust." He said Holocaust deniers claim that survivors tell exaggerated stories.

Canada is one of the world's largest purveyors of Holocaust denial material, he said.

Racist and Nazi groups work closely together across the country under various names, but anti-racists and anti-fascists are trying to fight this by careful research and by exposing them. "We must reactivate the anti-fascist spirit and movements that were so active in Winnipeg during the Hitler era," Loewen said.

David Lethbridge, head of the Salmon Arm B.C. Coalition Against Racism (SACAR), said Nazis have held "leadership conferences" in the Salmon Arm area, attracting high profile deniers.

There is almost no end to the amount of hate material they send out, Lethbridge added. Teachers as well as students are recruited. The Nazis are very successful and "the most important work we can do is to fight them vigorously."

Alan Dutton of Vancouver, director of the Canadian Anti-Racism and Research Society, which sponsored the meeting, called for "positive education" to fight the deniers. "We're monitoring the hate groups and plan to work closely with the provincial government's new anti-hate unit."

He warned of a growing presence of racists in Victoria and predicted "a hot summer" here in dealing with them.

The meeting was held at the Jewish Community Centre under auspices of the local lodge of B'nai B'rith.

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In Kelowna, B.C., a hotbed of racism, Tammie Schnitzer spoke to the Okanagan Jewish community about efforts of her own community in nearby Billings, Mont., to deal with racists. Her community, she said, activated the cooperation of the media, the police, local politicians and unions. This will be an ongoing effort, she added. She showed a film, *Not in Our Town*, on anti-hate activities in Billings.

The chair of the Kelowna meeting was Robert Levin.

Youngsters join in hockey tourney

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — More than 50 Jewish youngsters from smaller communities in the Golden Horseshoe area gathered here recently for the second annual regional hockey tournament.

The youngsters came from St. Catherines, Niagara, Kitchener-Waterloo, Oakville and Mississauga as well as Toronto. They were welcomed by Hamilton JCC president, Larry Szpirglas, and each received a hockey shirt.

Dr. Leslie Berman, father of a 12-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter, became convinced of the need to network with other small Jewish communities last year while organizing the first tournament and hearing youth leaders talk of how their groups were "languishing" for lack of contact with other Jewish groups.

He sees the tournament as a means of providing an opportunity for Jewish kids from these communities to form friendships with each other.

The tournament was organized by Suki Berman and Ira Greenspoon. It was sponsored by the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area JCC and the tournament was held at the Dundas Arena. A supper, prize giving and a social at the JCC followed. "It was very successful, reports JCC program director Michele Schneider.

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Report on extremism disturbingly prophetic

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Just over a year ago in March 1995, Canada's Jewish community presented to the Canadian government a hard-hitting report entitled *Islamic Extremism*. It urged action by Canada on several fronts to quell what it described as a considerable threat to peace and security in the Middle East.

The report was unusual in many regards, including the fact that five leading Jewish Canadian organizations — B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federations, the Council of Jewish Federations and The Canada-Israel Committee — all got together for once and produced a report that pulled no punches on a touchy Middle East issue.

To avoid misinterpretation or accusations of racism, the report carefully spelled out the important distinction between "Muslim fundamentalism" and "Islamic extremism" in the most unequivocal language possible.

In a statement that in retrospect seems disturbingly prophetic after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the report declared that "fundamentalist extremism is not unique to any one religion or culture."

It explained that "the battle is not with any specific religion, but rather with any group or nation that perverts religion to advance a malevolent political agenda."

In essence, the report was an attack on state-sponsored terrorism against Israel, the United States and the rest of the world.

It named five countries most involved in sponsoring Islamic terrorists — Iran, Syria, Iraq, Sudan and Libya, and the three terrorist groups they back — Hezbollah, Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

It detailed the chaos and havoc caused so far in Israel, as well as the threat to the peace and political stability in Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

A year later it is time for an assessment.

The Canadian government has acted on some recommendations; it has resisted others. None were flatly turned down.

Canada quickly made declarations coming out unequivocally against "extremism and terrorism carried out under the guise of religious imperatives." It later supported a United Nations declaration to that effect, took part in the Security Summit in Egypt, and last winter, Solicitor General Herb Gray hosted a meeting in Ottawa on security issues for G-7 countries.

Terrorist groups

Behind the scenes, Canadian diplomats have urged Arab countries and Muslim states to condemn Islamic extremism.

Canadian security agencies such as the RCMP and the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service helped other countries identify and track down movements of known or suspected terrorist groups in Canada.

Immigration officials have denied entry to known terrorists.

That was the easy stuff. After that, the record is cloudier. Canada has been hesitant to give political support and material help to fight terrorism to countries with questionable human rights practices — countries such as Egypt.

Canada has not been overly generous to Israel either. Recently Canada gave $1 million in bomb detection equipment to Israel (actually $250,000 of it went to the Palestine Liberation Organization). By comparison, the United States gave $100 million.

Canada has been reluctant to freeze the bank accounts of terrorist groups and their supporters raising money in this country. Nor has it moved quickly to de-register terrorist fundraising groups posing as charities under Canadian law.

Canada has not cut off economic aid to countries supporting terrorism, nor has it urged the World Bank or the International Monetary fund to do so. It has maintained bilateral relations with these countries. In some cases, trade is actually increasing.

The best example is probably Iran, which the U.S. State Department has described as the worst state sponsor of terrorism.

When the United States imposed an Iranian trade embargo, Europe and Japan quickly began selling the Iranians everything they could no longer get from the United States. The American boycott was a failure.

Trade with Iran

Canada does $350 million worth of trade annually with Iran (about double what it does with Israel) and two-thirds of that is in Canada's favor. Iran buys a lot of Canadian grain and Canada gets a lot of cheap oil.

The Liberal government, which has been reluctant to even criticize countries which don't respect basic human rights, is not about to cut off trade with Iran just to please Israel.

There are so many third countries willing to re-export Canadian-made high technology to the Middle East that effective export controls are virtually non-existent. The best in Canadian high technology eventually ends up in the hands of terrorists everywhere.

However, some progress may be made this fall.

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Human rights on election agenda

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The leaders of the two main B.C. parties seeking to run the province after the May 28 election stressed the importance of upholding human rights and providing anti-racism programs.

The B.C. Liberal party believes education is the best tool for teaching tolerance and understanding, and a B.C. Liberal government will encourage government ministries, agencies and crown corporations to identify where public education programs are required to facilitate this so that British Columbians "can live free from the fear of hate crimes," said Liberal leader Gordon Campbell in a letter to the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region (CJC-P).

He was responding to a questionnaire on the party's human rights and anti-racism policy sent to both the Liberal and ruling NDP parties.

Campbell, a former Vancouver mayor, said legislative action will include a review of current human rights legislation to determine if additional steps should be taken so that "the rights of all groups in our society can be protected ... Our principle is that care be taken in a democratic society to balance our fundamental right of freedom of speech with the rights of the people to be protected from hate crimes."

At times, says Campbell, human rights initiatives will be supplemented by law enforcement measures. "A Liberal government will prosecute hate crimes to the full extent of the law."

The Liberal leader says his party "recognizes B.C.'s economic advantages arising from the cultural and religious diversity of the population ... we believe this diversity is to be recognized, valued and celebrated, for it is one of the ties that link us to estabishing emerging economies the world over."

Premier Glen Clark, responding for the NDP, pointed to the steps already being taken to teach high school students about the Holocaust. The current History 12 curriculum covers the 20th century, which includes World War II and the Holocaust as a major area of study. A new Social Studies 11 is being created with emphasis on the Holocaust. He added that many students participate in annual Holocaust symposiums presented by CJC-P.

Discussing a recent decision to set up a Human Rights tribunal to hear cases from the B.C. Human Rights Commission, Clark said all complainants to the commission will have access to tribunal hearings through the legal aid system. A number of damage instruments are available in awards for contraventions of the Human Rights Code, such as cease and desist orders and awarding of legal costs, but no punitive damages are offered.

Clark said the NDP government ensures police participation in information sharing on hate motivated activities, both in British Columbia and with other Canadian police forces. The government is setting up a hate-crime team comprising representatives from the government and police to investigate the nature and scope of hate crimes and coordinate responses to hate. In addition, the attorney general will assist police forces in setting up and training hate-crime units, and aid prosecutions.

Winnipeg's Sharon Home looks south towards future

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG – The Sharon Home, this city's Jewish nursing home, is looking south.

At a Town Hall meeting Daniel Ruth (formerly of Toronto), the Sharon Home Inc.'s CEO, outlined long range plans for the north Winnipeg institution including the creation of a 61-bed satellite site and a 30 to 40 suite supportive housing complex to be located in south Winnipeg.

"Fifty percent of the Winnipeg Jewish community now lives in the south end," he reported. "By the year 2011, the proportion is expected to increase to 60 percent. Some extended care beds are going to be needed in the south end."

The benefit of a supportive housing model, he noted, is that operating costs are half those of a nursing home. "We want to help keep seniors in their homes as long as possible," Ruth said. "It is a less costly alternative and it is what most of our clients and their families prefer."

Founded in 1912, the Sharon Home currently is a 229-bed, licensed personal care home. It provides a variety of medical and therapeutic services as well as social programming for its residents. It also offers an adult day-care program and respite care.

In terms of expansion, Ruth noted that there is still "a significant amount of work to be undertaken to translate the vision to reality."

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Mideast free trade urged

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy said he would like the free trade agreement under negotiation between Canada and Israel to be extended to other Middle East countries.

Broadening the agreement would be "a sign peace pays in the most practical way" and help ensure that any peace treaties between Israel and its Arab neighbors mean more than an end to hostilities, he said.

A comprehensive trade arrangement would promote the economic development of the region, "bringing alive" a peace on paper, he said.

Only "technical details" remain in the current talks, and he expects a bilateral agreement to be signed by the summer.

Axworthy invited the Jewish and Arab communities in Canada to cooperate in encouraging Israel, the Palestinians and Arab nations to keep on the course of peace.

The state of Arab-Israel relations today, Axworthy said, "provides an unparalleled opportunity for the Canadian Arab and Jewish communities to find ways of working together or trilaterally with the government. Linkages between the communities here will be an important signal to those in the Middle East."

Axworthy was the keynote speaker at the inauguration of the Canadian Jewish Congress Alan Rose Fund for International Human Dignity, attended by about 600 persons at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

The event highlighted the burgeoning dialogue between Canadian Jews and Arabs, and featured addresses by Montrealers Hani Shennib, president of the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations, and Stephen Cohen, president of the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development.

Present were ambassadors Tajeddine Baddou of Morocco and Abdel Kamil of Mauritania; Kuwaiti embassy counsellor Abdullatif Al-Mawash; Baker Abdel Munem, the representative of the General Delegation of Palestine in Canada; and Israeli envoys Eli Yerushalmi and Daniel Gal.

In a carefully worded speech, Axworthy said Canada wants to play a role in the peace process that draws upon its talents for bridge-building and laying the groundwork for democratic values.

Canada is working "behind the scenes" on multilateral discussions with some 40 countries, as well as the Palestinians, on such topics as water resources, arms control, refugees and other matters whose settlement will be necessary for any peace to last, he said.

Canada is assisting with projects that bring Israelis and Palestinians together, such as seminars on human rights legislation and promotion of democracy in the classroom.

Both Cohen and Shennib spoke of the need to deepen the contact between their communities, but it was evident that there are serious differences in their positions.

Shennib took exception to audience questions suggesting that Jerusalem must remain the undivided capital of Israel and that Syria and Iran are the main sources of terrorism.

Libyan-born Shennib said Arabs and Jews should dialogue as Canadians who, because they share a heritage in the Mideast, have a common interest in what happens there. But both communities, he believes, should avoid identifying with any political party or faction.

To him, Jerusalem is the "shared heart" of Israel and Palestine, which he likened to Siamese twins, and must be the capital of two states.

Cohen said this is the wrong time to press Canada to move its embassy to Jerusalem. "When Jerusalem is recognized as a multiethnic city, when all religious rights and places are respected, I believe the Arab countries will recognize Israel's capital is Jerusalem."

Shennib warned that labelling certain Arab nations as terrorists is unproductive.

He said he had found it difficult to participate after the Israeli bombing of Kana, a refugee camp in Lebanon. "We strongly condemned the [bus-bombing] terrorism in Israel and we were disappointed that CJC did not as strongly condemn the camp bombing."

Cohen said Canada could do more to aid the economic development of Palestinian areas, because this is "the most important deterrent to the triumph of despair and anger" that lead to violence.

The Canadian Arab and Jewish communities have a role to play in reducing the hatred between peoples that continues at the grassroots level, despite their leaders' move towards peace, Cohen said.

Shennib said they can do much together in the areas of economic development, health and education in the Mideast.

Dream of sovereignty won't die

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Quebec's right to declare sovereignty unilaterally, of seeking to block a basis for a separate Quebec to form ties with the rest of Canada.

Bouchard suggested that despite being "provoked," he would resist the impulse to call an early provincial election.

He said his priorities now are to govern and to rebuild Quebec's economy, although he also said he had no intention of attending a planned economic summit meeting of the premiers.

"How can you have a nice photo opportunity with Jean Chrétien when he is directly assaulting Quebec's fundamental rights?" he asked.

"We're late and we have so much to do, and I would hate to be delayed by a constitutional quagmire."

Earlier, Bouchard, who spoke entirely extemporaneously, referred to the recent "matzahgate" affair, suggesting that the episode was not "helpful."

But most of his remarks were devoted to building the case for sovereignty and assuring the Jewish community that the province remains a "stable" and peaceful place, and certainly more "tranquil" than the United States to the south.

"All in all, the book on Quebec democracy is a good book," he said. "But it's time to turn the page."

Maryse Ohayon, president of the Communauté Sépharade du Québec, asked Bouchard whether his government was making "pious" promises in expressing the intention of facilitating the integration of minorities into Quebec society.

"Those are our wishes, but they are not pious," Bouchard replied, saying his government would implement concrete measures to that effect.

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Nonetheless, in the past few years something close to shrimp, scallops, crab and squid has been served in homes and weddings and bar mitzvahs.

In 1989, an Israeli company, Sea Chef, which had made its mark manufacturing fish fingers and schnitzels, from hake and Nile perch, took a risk and began producing a line of surimi-based seafood analogues which caught on immediately. Sales today are close to $10 million of which £700,000 is from exports primarily to Italy, France, Spain, Canada, and U.S.A.

Sea Chef bought its knowledge and equipment from Multifood and sent technicians to Los Angeles and Minneapolis to learn how to use surimi. That was the easy part. What followed was a campaign to assure Israelis that the products were 100 per cent kosher.

Company export manager Arle Inber explains: We needed flavouring that duplicated seafood and tried a good number of samples. When we finally chose Tastemaker of the USA it was in large part because they are located near a Jewish population and we could get a rabbi over there to certify every shipment as kosher.

Certifying the pollock, which is the basis for Sea Chef's surimi, was a far more complicated matter. The company buys some 200 tonnes of the fish each year and every time it orders a shipment it sends Rabbi Michael Keller from Israel to the fishing boat to inspect the catch and make certain nothing is added in the processing.

Rabbi Keller has stood on the decks of vessels from a dozen nations in north Sea, Alaska, and beside the icebergs of the Arctic, just to reassure the Israeli public that the fish their 'shrimp' are made of is kosher.

Why all the bother? 'Even 10 years ago, it would have been a waste of time.' says Mr. Inbar. 'But since then Israelis learned to travel abroad and they have been introduced to seafood and like it.

"One of the things they most missed when they returned home was the seafood. Kosher food is quite boring and the public is highly receptive to new cuisine. We spotted the niche and haven't looked back."

"Shrimp is our best seller followed by crab flakes. Our scallop and calamari analogues are a much tougher sell, because most Israelis aren't familiar with the real thing. For that reason, we are most reluctant to enter the market with a lobster analogue."

Sea Chef prides itself on developing its own creations, the company claims its calamari rings are the only such product in the world.

The company's first public showing at the Star exhibition in Paris in 1994 was a notable success. Sea Chef's line conforms to ISO 9002 international quality standards and the taste and presentation were also at an international level. New markets were opened in southern Europe and for the Jewish populations of New York and South Africa.

"The Spanish and French came up to us and asked why they should sell an imitation to their clients when they can buy the original," recalls Mr. Inbar.

I told them because of the kosher supervision, the fish are uniquely clean. Further they are lower in cholesterol and fat, and fully cooked, ready to eat. But the clincher was the 3 per cent of the population that is allergic to seafood and now had an alternative.

Clearly, Sea Chef has changed the nation's fish eating habits in just seven years and today there are competitors in the imitation seafood market.

Mr. Inbar doesn't believe his company was responsible for the dramatic shift in national fish cuisine. "We didn't make the change," he explains. "We built on a change that was already asking price."

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Movement system helps body, mind work together

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The bare gymnasium floor was covered with exercise mats and blankets. A group of men and women clad in socks and sweats hovered around an elderly man who appeared to be walking his hands up and down the back of a young woman kneeling in front of him, her body leaning over a low table.

What was going on was a workshop in the Feldenkrais Method, led by 80-year-old Israeli Shlomo Efrat, a disciple and student of Moshe Feldenkrais, who developed a philosophy and system of movement called Awareness Through Movement (ATM).

Efrat explained to *The CJN* that he was trying to move the woman's vertebrae "like a snake, which is how it should be."

The intention is "to make everything move in unison — hip bones and vertebrae all together."

The body and the mind work together, Efrat said. "If a part of the body doesn't move, then the cells in the brain that are supposed to move that part don't either. We reverse the process — the brain is supposed to move the joints. We move the joints to make the brain work."

People should know, he said, that there is a way to help themselves. "As long as you live, you learn every day how to move."

While most of the people who use the Feldenkrais method just want to be able to move more comfortably or cure minor aches and pains, Efrat said he has had remarkable success with people who have serious disorders such as multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy.

"We can't make parts move that won't any more, but we can help other parts to work better," Efrat explained.

A boy with cerebral palsy will blow out a lighter that is moved farther and farther away, "a game he enjoys." The boy controls his breathing better and in a very short time "even walks differently," Efrat said.

"The name of the game is to restore function. If you know how, you can do it in a few minutes."

A person trained in the Feldenkrais method, he said, "can see more than the person himself can. We can show him what he can do to improve or move more or easier where he himself is not aware."

Efrat was brought to Toronto for a series of workshops and private treatments from his home in Amirim, a village just outside Carmiel in the north of Israel.

Maya Zimmerman, a Toronto Feldenkrais practitioner, explained that Feldenkrais, a prominent nuclear physicist, healed himself after a soccer injury by re-educating his body to move naturally and easily, using his knowledge of physics, anatomy, neurology, physiology and psychology.

ATM, which is taught in workshops, "consists of verbally directed, pleasurable and effortless exercises involving highly sophisticated movement sequences which access the sensory motor processes of the brain," she said.

The benefits of the Feldenkrais method, she said, are improved flexibility, breathing and circulation, as well and pain and stress reduction.

Movements are slow and gentle, and everybody works at their own speed.

Zimmerman, a certified Feldenkrais practitioner (that means she has taken a series of formal classes over a four-year period), uses these techniques in the swimming classes she teaches.

"I create an environment of trust, where the child is free to explore and push his or her own boundaries."

Dr. Mel Litman uses Feldenkrais in his medical practice. "It is not so much a treatment as educational — teaching the body how to do things differently. You are learning to use your body most efficiently."

In Ontario, Feldenkrais is considered alternative medicine and thus is not covered by OHIP, but the method is used around the world, especially in Germany, Israel (where Feldenkrais worked) and Australia, "where it is considered mainstream," Lipman said.

Umbilical cord proving useful

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The transplantation of blood cells from the umbilical cord, which is discharged at birth and usually discarded as waste, is proving to be useful — as an effective alternative to direct bone marrow transplants in treating leukemia and other diseases.

Dr. Arnon Nagler, senior physician at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre's bone marrow transplantation department, says that more than 200 such transplantations have already been performed.

"It's advancing quickly. And one day we hope it will be routine," he said at a presentation during the recent Canadian Hadassah-WIZO national executive meeting.

Nagler heads the 3-year-old Umbilical Cord Blood Bank at the Hadassah Hospital — the only one in Israel — and presented a vivid depiction of the advances made as well as the promise and potential in harvesting and cultivating umbilical cord blood cells.

In his presentation, Nagler showed how the umbilical cord's rich supply of immature blood cells — called hematopoietic cells — evolve into the three types of mature cells in blood: red cells, white cells and platelets, which have the potential to regenerate the bone marrow and therefore make it an effective material for transplant.

It is because such cord cells are immature, he also noted, that they are able to reproduce at a high rate and cause fewer rejection problems after transplantations than does bone marrow.

Because of the lesser need for complete compatibility, transplantations can be done sooner — "in two to four weeks, instead of four months," Nagler said.

Nagler predicted that in the future, cord blood will be used "routinely" to treat conditions, including infectious diseases, sickle-cell anemia, and genetic diseases, such as Tay-Sachs, Gaucher's and thalassemia, which infect Jews at a higher rate.

Although the potential use of umbilical cord blood was first theorized in 1972, Nagler noted that the first actual transplant was performed — successfully — not until 1988 in Paris, on a woman suffering from Fanconi's anemia.

Because the volume of blood available from an umblical cord is so slight, children are most commonly the recipients and banking it is expensive, but Nagler said efforts are underway to increase the volume of transplantable material by "expanding" stem cells and by incubating and growing more cells.

Nagler said at Hadassah, it cost $1,500 per sample, which means "we can only do one or two a day."

Not unsurprisingly, the issue of umbilical cord blood usage has raised a host of new ethical and religious questions in Israel.

Even though such material is usually discarded, mothers are asked for permission to use it.

Religious leaders have also ruled that since cord blood is not fetal tissue, it should be treated as blood, not organ material.

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Jewish Agency's activities in Russia under cloud

By MICHELE CHABIN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Russian authorities have disclosed publicly for the first time that they cancelled the licence of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) because, they charged, its practices were violating Russian law.

In a briefing in Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Grigory Karasin did not specify what the practices or laws in question were.

"I regret to say that the representative office of this agency violated Russian legislation," he said.

At the same time, he said, the cancellation was reversible. "If the Jewish Agency displays readiness to strictly observe the relevant Russian laws and regulations, the existing problem can be resolved."

Agency officials reacted with concern to this latest development in a month-long imbroglio over their status in Russia, but they suggested that the problem could be solved by meeting the Russians' request to update their registration documents.

Jewish Agency chair Avraham Burg said at a news conference last week, "The agency has always complied with all local and national legislation and regulations in every country in which JAFI operates. This is how JAFI has operated in Russia, and it will continue to do so in the future."

When the Russians cancelled the agency's licence last month, Russian and Israeli officials downplayed the move as a bureaucratic, regulatory matter.

The same notification went out to several other foreign non-governmental organizations.

But Russian authorities subsequently began to restrict agency activities, shutting down some local offices and cancelling an immigration seminar.

While Jewish emigration has not been affected, should the agency lose its mandate to operate in Russia – something officials assert is highly unlikely – emigration could be at risk.

The agency has helped hundreds of thousands of Jews emigrate from the former Soviet Union to Israel since the gates reopened in 1989. An estimated two million Jews still reside in the former Soviet Union.

The Jewish Agency is the primary recipient in Israel of funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal in concert with local federations.

Karasin's public statements Tuesday clearly shocked agency officials, who had planned to apply for reaccreditation the next day.

But one highly placed Israeli official who requested anonymity cautioned that the timing probably was only coincidental.

He said Karasin was likely responding to letters from overseas, primarily the United States, pressing the government to explain last month's action.

Still, the remarks triggered alarm in Israel.

Burg told reporters that he had held emergency consultations with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and representatives of the Foreign Ministry, and had spoken on the phone with several Diaspora Jewish leaders.

Burg insisted that "this is not an issue between the states of Israel and Russia, but between Russia and a non-governmental organization."

At the same time, he said, "we are ready for every contingency," but refused to say what steps might be taken, should the Russian government turn down the agency's request for reaccreditation.

Without actually blaming Russian officials, Burg implied that they had stalled the reaccreditation process by refusing to accept the agency's completed application forms.

The news conference was cut short when Alla Levy, director general of the agency's unit in the former Soviet Union, called from Moscow to say she had successfully delivered the forms to the Russian Justice Ministry.

The ministry now has 30 days to accept or deny the agency's application.

But the Israeli source said the latest public comments by the Russian official have elevated the story's profile in Russia and could set off an unpredictable chain of events just as the country is preparing to vote in presidential elections next month.

"The Russian politicians read the newspapers and they will have to respond," he said, adding that they could be angered by the publicity.

Mark Levin, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said, "The substance of the situation really hasn't changed," only "the type of attention" it has gotten.

"We'll have to wait and see" what the impact of this latest publicity will be on the agency's operations, he added.

So far, "nothing has changed on the ground in terms of the movement of people."

With files from Jewish Telegraphic Agency staff writer Cynthia Mann in New York.

New community priorities urged

By EMILY D. SOLOFF
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CHICAGO – Despite the fundraising appeals of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), Edgar Bronfman believes the Jewish community is spending too much money fighting anti-Semitism and not enough educating Jews about Judaism.

In delivering that message to Chicago-area college students last week, Bronfman, who is WJC president, condemned a fundraising letter the congress sent out over his own signature.

On a whirlwind tour to promote his vision of Jewish renewal on college campuses, Bronfman met with students and faculty at several universities in Chicago.

"There is only one real community agenda," he said. "To create a renaissance of Jewish life, to get awareness of Jewish religion out to Jews."

He talked about setting priorities in Jewish life and took a swipe at Jewish organizations that continue "business as usual" while the number of Jews shrinks.

"Jews are not here only to fight anti-Semitism," he said. "I am not Jewish because of the Holocaust. I won't forget what happened, but I don't spend my time mourning the loss of six million. If Judaism survives, it will be on a positive, not a negative basis."

Bronfman's comments, however, came as the WJC was distributing a four-page letter that said, "Our latest worldwide report on anti-Semitic violence shows that attacks against Jews doubled last year."

In the letter, the WJC asked for contributions because "these virulent anti-Semitic terrorists respect no boundaries."

"This is wrong," Bronfman said when asked about the mailing. "Sure there is some anti-Semitism, but that's wrong. I'm going to have to do something about it. I don't like what they [the professional fundraisers] are doing."

Bronfman, chairman of Seagram Company Ltd., is also chairman of the international board of governors of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. It was in that capacity that he and Richard Joel, president and international director of Hillel, were in Chicago.

The two spoke to graduate students here in an informal meeting where they answered questions, some of which focused on Bronfman's business acumen.

Although Hillel sponsored the event, Joel made it clear that their visit was to promote Jewish pride rather than organizational affiliation.

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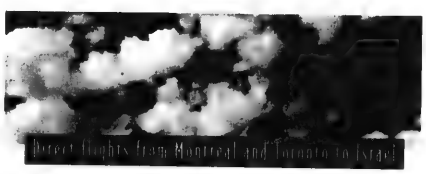

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Peres is courting Israeli Arab voters

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Prime Minister Shimon Peres is scrambling to shore up his support in Israel's Arab community as the May 29 general election approaches.

Mideast Analysis

Peres is courting Israeli Arabs because, without their massive backing, the Labor party might lose its plurality in the Knesset and Peres himself could be defeated by Benjamin Netanyahu in the race for the prime ministership.

Some 440,000 non-Jewish voters, representing about 12 percent of the electorate, are eligible to cast ballots. They consist of Arab Muslims and Christians as well as Druze, a Muslim sect.

In the 1992 election, the Labor party won 44 Knesset seats, while the Likud garnered 32. By forging a coalition with Meretz (12 seats), and by forming a tacit alliance with two Arab parties holding five seats, the Labor party was able to muster a blocking majority in the Knesset and thus form a government. In return, the late Yitzhak Rabin promised to improve the status and living conditions of Israel's Arab minority of 800,000.

As expected, Arab parties — Hadash (Communists) and the Arab Democratic party — played an important role in Israeli politics. They helped Rabin push through the Oslo peace agreements by the slenderest of margins. And a year ago, in a parliamentary manoeuvre which almost toppled the government, they forced Rabin to freeze a controversial land expropriation plan in Jerusalem.

Of late, Israeli Arabs have flexed their muscles once again. First, Arab leaders protested Israel's 16-day military operation in Lebanon (Grapes of Wrath), which killed upward of 200 Lebanese and Palestinian civilians. Second, they opposed Israel's closure of the territories, a measure taken in response to a wave of Islamic fundamentalist suicide bombings in Israel last February and March which claimed the lives of 59 people.

Peres did not regard their protests lightly. Surveys carried out earlier this year had indicated that Peres would win the allegiance of nine out of 10 Arabs in the direct election for prime minister, and that the Labor party could double its share of the Arab vote to 40 percent.

Now that Operation Grapes of Wrath has ended and Peres has promised to lift the closure after May 29, the Labor party is likely to regain its foothold among Israeli Arabs.

In a further bid to woo Israeli Arabs, Peres has pledged to appoint an Arab minister to the cabinet for the first time, and promised to give serious consideration to releasing from prison Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas who has moderated his views.

When the last Knesset was dissolved, there were five Arabs and two Druze in the Knesset, divided between the Labor party (1), Likud (1), Meretz (1), Hadash (2, not counting an additional Jewish member) and the Arab Democratic party (2).

Today, there are three major Arab blocs contesting the election: Hadash and the National Democratic Coalition; the Arab Democratic party and the Islamic Movement; and the Arab Movement for Change (led by Dr. Ahmed Tibi, who serves as Yasser Arafat's advisor on Israeli affairs).

Though divided by ideological differences, these groups are united in their insistence on equal rights for Israeli Arabs, their interest in continuing and speeding up the peace process and their advocacy of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The decision by the Islamic Movement to run in the national election is considered to be the key development in Israeli Arab politics this year. Until recently, the Islamic Movement contested only municipal elections, with fairly successful results. And while radicals within the Islamic Movement sought to maintain this traditional policy, their pragmatic leader, Sheik Addullah Nimer Darwish of Kafr Kassim, felt it was outmoded.

Darwish believes that Israeli Arabs can build a formidable bloc if they unite. By some estimates, they could elect as many as a dozen Knesset members and thereby hold the balance of power. But so far, unity has eluded the community, which is composed of descendants of Arabs who lived in Palestine before Israel's establishment.

Israeli Arabs, though fairly integrated into Israeli society, are torn between their nationality and their identity. And they still lag far behind their fellow Jewish citizens with respect to the disbursement of government funds and employment opportunities. Indeed, some consider Israeli Arabs second-class citizens.

And while few Israeli Arabs have been accused of treason since 1948, the deputy mayor of Um-el-Fahm (the largest Israeli Arab town) was recently charged with transferring more than $3 million to Hamas, while another Israeli Arab was arrested on suspicion of having smuggled into Israel an Islamic Jihad suicide bomber who carried out the March 4 terrorist attack in Tel Aviv.

May 13

• Prime Minister Shimon Peres approved a special pilot project to absorb up to 400 new immigrant scientists in institutions of higher learning. The program will be directed by Prof. Eliezer Giladi.

• David Reuven Boehm, a yeshivah student in Beit El, was killed and his colleague seriously wounded in a drive-by shooting incident. The army said two people carried out the murder from a stolen car. *(Palestinian police subsequently arrested some suspects, members of Hamas.)*

May 14

• Charges were laid against a young Gazan in military court in Erez, alleging that the Palestinian security service forced him to agree to kill an Israeli soldier to prove that he was not an Israeli "collaborator." The Gazan did not go through with the plot. Palestinian officials have denied any connection with the youngster.

May 15

• A Labor party worker was shot in the leg in Herzliya by a Likud party worker during an argument which broke out when the former attempted to put up some Labor party signs.

May 16

• The central statistics bureau reported that the consumer price index in April rose by 1.7 percent.

• Ziyad Abu Ziyad, a member of the Palestine National Council, warned that Israel's policies would lead to an intifidah in Jerusalem.

May 17

• As word persisted about an attempted infiltration by Palestinian terrorists, police in Jerusalem were placed on high alert in preparation for the Yom Yerushalayim celebrations. Security was described by police as being tighter than ever.

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Israel & the Jewish World

PA spurns Israel's requests to extradite terrorists

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The Palestinian Authority (PA) has reportedly rejected four requests for the extradition of suspected terrorists, which were submitted by Israel last Thursday.

Justice Minister David Liba'i submitted the requests to his Palestinian counterpart, Freih Abu Medein. According to Israel Radio, Abu Medein later said the suspects could not be transferred because they are in PA jails.

The independent monitoring group Peace Watch, however, said yesterday that three of the four are not in jail.

The four suspects are Awad Salameh, one of the 13 leading Hamas activists whose arrest Israel recently requested, who is specifically wanted for involvement in the murder of Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz in December 1993; Muhiadin Sharif, also on the list of 13 wanted Hamas leaders, who is suspected of involvement in both the bus No. 26 bombing in Jerusalem last August and the recent wave of suicide bombings; Abed al-Majid Doudin, who is suspected of involvement in the No. 26 bombing and the Ramat Gan bus bombing last July; and Ala Ahmed Sallah, wanted for murdering an Israeli in Ashkelon in March 1993.

Peace Watch said neither Sharif nor Sallah has been arrested.

Doudin was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment last August, and is still officially in prison. According to Peace Watch, however, he is employed by the PA security forces and has freedom of movement in Jericho.

Salameh, Peace Watch said, is the only one actually in custody. He was sentenced to five years last September and released after less than a month; then rearrested in March at Israel's request, and subsequently released again. However, according to Peace Watch, he has since been arrested a third time.

Under the Oslo accords, the PA is obligated to comply with any Israeli request for extradition, unless the suspect is in jail in the PA. In that case, the PA would be obligated to transfer him as soon as he was released from jail.

In practice, however, the PA has failed to comply with any of Israel's 14 previous requests and, according to Peace Watch, several senior PA figures have gone on record as stating that they have no intention of complying with such requests.

Peace Watch said the PA's failure on this issue is a clear violation of the accords.

The new requests are the first Israel has submitted since September 1995, and are surprising in light of the fact that several ministers, including Liba'i, have said such requests are useless because of the PA's failure to comply.

However, Liba'i said it is important to have these requests on record, to deter the PA from letting the suspects out of jail.

In the past, Peace Watch noted, the PA has sentenced terrorists only in response to the threat of an Israeli extradition request.

Terrorist linked to Iran

[Cont'd. from page 1]

cult to detect. Less than one kilogram was enough to destroy several rooms and badly damage the second floor of the hotel. There were, however, no other injuries.

Makdad was trained by Hezbollah to carry out the attack, and the organization's spiritual leader knew in general about the plan, according to security sources.

He also spent several days at the Iranian Embassy in Beirut before making his way to Israel, the sources said.

Using a stolen British passport, Makdad took a Swiss Air flight from Zurich to Tel Aviv on April 4. He was apparently carrying the explosives with him, perhaps hidden in the fake antenna of a small clock-radio found among his belongs in the hotel. The radio was also re-wired to operate as the timer for a bomb.

Makdad spent five days in Tel Aviv, where he stayed at a hotel near Dizengoff Centre. He took a train to Jerusalem on April 9, checked into the Lawrence Hotel on Salah a-Din Street, which largely caters to budget travellers from Europe.

"I remember that he checked in about 2 p.m.," said a hotel worker. "He spoke in English, but it wasn't very good. He said he would be staying five nights."

On the hotel register, Makdad misspelled the family name on his stolen passport, writing "Andrew Nemam" instead of "Newman," in large capital letters. He gave his place of birth as London, birth date as April 14, 1970, and profession as accountant.

The hotel worker said that in retrospect, it is apparent that Makdad acted suspiciously, but while he was at the hotel, no one took notice of him, except to note he never ate breakfast at the hotel, though the meal came with the room, and he left every morning and didn't return until evening.

"He gave the bellboy a big suitcase and a plastic bag, and let him carry it up to his room for him," the worker said. "I remember the bellboy complaining that he didn't give him a tip."

Makdad was described as having "a Mediterranean complexion," and being nicely dressed.

Security sources said investigators are still trying to uncover the people here with whom Makdad was in contact. Makdad himself, because of his injuries, can hardly speak, the sources said.

The initial indication at the scene of the explosion was that Makdad was a British tourist, and Israel contacted London for help in the investigation. But it was quickly discovered that the British passport found in Makdad's room was stolen three years ago in Paris.

British intelligence remains involved in the investigation, as they are interested in how the stolen passport made it from Paris to Beirut. The passport picture was changed from Newman's to Makdad's, but no other changes were made.

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No concessions to Orthodox, Liberal Jewish groups urge

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – A broad coalition of liberal Jewish organizations is appealing to both Labor party leader Shimon Peres and Likud chief Benjamin Netanyahu not to make any concessions to the Orthodox political parties that could damage the cause of religious pluralism in Israel.

The groups say they are concerned that the issues of religious pluralism will be sacrificed as political leaders work to forge coalitions with Orthodox political parties to muster a Knesset majority after the May 29 elections.

The groups, coming together under the newly formed North American Coalition to Advance Religious Pluralism in Israel, are sending the candidates for prime minister an open letter urging them not to "further erode the protection of civil rights and religious freedom" in Israel.

Members of the coalition include the American Jewish Congress (AJC), the New Israel Fund, the World Union of Progressive Judaism, all the central organizations representing Reform and Conservative Jews, and the Federation of Reconstructionist Synagogues and Havurot.

The coalition's appeal comes in the wake of a series of recent Israeli Supreme Court decisions that have begun to erode the Orthodox monopoly on issues of religious status in the Jewish state.

Those decisions have led the liberal religious movements to feel hopeful that they might attain official recognition in Israel.

At the same time, most of the court decisions have not been implemented and could be nullified by political deals made with the Orthodox.

The concerns were exacerbated when even sympathetic Labor party officials recently made it clear that issues of religious pluralism are secondary to concerns about national security.

Orthodox leaders are determined to maintain the status quo that has existed since the founding of the state and gives the Orthodox rabbinate control over government-sanctioned marriages and divorces and over supervision of religious institutions.

It is that authority, the Orthodox say, which has prevented Diaspora ills such as intermarriage from gaining a foothold in the Jewish state.

In a draft of the letter, the coalition warns: "To agree to further concessions would cast a longer shadow over Israel's democratic character, create a crisis with world Jewry at precisely the moment when both of you have made Israel-Diaspora relations a priority and weaken opportunities for Israelis to deepen their Jewish identities.

"We cannot emphasize enough the damage we fear may result from making political concessions in coalition negotiations which would perpetuate and even exacerbate these denials of religious rights and opportunities for our people in Israel," the letter says.

The coalition is "trying to make as firm a statement as one can and to mitigate any damage that will be done" by the political wrangling, said Phil Baum, executive director of the AJC.

When asked whether the letter was intended to intimate that if the cause of religious pluralism is discarded in the course of the political negotiations, it would threaten to rupture the relationship between Israel and liberal Diaspora Jewry, Baum said no.

"We will not break off with the people of Israel on this issue," Baum said. "We don't believe it will be a rupture of our relationship, but we think it's important that our views on this issue be heard and understood."

Recent Israeli Supreme Court decisions include one early last autumn that mandates inclusion of non-Orthodox representatives on the religious councils of each city, which control everything from kashrut certification to mikvot.

Several of the country's religious councils, including the one in Jerusalem, have refused to reconvene rather than permit non-Orthodox representatives to participate. As a result, no religious councils now include Reform or Conservative representatives.

The court also issued a decision last November that leaned toward recognizing Reform conversions but ordered the Knesset to decide the matter definitively through legislation.

The Knesset, in recess prior to the national election, has not taken up the issue.

And last autumn, for the first time, the Ministry of Education began distributing funds to develop curricula in the public schools to teach about non-Orthodox views of Judaism.

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Alarm bells sounded over pre-election shooting

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Israel's political leaders called on their supporters to avoid violence after this week's shooting of a Russian immigrant who was hanging Labor party posters.

Artur Yarusky was shot twice in the leg by a gunman who police said drove a car rented by the Likud election campaign centre.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres deplored the incident, as did Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, Peres' rival in the race for prime minister.

"I call on everyone to do their utmost to ensure that incidents like this one are not repeated," Peres said during a campaign stop.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak urged Labor party activists not to be pulled into what he termed "Likud provocations."

But Likud officials said the man arrested by police as the suspected gunman was not a party activist, adding that he had merely been hired to put up posters.

The shooting was not an organized attempt "to intimidate Labor activists," said Likud spokesperson Michael Stoltz.

Netanyahu called on all political parties to eject violent elements from their ranks.

Previous election campaigns in 1981 and 1984 were marred by clashes, including fistfights, between Likud and Labor supporters.

But last week's incident was believed to be the first shooting linked to a political campaign.

Coming little more than six months after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the incident sounded alarm bells throughout Israel.

Knesset members agreed to put a discussion of the incident on the agenda for the special Knesset session to be held this week.

The shooting occurred about 5 a.m. in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv.

Speaking to reporters from his hospital bed, Yarusky said he had been hanging up posters when a car drove up.

Four people got out and ordered him to stop, he said. When he refused, one of them fired a gun three times, hitting him twice before the group drove away.

Herzliya police questioned two suspects that afternoon and were reportedly looking for two other known suspects.

The lawyers of the detainees maintained that their clients had no connection to the incident and were hanging campaign posters elsewhere when the shooting occurred.

Satelite launch puts Israel in exclusive high tech club

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Champagne flowed and technicians breathed easier, following the successful launch of the Amos 1 communications satellite last Thursday morning. The feat puts Israel into an exclusive club – only eight other nations are capable of developing and producing communication satellites.

The European Space Agency (ESA) Ariane-4 rocket was launched just before 5 a.m. in South America. The Amos entered a low elliptical orbit, and it will take some six weeks to be manoeuvred into its geo-stationary orbit and for the system to start operating.

"Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) devoted great technological, economic and human effort to give birth to one of its greatest achievements," said IAI president Moshe Keret. "We see this launch as a very important milestone, not just for IAI, but for the State of Israel as a whole."

The Amos cost $120 million, plus another $30 million for the Ariane launch. Israel chose the Ariane, as it has the best record for successfully putting satellites into space. The launch took place at the ESA launch centre in Kourou, French Guiana, and the Amos shared the rocket with Palapa-C2, a satellite sent up by Indonesia.

There was tension in the Amos Ground Station, near Yehud, as it was feared the launch would be scrubbed when the countdown was halted with six minutes to go, after communication problems developed with the Indonesian satellite. Possible thunderstorms also put a question mark on the launch.

But after a 25-minute delay, the rocket soared into space. What followed was a nerve-wrenching 90-minute wait for the Amos to disengage, open its antenna and, most crucially, open its solar energy panels.

"We went through a week of simulated launches to try to make this one seem routine," said Ze'ev Nahmoni, a supervisor and head of IAI's electronic group. "I kept the champagne bottles well out of sight and only brought them out when the panels opened."

Technicians in "mission control" shouted with joy and clapped as each stage passed successfully. In a nearby room, the technicians and engineers who built the Amos, watched with their families, as they followed its progress.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who was instrumental in starting the Amos project in 1988, sent a letter of congratulations to IAI, praising the successful launch.

"Launching the Amos into space puts Israel into the "Club of Eight" of countries operating communication satellites, and for this the entire nation should be proud," he said. "This satellite brings the State of Israel to a new era in communications ... and is an expression of Israel's high technical capability."

Israelis won't see the effects of Amos for some time, since the communication revolution is a slow process, said David Pollack, general manager of Spacecom, the group which is marketing the satellite's telecommunications service.

"Our state has good communications. Israelis will feel the Amos when they want to use the unique elements of the satellite. There will be a revolution, but it will take time," Pollack said. "There is an existing infrastructure, so there won't be a revolution overnight, but it will take a very short amount of time. I estimate that to be about a year, so that the cable TV and Internet services will go up on the satellite."

For now, Amos is in an elliptical, 10-hour orbit, coming as close as 300 kilometres to Earth, then shooting to 34,000 km out in space. Over the next 12 days, technicians will use its booster engines to bring it out to a 36,000-km circular orbit, which will maintain it in a stationary position enabling it to focus on the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

The Amos ultimately will be stationed at 4 degrees west, high above the west coast of Africa. It is scheduled to begin operations on July 1. The 996-kg. satellite has a 10-year life expectancy.

IAI officials insist it is a strictly civilian satellite and has no direct military purposes.

Pollack said Israel's three TV stations and Bezeq have purchased transponders, and that negotiations are under way with the cable TV stations and Internet carriers. He said there are intensive negotiations with Hungary, but noted that many potential clients were waiting for a successful launch before committing themselves. He said several Arab states have expressed interest in leasing transponders.

Water issues discussed

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Some 150 delegates from the Middle East and elsewhere met this week in Tunisia to discuss regional water problems in the framework of the Madrid peace talks.

The working group, which last met in Jordan in June 1995, gathered last week to discuss water management, conservation, data exchange and regional cooperation.

It is one of five multilateral working groups established after the 1991 Madrid peace conference to discuss regional development in the Middle East as well as issues relating to Israel and its Arab neighbors.

One of the projects discussed this week in Tunisia is a regional water data bank. The project, which has a $12-million budget, involves Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians.

In a separate development, three Tunisian officials arrived in Israel the same day to pave the way for the opening of their economic interest office in Tel Aviv, Shalom Cohen, head of the Israeli interest office in Tunis, said in an interview.

It remains unclear when the Tunisian office will open in the Jewish state.

Portfolios not yet announced

JERUSALEM – Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has delayed announcing his ministerial portfolio assignments amid reports that he has been negotiating with Islamic fundamentalist leaders to have them join the self-rule authority.

Arafat last week named 23 members to the Executive Authority, which will have the functions of a cabinet, but he did not assign portfolios, saying that he might make more appointments.

He told the Palestinian Council that he might not finalize the list of portfolio assignments for another week or more.

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Ain a triple threat athlete

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Eva Ain's basketball season ended on something of a sour note recently as her Markham Gems hoops squad first won and then lost a provincial championship semi-final game to Metro Raiders.

Refereeing was the culprit, as officials of the Ontario Basketball Association and the tournament convenors ordered the teams back on the court after Markham had apparently won by a single point.

A bad call by a referee led to a protest by the Raiders, who had apparently lost the game.

As Ain describes it, the referee did goof, but ordering the teams back on the court because of that mistake took the wind out of the Gems' sails. Here, in a nutshell, is what happened:

With Markham trailing by one point with 41 seconds left to play, the Gems took a foul. Instead of giving the Raiders two shots as was required, the ref gave them one and one — if the foul shooter missed the first shot, there would be no second try.

As it happened, the shooter missed, Markham got the ball, came down court and drew a foul. Markham's foul shooter sank her first try and missed her second, but the Gems got the rebound, sank it and ended up winning by one.

Until the officials got involved.

After some consultation, they ordered the teams back on the court to replay the last 41 seconds plus an additional five minutes. It was all too much for the Gems, who in the end succumbed by nine points. Their emotional letdown carried over to their next game, the bronze medal matchup, which they lost, leaving them in fourth place in the provincial tournament.

Despite that unfortunate turn of events, Ain said she "played very consistently during the weekend [championship]. I played really good defence."

Considering her task was covering the Raiders' best player, a ringer recruited just for the tournament from the University of Windsor, she did herself proud. All in all, Ain, a five-foot-eight shooting guard, averaged eight points a game to go with a per game average of six assists and seven rebounds.

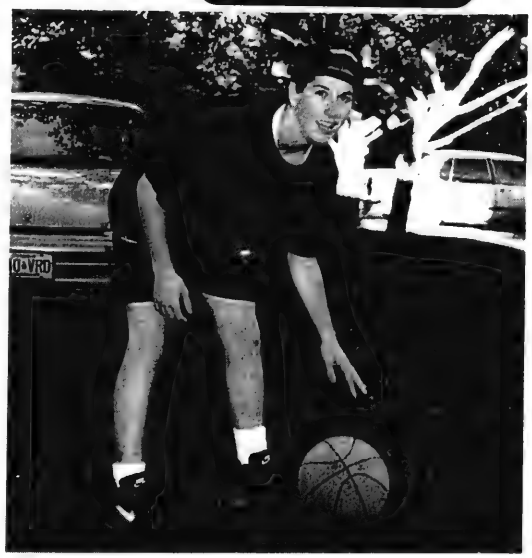
With the basketball season over, Ain is setting her sights on her number 2 sport — softball. A triple threat athlete who also plays high school volleyball, Ain for the past few years has been good enough to play rep softball with the Oakville Outlaws. Batting fifth or sixth, she likes to swing for the fences and counts consistency as one of her top qualities.

This year, she's cutting out rep ball and will play only for her school, Earl Haig. That way, she'll leave herself more time to prepare for tryouts next fall with Guelph University's basketball team.

She's already met Guelph's coach, seen the team play and she's confident she can fit right in. Her confidence level was given a boost this year by playing with and against some of the best players in Metro — and not looking out of place doing it.

Like many kids, Ain took her first step to competitive basketball by shooting hoops with her dad in the driveway.

A good all-round athlete, she also played baseball from grades 4 to 10 on a boys team. In Grade 10, she switched to girls softball and she's captained the Earl Haig senior team for the past two years.



Eva Ain

She's also served as co-captain of the school's senior basketball team for the last two years and led the team in scoring for three years. During that time Earl Haig has reigned as city champions.

Adding to her impressive credentials was her captaincy of the girls' basketball team at the 1994 JCC Maccabi Youth Games in Cleveland. She also played on the '92 and '93 Maccabi teams in Baltimore and Pittsburgh.

As for volleyball, that's more of a recreational activity for Ain, though she's played on Earl Haig's senior team for the past three years.

"I'm athletic. I can't be inactive," she said in what has to rate as a monumental understatement.

"I work hard, so I can accomodate everything," she said, referring to her A scholastic average.

A fierce competitor, Ain loves the environment that goes along with sports. "I love the game, the competition, and I love being with girls who love the game and who love having a good time," she said.

Bruce Searle, director of athletics at Earl Haig, points out that "as captain [of the basketball team], Eva has shown the desire to win by setting an example of hard work and as a person willing to play for the benefit of the team ... Eva will be nominated for athlete of the year honors, inasmuch as she plays three sports at a sophisticated level."

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Gymnasts vault to medal podium

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish athletes from the Vaughan Gymnastics Club came up big at the recently concluded All-Ontario Provincial Championships, with Ron Zahavi and Justin Gerson winning gold medals in their age categories.

Gerson, an 18-year-old nationally-ranked athlete, finished first all-round among juniors, while Zahavi, 9, was first all-round among cadets.

The all-round score is based on results in six events — floor exercises, rings, pommel horse, vault, parallel bars and high bar.

A first in floor exercises, a first in rings and a second in parallel bars vaulted Zahavi into first place.

Gerson won golds in pommel horse and rings, and silvers in floor exercises and parallel bars. In recent years, he has reached the top echelon of Canada gymnasts. Late last year, he represented Canada at the Union of West Vienna Cup and finished third. In March this year, he took top honors at the Elite Canada competition in Montreal.

In other results, Rosty Serebryany, 18, came in eighth overall in the senior national category, with his best showings a fourth in rings and a sixth in pommel horse. Ruslan Lechkevitch, 18, was ninth in senior nationals with a sixth in parallel bars his best result.

In other events, Jeff Levine came second in the national novice category for 14-year-olds; Eitan Silberman was second overall in the national tyro class for 13-year-olds; Jonathan Muskat was eighth in national tyro.

Levine earned his silver medal with a first place finish in rings, second in floor exercises and third in pommel horse. Silberman got silvers in parallel bars and in high bar and thirds in floor and pommel horse.

Muskat's best event was a third in parallel bars.

Meanwhile, Tamir Silverman finished 15th in the Argo A category. His best showing was a third in rings and a fifth in pommel horse.

Athletes from other clubs included Jonah Swartz of Nepean Corona, who came in seventh in national tyro, and Michael Levy of Scarborough Olympic, who was third in the same class.

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Jewish entertainment thrives at cafe.

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Free Times Cafe, one of Toronto's best-known folk music havens, marked its 15th anniversary by offering live Hebrew and Yiddish music on Sunday afternoons.

The music offered at "brunch-time" — 12 and 1'oclock p.m. — was supposed to be a temporary feature, but it has been so well-received that cafe owner Judy Perly has added other Jewish live entertainment, including storytelling, and she's extended the program indefinitely, she said.

Perly had been casting about for a new idea for Sundays and the Jewish music is drawing people downtown from as far away as North York and Thornhill, she noted.

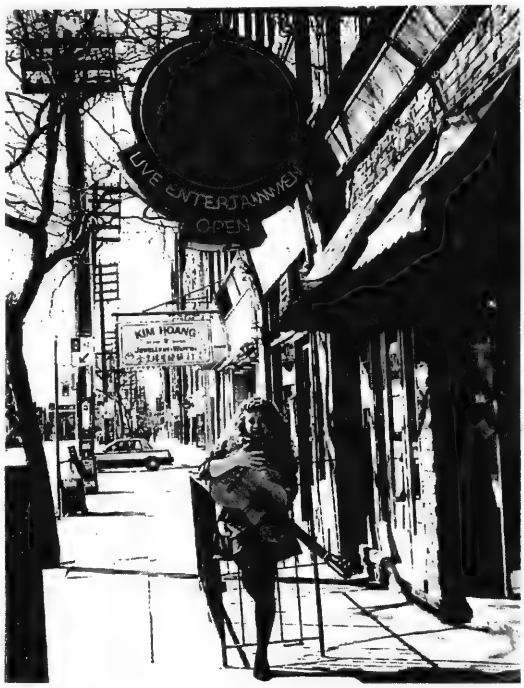
The Free Times at 320 College St. is sandwiched between Kensington Market and the South Annex, in the heart of the old Jewish neighborhood. People can come to listen to the music and reconnect with their roots in the historical surroundings, Perly said.

"It was such a vital area. There is so much history here. Everybody tells me a different story."

Perly creates a *haimish* atmosphere by greeting the guests, and ushering them to tables in a back room with a stage, where the various entertainers perform.

On this particular Sunday it was the versatile Batsheva, who sings in Yiddish, Hebrew and Ladino. She handed out song sheets and when she sang *Oyfen Pripachik*, many of the guests joined her in this Yiddish classic.

"The music has always been the thing that sustained Free Times," Perly said. "The cafe is the longest standing venue for folk music in Toronto. We've been offering live music or poetry and prose reading every night since 1983."



Batsheva gets set for a gig. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

In 1981, musicians began using the back room for music on Saturday nights — there was no stage, no cover-charge, no sound system, and the musicians were paid with free food, but within three years there was nightly live entertainment with major singers and song writers playing on weekends, she said. Some of the artists who have appeared there include Loreena McKennitt, Rambling Jack Elliot, Bob Snider, Ian Tamblin and Danny Greenspoon.

Many folk singers started their careers at the Free Times on the open stage Monday nights when it's geared to new performers.

On Mondays the room is full, because several acts are booked and the performers bring friends and family, Perly said.

"The Free Times has always drawn people because it's a cultural centre," she said, pointing to the current exhibition, paintings by Terry Jones, hanging on the walls.

But serving good food at reasonable prices is not enough, she adds. "The restaurant business tough and competitive. You have to keep coming up with new ideas to survive."

So far the Sunday brunch is working out well, she says. "It's a great event for me personally. I felt that I was separated from the Jewish community. And now I have found a way to reconnect."

Scitex Earnings Drop 78 Percent

JERUSALEM – Scitex Corp.'s first quarter net profits dropped 78 percent to $4.5 million (Cdn.) (11 cents per share) from $24 million during the same period last year, the company said last week.

The better-than-expected results which follow an annual loss of $47 million in 1995 come at a time when the Herzliya-based imaging-systems specialist is battling against a hostile-takeover bid led by Israeli-American entrepreneur Davidi Gilo.

One analyst said the decision of Scitex's major shareholders to reject Gilo's bid puts them under pressure to persuade shareholders that the changes under way in Scitex will significantly improve growth and profitability.

Stats Data Now On The Net

JERUSALEM – Much of Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics' data is now available through the Internet.

The address for this is [http:/www.cbs.gov.il].

GDP Increases Six Percent

JERUSALEM – Israel's gross domestic product grew six percent over the first quarter from the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced.

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Bienstock gets Gemini for documentary

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canadian producer-director Ric Esther Bienstock was honored recently at the 1996 Gemini Awards for best documentary for *Ms. Conceptions*, a documentary about single mothers by choice.

Filmed by Bienstock's Toronto-based company, Good Soup Productions Inc., and co-produced with Linda Frum, *Ms. Conceptions* received record ratings when it was aired on CBC's *Witness* series. It was also screened at New York's Museum of Modern Art and has been invited to film festivals around the world.

A native of Montreal, Bienstock graduated in film and communications from McGill University in 1981. She worked in numerous productions including a feature film for Warner Bros., *The Little Drummer Girl* starring Diane Keaton, and Costa Gavras' *Hannah K.*, both shot on location in Israel. She also worked with Leonard Bernstein on a BBC television special about Gustav Mahler.

Producer/director Ric Esther Bienstock on location in Africa

In her mid 30s, Bienstock is fluent in English, French and Hebrew. She lived in Israel for four years, working in the Israeli film industry. Shortly after her return to Canada in 1985, she moved to Toronto.

Working with award-winning film-maker, Simcha Jacobovici, she co-produced *Deadly Currents*, a feature-length documentary investigating the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The film won a Genie Award from the Canadian Academy of Cinema and Television.

More recently, Bienstock directed and co-produced the film *Ebola: Inside an Outbreak*, which was produced for the CBC *Witness* series and shown on PBS under the title *The Plague Fighters*.

Her credits include a trilogy of award-winning films shot on location in nine countries across Africa: *Meeting the Challenge*, *Aids in Africa* and *Burden on the Land*.

She has developed a reputation for shooting under difficult and dangerous circumstances because much of her filming has been done in Africa, particularly during the ebola outbreak. Her films are provocative, but still reflect her keen sense of humor.

"I feel privileged to be able to make a living doing something I love so much and it remains a constant challenge to me," Bienstock said. But "right now," she added, "since I am pregnant with my first child, my biggest challenge is going to be how I juggle motherhood and film making."

Economic domination said not to be Israel's goal

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Arab world fears Israel's economic domination of the Middle East, but Israel "has no intention of dominating anyone economically," a top Israeli business figure said here earlier this month.

In fact, it's more important for Israel to cooperate with Arabs and Palestinians in joint ventures and trade, said Dan Gillerman, chair of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce in Israel.

Gillerman drew a rosy economic picture of Israel for a small group of local business leaders, in a program presented by Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University and State of Israel Bonds.

The Jewish state has "transformed" from being "small-thinking to being normal and thinking normal." Economically, Israel today is on par with nations like Holland and Denmark, Gillerman said.

"We've gone from being a pack of nerves to bundles of opportunity. Israel is part of a major emerging growth market in the Middle East."

Bundles of opportunity

Foreign investment continues to pour in. Almost all large multinational companies, including such giants as Siemans, Westinghouse and Polaroid, have their regional headquarters in Israel, he noted.

But preventing even more growth in the Mideast is the disparity between Israel and its Arab neighbors, Gillerman said. Israel's Gross National Product (GNP) this year is projected at $87 billion (US) while the combined GNPs for Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority is $56 billion (US).

That translates into a per capita GNP in Israel of $17,000, versus $1,000 for the Palestinian Authority, $800 for Jordan and $600 for Egypt.

That's why it's so important for Israel to reach out to Arabs, "not just for the economy but for politics. Peace must be cemented by economic cooperation."

But at the same time, "Israel is the flavor of the month. That can change. For the foreseeable future, the real dividends of peace will come from the outside world."

Including Canada, Gillerman hopes. He called for increased investment in Israel, which should be made easier in light of the Canada-Israel free trade pact, scheduled to be fully implemented later this year.

And there's much to invest in. Gillerman said Israel exports half of its industrial output, most of it in hi-tech, and is planning over $50 billion worth of infrastructure projects over the next five years.

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by Bill Gladstone

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Bus Tour to Washington, D.C.: The Transnistria Survivors Association is organizing a five-day bus tour to Washington, D.C., June 23 to 27. Planned activities include visiting the Holocaust Memorial Museum, touring historic buildings and monuments and attending a conference on the tragedy of Romanian Jewry, organized by the Holocaust Museum. $569 per person, double occupancy. Stanley, 416-398-3636.

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Cezanne in Philadelphia: An internationally acclaimed travelling exhibit of some 110 oil paintings and 80 watercolors and drawings by Paul Cezanne is on view at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, May 30 to Sept. 1. Many local hotels are offering Cezanne packages, and Amtrak and USAir are both offering discounts on travel to Philadelphia. 800-752-8206.

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Jewish Singles Cruise: The M/S Maasdam departs from Acapulco in December 1996 and cruises through the Panama Canal for 11 days with a cargo of Jewish singles (45 to 60). Ports of call include Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica and Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

The package starts at $2,599 (US) and includes round-trip airfare from Fort Lauderdale to Acapulco; all meals, snacks, taxes and tips; select sightseeing tours; and on-board activities such as classes in aerobics, cooking and dance. Operated by the St. Louis Jewish Community Centres Association (314-432-6780) and Brentwood Travel (314-532-5515).

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More Canadians Visiting Israel: More than 7,100 Canadians visited Israel in the first two months of this year, an increase of 48 percent over the same period last year, according to the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto. Worldwide, more than 363,000 tourists selected Israel during the same period, a 27 percent rise over the year before.

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Dance & Music Tour: Rikuday Dor Rishon, a group of Israeli folk dancers in Manhattan, is offering a Jewish heritage tour of Prague, Poland, and Israel that focuses on ethnic and folk dance and music, June 20 to July 14. The program includes excursions to Jewish sites in and around Prague, Krakow and Warsaw, and coincides with a Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow. The Israel segment coincides with the three-day Karmiel Dance Festival and features traditional dance and music of Yemenite, Kurdish, Georgian, Ethiopian, Arab, Druze and other communities. 212-620-0535 or e-mail [hkaufman@duke.poly.edu].

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Hotel Happenings: At the Jerusalem Renaissance Hotel, a family vacation package called We Love Kids encourages parents to spend their holidays with their children and not to send them to summer camp. The hotel provides daily programs and instructors for children. For a minimum stay of seven nights, the rate is $232 (US) per night for a couple plus up to four children in two rooms, bed and breakfast daily. Reduced rates are available for longer stays. 02-652-8111.

• To raise money for UNICEF, the Inter-Continental chain of hotels and resorts has begun a Round-Up for Children campaign at 170 properties in 67 countries. The program, in which hotel guests have the option of "rounding up" their hotel bills, is expected to raise more than $1 million.

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Correction: A misplaced decimal point crept into the last column, diminishing by tenfold the size of the so-called Great Stone of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The Great Stone is roughly 4 metres high by 4 metres deep by 13.5 metres in length.

A little help on becoming a maven in the kitchen

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Who doesn't love delectable food? I think you'd be hard-pressed to find such a person on this planet. A fine meal is something to be anticipated and savored.

But memorable repasts do not, willy nilly, come out of the blue. They are based on proper planning, the right fresh ingredients and, of course, sound and time-honored recipes.

The following new cookbooks may not turn you into an instant maven in the kitchen, but will certainly get you started.

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At parties, the late Chana Schiff of Montreal would inquire of guests, "May I make you a plate?" Few rejected her invitation. For Schiff, born in Boryslav, Poland, was a wizard in the culinary arts.

With a nod to Clint Eastwood, her delicious kosher recipes have been collected and published under the title *You Made My Day* (Robert Davies Publishing, $18.99), compiled by her daughter Evelyn Gold.

The book — a treasure trove of traditional East European fare — is wide-ranging, containing recipes for Shabbat, holidays, meats, poultry, fish, vegetables, soups, sauces, salads, pastas and desserts.

In leafing through *You Made My Day*, I was particularly struck by such mouth-watering classics as cabbage rolls, roast chicken, gefilte fish, cheese blintzes, pea soup and apple strudel, dishes that Schiff could whip up at a moment's notice.

Schiff probably would have appreciated *Helen Nash's Lower Fat Kosher Kitchen* (Random House, $23.50), which was originally published six years ago and is now available in a paperback edition.

Nash believes, quite rightly, that fine kosher cuisine should not be constrained by artificial restraints. In this progressive spirit, she breaks new ground by building elaborate meals around fairly exotic ingredients and spices like sun-dried tomatoes and coriander. Traditionalists like Schiff might not have been familiar with these condiments, but surely she would have approved of them.

In keeping with the strictures of old-fashioned kosher food, Nash offers recipes for classics running the gamut from cholent to chicken soup.

Beyond these perennial Ashkenazi favorites, Nash serves up tantalizing recipes for, among other things, stir-fried Shiitake mushrooms, curried wontons, bulgur pilaf and steamed salmon steaks with black beans.

The cuisine of North Africa, popularized in the Jewish community by Sephardi Jews, is based on grains, vegetables, fruits, olive oil, garlic and honey.

Vegetarian Table: North Africa (Raincoast, $29.95), compiled by Kitty Morse, a native of Casablanca, is a lavish cookbook filled with wonderful recipes. I highly recommend it.

I savor a bowl of good soup; so imagine how pleased I was to receive *A Good Day For Soup* (Raincoast Books, $23.95) by Jeannette Ferrary and Louise Fiszer.

This thoughtful compendium, though sadly bereft of photographs, contains more than 200 recipes and is therefore something of a definitive work. Choose from bisques to main-dish stews. This book has them all.

Since specialty cookbooks are fairly rare, I was delighted to read *Olives, Ginger* and *Lemons*, distributed in Canada by Raincoast ($12.95 each).

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TAB news

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Ragtime, the Musical, Takes Shape: Last week in Toronto, arts journalists were given an exclusive first peek at four stage numbers from *Ragtime*, the musical-in-progress that Livent Inc. is developing from the best-selling 1975 novel by E.L. Doctorow. Given that the show isn't set to open at North York's Ford Centre until next January, the pieces seemed surprisingly polished. From both a musical and a lyrical point of view, the compositions seemed strong, the voices solid, the choreography tight.

Afterwards Drabinsky and Doctorow and key members of Livent's dream team for *Ragtime* sat at a long table on stage and answered questions. "The musical was Drabinsky's idea," said the novelist. "When he came to me, I could tell that he really understood the book and had a passion for it. By the time we had our next meeting I could tell that he had read the book several more times than I had."

Doctorow freely admitted that he didn't like the movie version of Ragtime: "I liked the first 10 minutes but it went on for 2½ hours."

Was he, therefore, "scared" that his book was now being adapted for the stage? "No, not at all," he said. "I think what has happened to me also happened to Bernard Shaw and William Shakespeare. So I'm quite content."

The *Ragtime* dream team includes director Frank Galati, choreographer Graciela Daniele, playwright Terrence McNally and songwriters Lynn Ahrens (lyrics) and Stephen Flaherty (music).

But it was Drabinsky who held the spotlight the longest. As he revealed, Livent is mounting a new production of the Rodgers and Hart musical *Pal Joey*. Fundamental to this project, Livent has acquired rights to the entire Rodgers and Hart catalogue.

The Toronto-based company is also developing a musical adaptation of the 1957 film noir classic *The Sweet Smell of Success* and an original musical, *I Love A Parade*, to be directed by Harold Prince, with a book by Alfred Uhry, award-winning author of *Driving Miss Daisy*.

Still, Drabinsky seems most excited by his current project. "Without a doubt, Ragtime is the richest creative experience of my career," he said.

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Sephardi History on the Danforth: Two years ago, award-winning Toronto film producer Simcha Jacobovici started his own Orthodox synagogue in his home. For High Holy Days, he rented space in a nearby Greek restaurant, earning his impromptu house of worship the moniker the "souvlaki synagogue."

This year, the congregation, which is now more than 200 strong, is renting space in Riverdale to house a Jewish community centre. Jacobovici's film, *Expulsion & Memory: Descendants of the Hidden Jews*, is being shown as part of a fundraising benefit.

The film shows modern-day descendants of the Jews who were forcibly converted during the Spanish Inquisition and explores the survival of their culture through art, music and dance. It features Placido Domingo, Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Live performances by guitarist Aaron Skitri, singer Charly Sibony and a flamenco trio are also scheduled. May 26, 8 p.m. The Music Hall, 147 Danforth Ave., Toronto 416-504- 6662.

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Theatre Notes: The Civic Light Opera Company's production of *Mame* run May 23 to June 1 at the Fairview Library Theatre, North York. Adults, $15. 416-421-1267.

• Scarborough Players present *The Odd Couple – Female Version*, in which Felix Unger and Oscar Madison become Florence Unger and Olive Madison. May 23-25, 30, 31, Jun 1, 6-8. Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd. (at Markham), Scarborough. 416-396-4049.

• The Jubilate Singers of North York present their third annual cabaret concert, May 24 and 25, Havergal College, Avenue Road just south of Lawrence, Toronto. Adults, $20. 416-783- 5711.

• *Forbidden Hollywood*, a spoof of the movies, opens June 6, with previews starting May 25, at the new Atlantis Complex, near the Cinesphere at Ontario Place, Toronto.

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In Brief: Encounters '96 features the world premiere of *Traces (Tikkun)*, a chamber opera by Canadian composer Istvan Anhalt, and *Goblin Market*, a work by Aaron Jay Kernis. *Traces (Tikkun)*, which was inspired by medieval mystical Jewish concepts, features baritone Doug MacNaughton with a 45-piece orchestra. Adults, $15. May 28, 8 p.m. Glenn Gould Studio, Toronto. 416-205-5555.

An Odyssey Through Jewish Music from Biblical Times to the 20th Century, in song, with words by Faye Kellerstein and accompaniment by Jordan Klapman. May 29, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium of the National Library of Canada, Ottawa. 613-726-9330.

E.L. Doctorow

A little kitchen help

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Arts Revue

Lachan Choir prepares for second concert

TORONTO – The Lachan Choir will be performing its second annual concert at the Studio Theatre of the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts on June 2.

The Lachan Choir, under the direction of Cantor Benjamin Maissner, is joining in the celebration of Jerusalem 3000 by offering an evening of musical tributes to the people and history of Jerusalem. As a Jewish chamber choir, Lachan members are committed to promoting the art of Jewish choral music and bringing it to the highest possible level.

The music the choir is scheduled to perform this year covers a wide range of pieces defining its connection to the City of Jerusalem and its impact on the Jewish people.

The compositions date from as far back as the 12th century, through the classical period, to songs which recall recent historical events. For example, *Hakotel* by Ganzu and Zeltser was written after the Six Day War. The joyous impact of Jerusalem on our senses is depicted in *The Jerusalem Mosaic* by Yefim Adler.

Cantor Benjamin Maissner will lead the Lachan Choir's performance

Two contemporary pieces are expressions of hope for the land of Israel. They are John Weinzweig's *Am Yisrael Chai* and Robert Starer's *Ariel.*

Tickets are $12 and can be purchased from the Ford Centre at 5040 Yonge St., North York. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Zimriyah set for May 29

TORONTO – Jewish Music Toronto is sponsoring its annual Zimriyah Choirs Festival at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., North York, May 29 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Yefim Adler composed *The Yerushalayim Mosaic*.

The Zimriyah annually features Jewish choirs from the Toronto area in a varied program. This year nine choirs are participating.

A special feature of this concert, whose theme is Jerusalem, City of David, in celebration of Jerusalem 3000, will be the world premiere of a specially commissioned work written for all nine choirs combined, *The Yerushalayim Mosaic* by Yefim Adler.

This is the first work to be commissioned by Jewish Music Toronto, which has been supported by a grant from Ontario Arts Council.

It is also the first public commission for composer Adler since he arrived in Canada from the Soviet Union, where he was a prominent member of the U.S.S.R. Composers' Union who had a string of successful stage and movie productions and performances by such conductors as Maxim Shostakovitch.

Esther Ghan Firestone will conduct the event. For more information call Koffler Centre for the Arts at 416-636-1880 ext. 229.

Soprano Claire Klein Osipov to perform with Jewish Folk Choir

TORONTO – The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir presents soprano Claire Klein Osipov as the guest artist at its Gala 70th annual spring concert on May 26.

The choir will present both old and new music expressing the sorrows and joys of the Jewish experience through the ages.

Osipov, who is from Vancouver, began her career with the choir in 1951 and has since become one of Canada's finest interpreters of Yiddish folk music. She will perform the leading role in the folk operetta *Tevye's Hodl* by Maurice Rauch, based on the famous story by Shalom Aleichem, as well as some of her favorite Yiddish folk songs.

In addition to some of the traditional music from its past, the choir also looks to the future by offering the premiere of a new work specially commissioned for it through a grant from the Ontario Arts Council: *Reflections of Solomon*, by Alexander Rapoport. The text is taken from love poems in different languages spoken by the Jewish people.

The choir was founded by immigrant factory workers who wanted to express themselves in song as they did in the "old country." Since then, it has been serving the community by keeping alive the best in the Yiddish musical heritage and introducing new works on Jewish themes by Canadian composers.

The concert begins at 2:30 p.m at Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, 80 Queen's Park Cres. W. (behind the McLaughlin Planetarium, south of the Royal Ontario Museum).

The choir is directed by Esther Ghan-Firestone and will be accompanied by Lina Zemelman.

Tickets, at $15, $12 for students and seniors, are available at the door or in advance at Negev, Israel's and Matana Judaica bookstores and Lasting Impressions Photo; or by calling 416-492-7110 or 416-489-7681.

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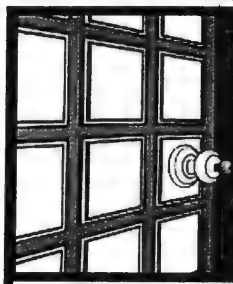

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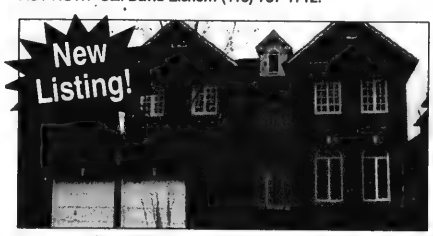

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Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

About jobs

Dear Lisa,

I've been out of work for a while now. I wasn't getting any interviews for the longest time and then last week I had four interviews! Every place I went to felt fine, but I haven't gotten any offers yet. I feel confused and nervous. What should I do?

Dear Reader,

First of all, pat yourself on the back. Getting the interviews shows that you're doing something right. You attracted attention with your cover letter, resume or other initial contact with the company. You got the company to agree to meet with you. You can be sure that not everyone who sends in an application got an interview, but you did. Take a second look at your resume and appreciate its visual appeal and the information it contains

If you haven't already done so, send a handwritten thank you note to each of your interviewers. It is always appropriate to thank your interviewers for the time spent with you. It's also an opportunity for you to remind them about your continued interest in the position for which you were interviewed.

Think about the companies you applied to. Did you really feel comfortable with the person who interviewed you or do you just want the job so badly that you made yourself think you felt comfortable with the situation you ended up in, even though it wasn't ideal? Perhaps you targeted your applications in the right departments but the wrong companies.

While you wait for your interviewers to call you back, continue your job search. Apply to companies like those where you got your interviews but perhaps expand your search to include companies in other areas. For example, if you are interested in working in accounting but don't feel quite comfortable within an accounting firm, consider applying for work within other companies. If you have held previous jobs in one particular industry, try companies within that industry.

Another area to examine would be your previous experience, Is most of your experience in non-profit organizations and yet all these interviews were in for-profit places?

Finally, if you have not heard anything after about a week, it is appropriate to call your interviewer and ask if a decision has been made about the person they have chosen. If you do make this call and find out you have not been hired, ask if they are anticipating needing any other staff to do a similar function. Find out how long your resume will be kept on file. Note this information in your records and keep looking for more opportunities.

Job Search is a monthly column by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Lisa to The CJN.

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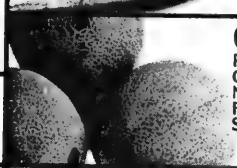

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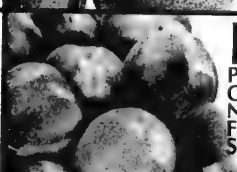

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It's too close to call

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Both Labor and Likud hailed Sunday night's televised debate between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud candidate Benjamin Netanyahu as a victory for their candidate.

"I thought that we would win the elections even before the debate, but now that it's over, I have no doubt – we are going to win," Netanyahu said shortly after the debate.

However, Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli said, "There is no doubt that Shimon Peres won the debate," adding that it had underscored the differences in ability and experience between the two.

The debate, considered the climax of the election campaign, covered a wide range of issues, including the Oslo agreements, terrorism, Jerusalem and Peres' age.

In the 30-minute debate, each candidate managed to encapsulate his positions.

Peres concentrated on conveying a message of hope and strength, while Netanyahu emphasized fear of terrorism, which he mentioned several times, and the Likud's focus on peace and security.

In his opening statement, Peres charged Netanyahu with concocting "an awful libel" as the basis for his election campaign, summed up by the Likud slogan: Peres will divide Jerusalem. This, he said, had caused Israel and Jerusalem grave damage by turning the status of united Jerusalem from a universally accepted axiom into a debatable issue.

He called on voters not to swallow the Likud's "Soviet brainwashing campaign about dividing Jerusalem."

A labour party activist pastes a campaign poster of Prime Minister Shimon Peres over posters depicting Palestinian President Yasser Arafat as a tightly held hand grenade. *[RNS photo]*

He stressed that a united Jerusalem will remain Israel's capital and under Israeli sovereignty forever, and no compromise is possible on this issue. "We united Jerusalem and we shall remain united around it," he said.

Netanyahu maintained that in reality, Peres had already divided Jerusalem, by allowing Orient House to operate as the Palestinian foreign ministry and by making the city part of the autonomous region, allowing east Jerusalemites to vote in the Palestinian elections.

He accused Peres of bringing the country to the worst state of

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It has been a very odd campaign

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — For the most fateful election in Israel's history, this is a very odd campaign.

Reporters are barred from interviewing politicians. The clearest political messages are articulated by a bunch of zany puppets. Most of the public believes the election will be decided not by the persuasiveness of either candidate, but by Hamas.

These are just a few of the bizarre features of an election that is supposed to determine whether Israel makes peace with all its neighbors by the year 2000, as Shimon Peres promises, or whether it is stripped of security in a suicidal series of pacts, as Benjamin Netanyahu warns.

Terror has been a factor

Given these glaring differences, Peres and Netanyahu sound a surprisingly similar note in the official election propaganda. A white dove opens every Likud television spot and for the first time, the party has incorporated the word "peace" into its slogan, promising "a secure peace."

Meanwhile, Labor has adopted "a strong Israel" as its motto, and Peres is often shown flanked by Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, the tough ex-chief of staff who is the embodiment of Security.

The reason for this is clear. Both major parties are vying for the vital floating vote. "They know that this election is about convincing five to 10 percent of the electorate who are wavering somewhere in the centre of the political spectrum," says Prof. Efraim Inbar of Bar-Ilan University's BESA Centre for Strategic Research. "Each candidate must appear to be respectable, non-threatening, peace-loving and strong."

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German Fashions

VANCOUVER – The Original Costume Museum Society is producing an exhibition illustrating Jewish contributions to the textile and fashion industries in Germany and Austria prior to Nazi persecutions. The exhibition, opening January 1998 at the Holocaust Education Centre, will display manufactured and couturier garments and accessories with text and photos dating back to 1740.

Fundraisers Recognized

TORONTO – The National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Greater Toronto chapter, the largest professional association of individuals responsible for generating philanthropic support, will recognize the leadership demonstrated by both philanthropists and fundraising executives at the second annual philanthropic luncheon on May 22.

Among award winners will be Dr. Barry and Honey Sherman, who will receive awards for their philanthropic contributions.

ISRAEL

Flight Controllers Protest

JERUSALEM – Israeli flight controllers shut down Ben-Gurion Airport for three hours last week to protest broadcasts by pirate radio stations in the vicinity of the airport that interrupted control tower transmissions.

Radio interference is not a new problem for the flight controllers, but the decision to close the airport came after two planes had trouble landing because of the pirate broadcasts, the director of the airport authority said.

Assassination Attempt

JERUSALEM – An Islamic militant angry at Turkey's military cooperation accord with Israel attempted last week to assassinate the Turkish president.

During a ceremony in the western Turkish town of Izmit, the assailant pulled a gun and pointed it at President Suleyman Demirel.

A plainclothes security guard tackled the man and the gun went off, slightly injuring a policeman and a journalist, but leaving the president unharmed.

Arafat Adviser Bows Out

JERUSALEM – Dr. Ahmed Tibi, the Israeli Arab adviser to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, has announced his withdrawal from the Knesset race.

Tibi told a news conference he did not have enough time to organize his campaign, adding that recent polls indicated that his party, the Arab Movement for Change, would not receive the minimum 1.5 percent of the total vote needed to win representation in the Knesset.

Tibi added that he did not want to split the vote of the Israeli Arab electorate and urged his followers to support parties that back the peace process.

Feld Carr To Be Honored

HAIFA – Judy Feld Carr will be awarded the humanitarian of merit award when the University of Haifa's board of governors meeting is held June 5.

Oman Trade Office

JERUSALEM – A group of Israeli officials departed for Oman last week to prepare for the opening of Israel's first trade office in a Persian Gulf state.

Diplomatic sources in the Omani capital of Muscat would not say when a formal ceremony would be held to mark the opening of the trade office.

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Lithuanian Departs U.S.

NEW YORK – A Florida resident who admitted to serving in a Nazi-sponsored battalion during World War II has moved to Vilnius, Lithuania.

In an agreement reached with the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, Juozas Budreika, 79, admitted that he wilfully misrepresented and concealed his service in the Lithuanian Schutzmannschaft (Protective Detachment) when he applied for U.S. citizenship in 1967, and earlier when he immigrated in 1958.

Kosher Labelling Laws

WASHINGTON – Congressional sponsors of Food and Drug Administration reform legislation have agreed to include language protecting kosher labelling laws.

Orthodox groups had charged that provisions in the legislation, which seeks to replace existing state food safety and labelling laws with uniform federal laws, would have made it more difficult for consumers to verify the authenticity of kosher products.

Rabbis Graduate

NEW JERSEY – The Institute for Traditional Judaism will hold its first graduation ceremonies on June 9, ordaining four men from the rabbinical school.

Science Olympiyeda

TORONTO – Two Toronto high school students will be among 20 North American students chosen to participate in this year's International Science Olympiyeda, which is operated by the Israel National Agency and the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Yael Berdugo, a Grade 10 student at Ulpanat Orot, and David Levine, a Grade 9 student at Yeshivat Or Chaim, who have been invited to participate in the program, were among 300 students across the continent who wrote the first-round science test last December.

The 20 students will join one student from England and 40 Israelis for a three-week program of study, research and touring, and attend cultural events in Israel.

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Pessimism follows leaders' visit with Bouchard

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — On one level, the recent, unprecedentedly ambitious Jewish community "parliamentary mission" to Quebec City was an unqualified success.

For 12 exhaustive and exhausting hours, 60 leaders and officials from five Jewish organizations visited the Assemblée Nationale, keeping the lines of communication open with the province's powers-that-be and lobbying fervently and eloquently with government and opposition members for the most important issues on the Jewish agenda.

On another level, however, behind the obligatory rounds of meetings, wining, dining, mutual wishes of goodwill and glad-handing — including recognition of the Jewish delegation by the Assemblée during question period — the mood was different:

There was an almost palpable sense of pessimism and resignation to the fact that at the end of the day, this government is determined to get Quebec to separate, with the odds higher than ever before that it will happen. And the Jewish community doesn't want any part of it.

Tellingly, national unity was not among the issues selected for discussion by the organizer, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q). They fully realized that there was nothing more the almost uniformly federalist Jewish community could say on this particular day that hadn't already been stated on innumerable occasions and will no doubt be stated many times in the future.

Premier Lucien Bouchard broached the subject himself, speaking about sovereignty as if it were inevitable.

But even when issues not directly related to sovereignty were discussed at meetings with six cabinet members — ranging from financial support for Jewish education and social services to the future of Montreal — it was still sovereignty that bubbled beneath the surface. It was the topic participants muttered about among themselves.

The air of pessimism was not helped by a couple of key cabinet members, some of whose utterances betrayed a mindset some members of the delegation simply did not and could not ever share:

• Serge Menard, minister of state for the metropolitan area of Montreal, lauded the city's "ethnic richness" and the Jewish community's contribution to it, but maintained that the sovereigntist cause had little to do with the city's economic decline or departure of youth from the city.

Members of the delegation looked at each other when Menard blamed the city's malaise on the "anglophone media" and accused English Canada of seeking to maintain its "domination" of the French-Quebec nation.

• Andre Boisclair, minister responsible for relations with citizens, distributed a ministry position paper expressing a sincere commitment to fostering tolerance, pluralism and intercultural rapprochement.

Boisclair seemed to speak from the heart in saying that Quebec profitted from its "richness of cultures," lauding the Jewish community's "Caravan of Tolerance" and referring to the community as "partners" contributing to these ideals.

Yet Boisclair bridled when Max

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Bernard, chair of CJC-Q community relations committee, challenged him on the issue of multiculturalism, which Boisclair suggested builds barriers between communities and works against the Parti Québécois' goal of building a "culture of convergence."

"The best way to fight racism and intolerance is to encourage [common] participation," Boisclair said. "I don't think we have to support the development and promotion of things that move us away from the concept of being citizens."

Another session, perhaps thankfully, had no undercurrents of sovereignty.

Education Minister Pauline Marois made it clear that in the new age of fiscal responsibility, cuts were on the horizon for Quebec's private schools, which would include those in the Jewish day school system.

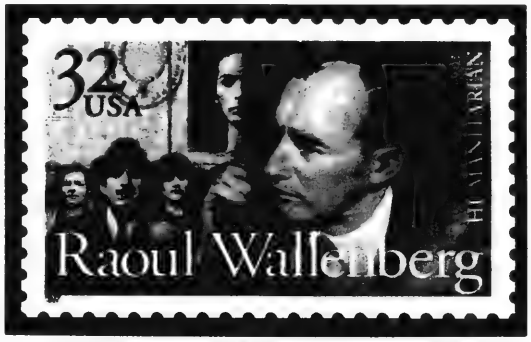
Marois also said the move towards linguistic public school boards, which the Jewish community supports, would be proceeding as planned.

But Joe Rabinovitch, former director of the Association of Jewish Day Schools, argued that plans to create Protestant and Catholic "committees" within the boards — in order to keep them constitutional — were unfair.

If a degree of "confessionality" will continue to exist, he maintained, other religious communities should get the same right.

To no one's surprise, the Jewish delegation, during meetings with their federalist confreres in the Liberal "shadow cabinet," found more receptive ears.

Thomas Hecht, representing the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region, continued to lobby for a place for Israel among the francophonie nations during a meeting with international affairs critic Fatima Houda-Pepin (and later with Minister Sylvain Simard).



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Visit to Montreal

Recently, during one of my regular visits to Montreal, I had the good fortune of meeting Mac Mendelsohn. Mac volunteered to be my guide on a rainy Thursday afternoon, on a tour through part of the fabled, double-centuried Jewish history of the city.

Tall, dignified in bearing and in white-haired good looks, Mac walks with the confident, but not strident, straight-backed posture bred in him by both the regimen of a wartime youth spent in the Royal Canadian Air Force and a deeply positive outlook on life.

He was the perfect tour guide, patient with all my questions and comprehensive in all his answers. Born and raised in Montreal, he knows the streets like a tree knows its own roots. He loves the city even as he loves his Jewish heritage, both of which – the city and his heritage – are woven into a splendid single fabric which he wears proudly on his sleeve and tenderly in his heart like velvet over a precious stone.

As with all pleasant experiences, our time was limited. I wanted to see the city's synagogues. But in the two hours available, it was impossible to see the 40 or more shuls in the greater Montreal area. Thus, Mac wisely selected four which were representative of the community on a number of levels: migration patterns, method of worship and age. Despite this, we had time only for a short stop at each.

We started at Congregation Sépharade Or Hahayim in Cote St. Luc. This was the newest of the congregations we visited. In a uniquely gratifying Jewish irony that could happen only in Montreal or in Israel, the synagogue is located on Einstein Avenue. The building has been recently renovated. Indeed the varnish on the attractive double wooden exterior doors was still fresh to the touch, still sparkling in the daylight, unbeaten by the weather and unfaded by the sun.

Inside we sat in an intimate sanctuary whose colors were fresh and clear, gentle blue and eggshell white. On the eastern wall, above the Aron Kodesh, light poured into the sanctuary through the perfect symmetry and the mathematical beauty of the heavenwardly-pointing arches of the Maghreb.

Next we went to the Beth Israel Beth Aaron synagogue, very close by, also in Cote St. Luc. In contrast to the North African architectural stylings of Or Hahayim, Beth Israel is distinctively North American. Nestled in an inviting harmony with the green of trees and plants and flowers starting to bloom, its warm, modern brick facade is carried throughout the interior of the synagogue in a modern, informal brick and fabric decorative motif. The sanctuary is quietly direct, self-effacing and contemplative. The *mechitzah* which immediately denotes the synagogue as Orthodox in its ritual, is modest and moderate, "friendly" to the women who worship from behind it.

We left the suburb of Cote St. Luc to travel back, both in direction and in time, eastward toward the city. We stopped in Westmount at the Temple Emanu-el Beth Sholom. Temple Emanu-el was the third synagogue founded in Montreal, the first Reform congregation in Canada. It dates to 1882.

On entering the sanctuary, one is immediately struck by the enormity of the room and the height and esthetic of the ceiling. The ceiling was fashioned to resemble and replicate a stylized tent covering, creating a meeting place which soars high above, grand, ethereal. The sanctuary is a long, angular auditorium of prayer whose lines of sight converge and culminate in the simple charm and modesty of the bimah and the Aron Kodesh. "How splendid are your tents, O Jacob."

Our last visit was to the Shaar Hashomayim just a few blocks away. This synagogue is presently celebrating its 150th anniversary. It was the second one founded in Montreal after Shearith Israel (which was later to be known as the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation).

It is a stately and elegant structure. The entrance to the sanctuary is marked by hewn limestone, shaped and sculpted in a manner reminiscent of the material and the style which decorate the hallways in the House of Commons in Ottawa. The sanctuary envelops one in a feeling of lofty and magisterial solemnity, an emotional and esthetic result of the combination of lush carpeting, the stark simplicity of the stone walls and the dark, polished wooden furniture, obviously carved by hands that understood the simple inner essence of silent prayer.

I felt deeply grateful to Mac for having set aside this time for me. I also felt privileged to have been able to visit with him, in the relaxed, uncluttered quiet of the afternoon, these four distinct aspects of the rich, varied life of Jewish Montreal.

We left the Shaar Hashomayim, walking briskly to avoid as much of the rain as possible, and mindful of the congestion on the roads that would slow down our drive to the airport. As we approached the car, my thoughts quickly rebounded away from the places of prayer that we had visited, back down to the level of the street where Mac had parked his car. It had been ticketed.

Hard as I tried, Mac wouldn't let me pay.

Time runs out for Adam

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Time has run out for Adam Kruger.

The 9-year-old North York boy, who fought a 2½-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, died peacefully on Victoria Day at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Stephen Kruger, his father, told *The CJN* in a broken voice that Adam was buried with his favorite X-Men hat, his wrestling action figures and his pogs.

Before his death, mass screenings were being planned to find a bone marrow donor for him.

A decision was made to go ahead with the screening planned for Cenennial Arena to coincide with last Sunday's UJA walkathon. Media reports estimate between 300 and 500 people flocked to the clinic, which was attended by members of Adam's family. The screening scheduled for May 30 from 1 to 9 p.m. at Beth Tzedec is also still taking place, as did The Night of Hope at Shark City on May 28.

Adam Kruger

The Adam Kruger Memorial Fund has been established at Beth Tzedec Congregation. The family and the synagogue are in the process of determining exactly how the money raised will be allotted.

Characteristic of most of the young cancer patients on Ward 8A at the Hospital for Sick Children, Kruger said, Adam fought hard right to the end. His love of life, his consideration and his caring never left him, his father said.

Maybe that was why there was such a bright sunny day for his funeral.

Adam is survived by his mother, Judy, father Stephen and 5-year-old brother Jason.

Greater Toronto Area

Sadat delivers upbeat assessment of peace process

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Bombs and bullets can't halt the peace process in the Middle East, says Anwar Sadat's widow, Jehan.

"The enemies of peace on both sides are still trying to stop peace, but they haven't learned that bombs and bullets won't stop it," she declared at a luncheon sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-Wizo and Youth Aliyah.

For the peace process to succeed, Israel and its Arab partners must be prepared to make compromises, she said. "Enough time has been wasted."

In an upbeat speech delivered at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Sadat predicted that Israel and the rest of its Arab neighbors would sign a just and comprehensive peace agreement one day, building on the achievements of her late husband and of Menachem Begin, the deceased prime minister of Israel.

In November 1977, Anwar Sadat, the president of Egypt, became the first Arab leader to set foot on Israeli soil. Less than two years later, in March 1979, he and Begin signed a peace treaty, the first of its kind between Israel and an Arab state.

Warning there are no viable alternatives to peace, Jehan Sadat said the people of the Middle East yearn for it. For too long, she added, violence and bloodshed have wracked the region.

"Let us all forget and forgive the past," she suggested. "Too many children have lost their innocence because of the enmity."

With peace, she prophesied, the countries of the area will finally be able to improve their respective standard of living, concentrate on economic development and create "a new civilization based on honor and good faith."

Sadat credited her husband, assassinated by Islamic fundamentalists in October 1981, for starting the peace process.

Jehan Sadat

"He paved the way for others. He is the one who started it when it was so difficult. He believed that Egypt had sacrificed enough. For peace, he said, a man must do everything in his power."

In an emotional aside, Sadat said she and her husband knew he would be killed after his historic visit to Jerusalem in 1977. "I was torn between encouraging him in his efforts and feeling I was going to lose him. That Sadat died for peace is life's most bitter irony. I miss him very, very much."

Recalling her husband's personal approach to Middle Eastern diplomacy, Sadat said he went to Jerusalem with an open mind and an open heart "in the spirit of Islam."

Islam, she claimed, is a religion based on love, peace and compassion. It abhors violence and considers revenge and blood feuding sinful.

Sadat said the vast majority of Egyptians supported her husband's peaceful overtures toward Israel. She criticized two Egyptian foreign ministers who resigned rather than carry out Sadat's policy. "They lacked the courage to proceed," she observed more in sadness than in anger.

Later, in a brief question-and-answer period, Sadat disclosed that at the 1970 funeral of his predecessor, Gamel Abdel Nasser, her husband informed the American ambassador to Egypt that he was ready for a rapprochement with Israel. However, the U.S. envoy didn't take him seriously.

Sadat, who is half-British and a grandmother 10 times over, recalled that her life with her husband, though full and joyful, was fraught with worry. "We were loving partners, trying to do something for the country."

The recipient of a PhD in Arabic literature, Sadat currently teaches at the University of Maryland. The institution, she revealed, plans to establish a chair in population studies in her husband's memory.

The chair will be inaugurated by Ezer Weizman, the president of Israel, and Jimmy Carter, the former president of the United States and one of the architects of the 1978 Camp David Accords, which led to Israel's peace treaty with Egypt.

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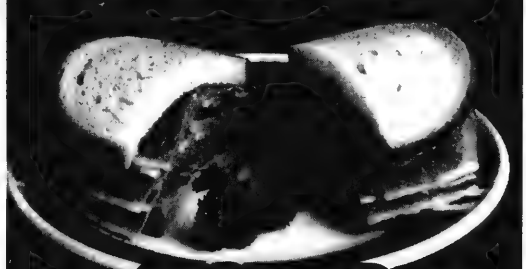
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Jews for Judaism opens new HQ in Toronto

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Jews for Judaism executive director Julius Ciss (left) and board member David Woolf affix a mezuzah to the organization's new Canadian headquarters. [Stephen Epstein photo]

TORONTO — Right under the Metro Toronto telephone directory listing for "Jews for Jesus" is "Jews for Judaism" — almost as if to say, "Oh yeah?"

The coincidence reflects the kind of bravado that is almost a trademark for Julius Ciss, whose days are spent in an alarmingly growing battle for the Jewish soul. It's almost trench warfare.

As executive director of Jews for Judaism's Canadian operations, Ciss, along with education director Rabbi Michael Skobac, sees his organization as a counter-missionary force designed to thwart what he calls aggressive and deceptive tactics by fundamentalist Christian groups out to convert Jews.

Founded in the United States in 1984, Jews for Judaism recently opened its new Canadian headquarters and Counter-Missionary Centre on Bathurst Street.

Most Jews are familiar with Jews for Jesus, the largest of the groups with which Ciss does battle. Recruiters can be found handing out leaflets urging acceptance of "Y'shua" (Jesus) as the "true Jewish messiah," and often citing Christian scripture blended with Hebrew words, stars of David and Torah scrolls.

Ciss uses different words for it. He says these groups preach a "redecorated Christianity" and exploit Jewish symbols and phrases, especially around holiday times. It's all aimed, he says, specifically at Jews. That's why they celebrate Jewish holidays and worship in "messianic synagogues" with kippah-wearing "rabbis."

Often referred to as messianic Jews, Ciss prefers the term Hebrew-Christians to describe the growing number of those who preach that in order to be a "fulfilled" or "complete" Jew, one must accept Christ as messiah and savior.

In Ontario alone, Ciss estimates there are some 50 organizations fitting the bill, including Jews for Jesus, Chosen People Ministries and individual congregations in Metro, like New Covenant House, Congregation Melech Yisrael and Beth Sar Shalom. New ones pop up all the time.

Over the past 30 years, Ciss told *The CJN*, these and other groups have become bolder and tougher, engaging in "an intensively driven effort" specifically to target Jews for conversion. The threat is greater now than ever before, he warns, due to sophisticated technology like the Internet.

And these organizations are well-funded. Ciss says the roughly 450 missionary groups in North America have a combined budget of $100 million, often using the money to buy full-page newspaper ads around Jewish holidays.

Ciss is careful to point out that not all Christians proselytize Jews. But those who do tend to be right-wing, fundamentalist or "born again" Protestants for whom the Bible is the inerrant word of God and who are emboldened by the New Testament's dictum to spread the Gospel "to the Jew first and also to the Greek [gentile]."

A 45-year-old artist and illustrator, Ciss speaks from experience. He was a member of Congregation Melech Yisrael for five years before returning to his Jewish roots in 1981. Since his departure from the movement, he's been facing down the missionaries, confronting them on street corners and at meetings, and issuing repeated warnings to the Jewish community.

Jews for Judaism offers direct counselling for family members, day-long seminars and lectures, and what Rabbi Skobac terms "exit counselling" for those seeking to return to Judaism.

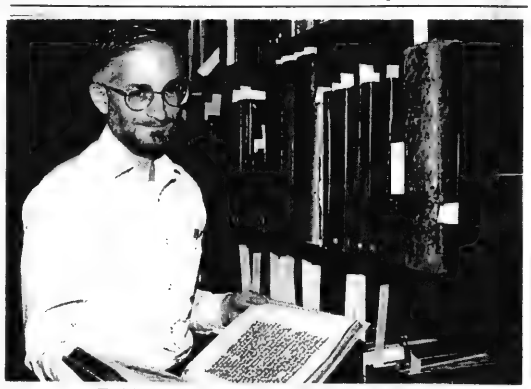
Despite the efforts, more Jews have converted to Christianity in the last 19 years than in the last 19 centuries, Ciss states. A shocking survey in the United States a few years ago showed that 12 percent of Jewish-born Americans — about half a million people — accept Jesus as their savior.

In Canada, Ciss estimates that between 1,500 and 2,500 Jews have converted to this form of Christianity over the past 20 years, with up to 750 in Toronto. Especially vulnerable are the elderly, teenagers and Jews from the former Soviet Union, who often arrive with little knowledge of Judaism.

But the entire community is vulnerable, he adds, because of reduced commitment and what he calls "Jewish rootlessness."

In the meantime, the phone at the Jews for Judaism office doesn't stop ringing. "Unfortunately," Ciss sighs, "we're in business."

Jews for Judaism presents its next all-day seminar on June 9 at the North York Public Library. Call 416-789-2851 for details.



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University of Toronto librarian Barry Walfish holds one of 100 rare Hebrew books and manuscripts donated recently to U of T's library by Toronto currency trader Albert Dov Friedberg. The collection includes an early 15th century Zohar, a two-leaf Genizah fragment of the Mishnah, a Sefer Mitzvot Gadol and an illuminated 13th-century German machzor. [Barry Shainbaum Photo]

Greater Toronto Area

Israel's influence on teenagers examined in study

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the eight years since Naava Frank began collecting data for the PhD thesis she has just completed, her subject matter has become one of the foremost issues facing North American Jewry.

At that time only a few isolated studies had been done on the effect of Israel summer programs on Jewish identity in adolescents. The latter has become a hot topic, however, in the face of community concern about Jewish continuity.

Evidence indicates that such trips have more impact during the last two years of high school than they would at a younger age, Frank says.

"Those who were younger were very eager to go back home and fit in. That's not to say they hadn't been influenced by the trip, but my sense is that they were less willing to act differently [by keeping Shabbat, for example]."

Frank's research for her Harvard University paper focused on a Minneapolis-based arts-oriented program called Nesiya, which brings together American and Israeli youth during a six-week stay in Israel.

She cautions that her own study has a narrow focus and cannot be generalized to other Israel programs, but says it provides food for thought that needs to be studied further.

The 35-year-old American is in Toronto for the year with her husband Gregg Stern, the 1995-96 Ray D. Wolfe fellow for the University of Toronto's department of Jewish Studies.

For her thesis, Frank interviewed 20 high school students representing a variety of Jewish backgrounds at the beginning, middle and end of their six-week stay in Israel. About half were interviewed again 10 months after their return home.

She emphasizes that it is important to help students find "aspects of Judaism which are personally meaningful and which they can express outside the family." For youngsters who feel Judaism brings the family together, the religion becomes irrelevant when they're removed from a family situation, as they often are in university, she explains.

Frank believes that pre-trip preparation and post-trip follow-up is very important to make the experience "an integrated event instead of just an isolated one which may not relate to the rest of their lives."

In her research she found that the impact of the trip weakened when the students did not have an outlet to express what they'd learned in Israel.

The students she followed were generally affected in one of three ways:

- The Jewish identity with which they began was strengthened.
- They underwent a noticeable change, becoming more observant or "feeling more Jewish."
- They felt challenged and began to question but didn't resolve any issues.

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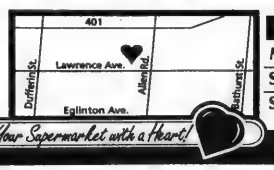

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A source of strength

These words are written 48 hours before the citizens of Israel will vote in their 14th general election, very likely the last in this century and in this millennium.

Forty-eight years after the country was born, the citizens of Israel – and they alone – will stand in the voting booths to choose, from among 21 party lists, the leaders who will take the country into the next stage of the peace process. Despite the claims by many of the smaller parties, the only real issue on which most voters will make their choice is: What will that next stage be?

As of this writing, virtually the eve of the election, the outcome is uncertain.

The race for prime minister is said to be essentially tied, as is the contest for the Knesset. *Yediot Aharonot* carried a report six days before the election which predicted the left-wing bloc, comprising the current coalition, would win 52 seats and the right-wing bloc of Likud, Moledet and Gesher would win 41 seats. The religious parties would win approximately 15 seats and the two new centrist parties, Israel b'Aliyah and the Third Way, would win eight seats.

Many commentators in Israel have observed that this election has been unlike any in the past. Daniel Ben-Simon wrote the following in *Davar Rishon*: "I have never encountered such a situation. People I meet tell me, with some pain, that they don't know for whom to vote. It is a strange situation, the likes of which I don't remember in the past. On previous occasions you could feel a few days before the elections how they would end. Today it is virtually impossible. This is the strangest election campaign I have known."

The picture that emerges, therefore, is that of a country ideologically and electorally divided down the middle into two large blocs. Though we cannot predict yet who will be the next prime minister, we can safely say that the distribution of seats in the new Knesset is likely to resemble the distribution in the old one. Thus, Israelis and their supporters around the world are facing a situation in which neither main party will likely win decisively.

Whoever is asked to form the next government will have a difficult task in doing so; and once having done so, in steering a legislative and political agenda through the Knesset. The government and the opposition will form nearly equal halves in a divided whole.

Of course such an outcome will also bear compelling consequences for the Jewish people in the Diaspora. Will we continue to be, as we became, regrettably, after the "handshake" in 1993, an alternate battleground for the parliamentary cut and thrust of Israeli politics?

In the most recent issue of the *Jerusalem Report* the American writer Anne Roiphe observed that the fallout from the transfer of the Knesset debates to the Diaspora has brought harmful, long-term results for Israel: "It is unlikely after the bitter uncompromising attack on the peace process launched by the American Likud supporters that the Jewish political leadership will ever again be strong enough to silence American Jewish opposition to the elected government in Israel."

The CJN agrees with Roiphe's assessment.

Israeli citizens alone are voting. It is they alone who are electing the leaders who will formulate and execute policy. We pray they will vote from conscience and from conviction. This is, after all, the great democratic exercise, the life-sustaining stream coursing deeply through the bedrock of the country's foundation, one of the sources of its great moral strength and of the soaring pride we all feel for this small, astonishing country.

Our love of Israel is not less when we say it is for them – the citizens of Israel – to vote, and for us – the people of Israel – to lend the result honor and respect.

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Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History
May 30th, 1946 Winnipeg born physicist Louis Slotin died in Los Almos, New Mexico, of accidental radiation poisoning after saving the lives of his colleagues by blocking them from radioactive particles. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Slow learner denied access to Jewish schools

My son and many other children like him are being denied entry to the Jewish schools. He is in the category of a slow learner, which means he needs extra support in order to learn what an average child might pick up easily. Does this mean that he should be denied a Jewish education? Does the posuk Torah Tzva lonu not apply to him? I am forced to send him half a day to public school and they have accepted him with open arms, whereas none of the Jewish day schools are willing or able to help him.

The schools claim that they do not have funding to initiate such a project. In reality, the school Zareinu, which has been a great help to my child, has approached most of the Jewish day schools and offered them a teacher and support. It would not have cost a penny. All they had to do was provide a classroom. None of the schools agreed to this.

One notable exception is Shearim, who would be willing to help, except that their expertise is in teaching children with learning disabilities.

I cannot afford a private tutor. In fact most people cannot! Is not the right to a Jewish education open to all Jewish children? Apparently not. My son and others like him are excluded.

I ask the rabbis, principals, school board members, educators and parents to please open your hearts to the many children being denied their Jewish heritage and their G-d given right to a Jewish education.

Daniel Greenwood
Toronto

Deny covenant is a hoax

We read with considerable dismay the letter of May 10 by Joseph Winter saying that the Palestine National Council (PNC) covenant change is a hoax. The facts are quite clear. The PNC voted that "The Palestinian National Charter is hereby amended by cancelling the articles that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the Government of Israel 9-10 September, 1993." Those clauses which called for the destruction of Israel are now null and void.

This action, which was passed by an overwhelming vote of 504-54 heralds a transformation in the relationship between Israel and the Palestinians. That is what they had agreed to do, and they did it — case closed.

Yes, the PNC will be drafting a new charter, but surely this is only obvious, since the previous charter has been so dramatically stripped down. Sometimes one has to take Yes for an answer and get on with the difficult negotiations ahead.

Frank Guttman and Simon Rosenblum
National Co-Presidents
Canadian Friends of Peace Now

No floor of $50,000 on UIA bequests

Your May 16 issue carried a report based on an interview with Shlomo Pollack of Keren Hayesod UIA and Barney Harris of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada, headlined, "UIA launches campaign to line up bequests." There are a few misperceptions I would like to clarify.

The headline itself is somewhat misleading. While bequests are a cornerstone of our Endowment Fund, there are a number of other planned giving opportunities for a donor to consider, such as a gift of life insurance, a charitable gift annuity, a gift of securities or property and a charitable remainder trust. UIA is vitally concerned that our contributors be made aware of all these possibilities.

In the next 20 years it is speculated that a trillion dollars will be transferred in Canada from one generation to another — not from "one Jewish generation to another," as the report contends. If only it were so ...

In the United States, according to the Council of Jewish Federations, only 1,000 of the 55,000 Jews who died in 1993 made a charitable contribution to their federation — not, as stated in your report, "to Israel."

The prospects whom UIA will approach are by no means confined to those who can bequeath $50,000 or more, as asserted in the report. Ours is a people's organization which draws its support from all income levels and is, at its essence, a manifestation of tzedakah from the whole House of Israel.

Barney Harris
United Israel Appeal
Toronto

'Terror in the name of God'

I read with interest the article (May 9) about Simma Holt, author of *Terror in the Name of God.* She outlined the history of the Doukhobors of the Kootenay Valley in British Columbia. I read of their fanatical leaders and the terrorism inflicted upon the community in the name of religion by the trusting but naive adherents to the sect. Bombings, burnings and murders were given religious justification.

The terrorist acts of the Hamas, the Hezbollah, the Goldsteins, the Amirs and their confederates are all adherents of this crazy notion of "Terror in the Name of God."

Will we ever learn that we worship a G-d of justice and compassion, not one of terror.

Martin G. Wolfish
Toronto

WISDOM OF THE AGES
"It is much harder to live a life of freedom and self-rule than to be ruled by others." (Mordechai Kaplan)

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Perspectives

Jews profoundly affected modern thought

By HAROLD SHAPIRO

A reverence for text and ongoing interpretation

One of the great and distinguishing characteristics of modern times has been the organized and systematic pursuit of new knowledge and understanding (i.e., secular learning). Over the past two or three centuries, scholars have looked everywhere, from modern science to ancient texts, in an effort to better grasp the nature, meaning and potential of our life together on this planet. Many leading thinkers in this modern period — from archeology and biblical studies, to politics, to medicine, to physics and beyond — have come from the Jewish community. Indeed, given the small size of the Jewish community, the contributions of Jewish scholars and educators to modern scholarship is quite astonishing.

Certainly, thinkers like Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Albert Einstein have so profoundly affected the nature of modern thought that we can hardly separate their theorizing from our contemporary understanding of scholarship and education. The focus of my remarks, however, will be on somewhat earlier Jewish traditions in education and scholarship.

I want to turn our attention to the impact of ancient Jewish educational ideas, commitments and approaches, and to the contribution of earlier Jewish scholars on the development of modern western scholarship, educational ideals and practices.

It is especially interesting for us to consider what was happening to Jewish education and scholarship when the scholars of ancient Greece were beginning to lay the foundation of modern thought and civilization in the fifth century BCE. It is interesting to note that this flowering of classical civilization coincides — quite closely — with the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, as the Second Temple was being rebuilt and the return from the Babylonian exile had occurred. It was in this period that the Pentateuch was written down in more or less its current form and the public reciting of the Torah began. In other words, in Jewish life, as in Hellenic life, the oral tradition which would eventually culminate in the Midrash and the Talmud was beginning to be replaced.

Some centuries later, as the Roman scholars were articulating the idea of the Seven Liberal Arts, Jewish scholars (after the destruction of the Second Temple) were developing the liturgy we continue to honor and — even more important — translating the Bible into both Greek and Aramaic and developing the Talmud and the bulk of the complex set of ideas and commandments known as the Halachah (the "right" road). It is fair to say, therefore, that just as much of the classical foundation of Western civilization was put in place in the 1,000 years between 500 BCE and 500 CE, so too were the basic tenets of the Judaism we practise today.

It was, of course, also in this period that the Hellenization of the Middle East occurred and — especially after the destruction of the Second Temple — that the Jewish Diaspora took place. Both of these developments brought Jewish scholars into direct contact with different world views and were to have a profound influence — in later years — on the evolution of Western scholarship. For the moment, however, I want to concentrate on some of the early traditions of Jewish education.

The wisdom tradition of Scripture is deeply ambivalent about the value of learning — an ambivalence grounded, I believe, in uncertainty about what is meant by learning. Is it the development of new knowledge or the acquisition of traditional and even sacred wisdom, values and virtues? Is it understanding the meaning of the Lord's word(s) or is it a broader understanding of the natural world we inhabit, developed perhaps independently of the revered and sacred texts? This tension between the status of sacred versus non-sacred sources of wisdom and understanding remains with us to this day.

There can be little doubt, however, that for the early Jewish communities, education was very important — and it focused on how one might live a holy life. This stood in some contrast to many of the branches of Hellenic education (concerned, at least in part, with the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake) or to Roman education (aimed at the development of citizens to lead the state). Jewish education in this early period focused in a primary way on the formation of the individual's character — understood, in a religious sense, as the understanding and observance of the Law of Torah. Its aim, in a very real sense, is not the well-honed intellect but the well-lived life.

This was well summarized by Rabbi Akiva, who, when he was asked, "Which is greater, study or doing?" answered, "Study ... for study leads to doing."

Similarly, listen to the words of the Jewish historian Josephus on the importance and purpose of education: "Our principal care of all is this, to educate our children well; and we think it to be the most necessary business of our whole life to observe the laws that have been given us, and to keep those rules of piety that have been delivered down to us."

In fact, the claim has been made that what is most distinctive about early Jewish educational practice is its unfailing focus on the moral conduct of life. It would not have occurred to early Jewish educational thinkers, or most other scholars from the ancient societies, to ask — as the *New York Times* did recently — "Can schools teach character?" The whole point of education and study was to refine one's character to be as close as possible to the ethical precepts laid out in the Torah.

Although the emphasis on the moral component of life as the true end of education is not unique to the Jews, what is distinctive is the non-secular aspect of this educational understanding and its thorough integration with the full spectrum of the society's practices. While the Greco-Roman philosophies might present competing paradigms of the moral life, Jewish understanding remained unified, solidly grounded in a shared text, focused on all aspects of life, and to that extent, perhaps capable of sustaining fuller elaboration.

Perhaps the next most oft-cited characterization of the education of Jewish people is that they are "a people of *the* Book." In modern times, this has often been used to describe the great commitment of many Jewish communities to education of all kinds — both sacred and secular. We should remember, however, that the deepest Jewish educational traditions focus on *the* Book — the Five Books of Moses — and its meaning for the conduct of our lives both individually and as a community. Indeed, the centrality of the Scripture defines Jewish education. It is hardly too much to say that for most of our history, Jewish education *is* Torah. This absolute focus upon an individual text as embodying and containing society's most important knowledge does in some ways distinguish the Jews from, for example, their Greek contemporaries — but, again, not quite as clearly as we might be tempted to believe.

While education based on the centrality of a single text is not unique in antiquity, the sacral quality of the Jewish belief does render it distinctive. So too, the accompanying emphasis not only on knowing but also on putting into practice the ethical precepts of the text surpasses the claims that most such revered texts make upon a society's members. It would hardly be too much to say that, in traditional Jewish belief, the goal of life consists in living in conformity with our understanding of the text.

Although the words of the Torah provide the foundation for all traditional Jewish learning, rabbinical scholarship has become an intricate part of the resulting edifice; and at the base of all rabbinical learning and education was one of the most astounding works of scholarship ever developed — the Talmud. The complex and fascinating form which the elaboration of and commentary on Jewish law takes — the oral Halachah and Hagadah and ultimately, the written Talmud — has been increasingly recognized by modern scholars as extremely influential on the subsequent traditions of Western practices of reading and of critical thinking itself. The development of the Talmud is a unique story in some ways, although it also shows some affinities with a broader process in Western scholarship that, in this historical era (after the destruction of the Second Temple), generated extensive Homeric and Vergilian commentaries or the exhaustive treatment of the intricacies of Roman law, collected in the Justinian and other digests.

Yet, both the form and the content of the Talmud present striking scholarly innovations. Let me deal with its innovative form, since others are more learned than I in its content. First, we have the establishment of a then quite novel tradition of attributing particular comments to particular scholars — whether they be Rashi, Rashi's pupils, Maimonides or Caro — who over the years had developed insights into the holy Scripture itself, the Mishnah and the Gemara. This is in marked contrast to the Greco-Roman practice of simply noting without attribution: "It has been said." Moreover, the form of the Talmud — the structure of each page — could be considered the first modern "information retrieval system"! It set new standards for the scholarly analysis and presentation of revered and sacred texts.

In addition, we can identify some characteristic modes in which the transmission of early Jewish instruction took place. Clearly, for example, memorization was considered fundamental to training — as we might expect, given the importance of transmitting the oral tradition of the law. Mnemonic devices of various kinds abound in rabbinic texts. To aid in memorization, repetition was considered essential, and repetition with a singsong intonation was an important means of facilitating memorization, so that Rabbi Akiva refers to the daily study of the Torah as "a song each day."

Moreover, a very striking characteristic of traditional Jewish education is that it is a lifelong endeavor, since the study of the Torah is enjoined upon the Jewish male every day of his life. "Jewish education," it has been said, "was as endless and as intricate and as subtle as life itself." (One way in which this was practised in the Babylonian academies was the institution of *kallah* — two months during the year when those who were not normally full-time students would come from all parts of the Diaspora to study texts together.) While the obligation to deepen one's understanding of Torah might be fulfilled simply by private reading, it might also lead to continued attendance in the institutions of higher instruction — a concept of "continuing education" which we are only now reinventing.

Of course, the liturgy of the synagogue, involving as it did the reading and exposition of the law, also provided in a sense ongoing "adult education" and has been called "the first school for adults or popular university." As the practice evolved which resulted in the entire Pentateuch being completed annually in the Sabbath readings, not only young and old but also male and female were instructed in the contents of Scripture.

Within Jewish tradition, the reverence developed for the text and the value accorded its ongoing interpretation and reinterpretation — had a tremendous intellectual significance for posterity. One scholar has even, not implausibly, identified "the interpretation and rewriting of sacred texts" as "the most characteristic feature of the Jewish imagination." In any case, it certainly had a great influence on the development of the tools of scholarly investigation and understanding.

Harold Shapiro is the president of Princeton University.

Opinions

Why all this onesidedness?

By Emil Fackenheim

My last letter was about the Sharm al Sheikh anti-terror summit, deliberately written before the event. Now I am writing about the elections, prior to them, but deliberately so that my reflections will appear the day after it is all over. I am not electioneering.

I missed the previous deadline because I was on a speaking tour which took me to Chicago, New York and Eugene, Ore. I was also in Bloomington, Ind., and Toronto. And nowhere did the papers or journals have a good word — indeed, hardly any word at all — to say about the Likud. It was simply Shimon Peres for peace and Benjamin Netanyahu against it. As if the peace process were peace, and as if criticism of the present approach to peace were hostility to peace itself!

To be sure, the respected *Herald Tribune* carried a picture of Netanyahu, in the same issue that it had Tom Friedman's piece to the effect that a Likud victory would be a disaster, but there was not a single word by Netanyahu, and the picture itself was of him huddling with bearded, black-hatted rabbis. Get it? Those fundamentalist Jewish fanatics again! And the even more respected *New York Review of Books* had a long review of Peres' *Memoirs* by Avishai Margalit, a Hebrew University philosophy professor, in which the latter managed a remarkable feat. He did not mention either that it was Likud that made the first peace with an Arab country, or that it was Labor that almost got the country into disaster in the Yom Kippur War. True, Peres was not at the helm then, but evidently not all virtues for peace and war belong to Labor.

Is there a lesson for us in the fact that it needed Charles de Gaulle to extricate France from Algeria? Probably not, for Algeria never wanted to destroy France. But is there a lesson for us in the fact that it took Menachem Begin to make peace with Egypt? I am not sure, for peace with Egypt was one thing, peace with the PLO is another.

But that is just my point. I am not sure and — I maintain — neither is it possible for anyone else to be sure. Then why all this onesidedness? By the time these lines appear, the die will have been cast. But whatever it is, the peace to come — if come it does — will be neither genuine nor lasting unless Israel's vital interests remain untouched.

No party signed this billboard which depicts Yasser Arafat as a grenade. It reads: "On May 29 we'll take him apart." [RNS]

Uncertainty dominates Likud coalition

By Chaim Herzog

It has been my privilege to participate in every election since the establishment of the State of Israel.

Indeed, on a difficult and violent occasion in 1981, I headed the information campaign for the Labor Alignment, which succeeded in converting 32 seats in the Knesset to 47 seats. Nevertheless, Labor failed to create a government.

There has never been, however, an election campaign in which the voter faced so vital and unambiguous an issue as in these elections. And yet in no campaign can I remember the debate being so uninspiring. Some central parties have gone so far as to ignore the main issues facing the country.

The Likud has adopted a policy of repeating daily, on every occasion, conclusions about the other side's policy, without proving anything and despite the assertion by the opposing party the conclusions are untrue.

There has, indeed, been a general policy of repeating slogans that lack any basis, on the assumption that by dint of repetition they will sink into the public's consciousness.

The political struggle has not been a serious one. Slogans are slogans and nothing more; they cannot replace policies and facts, and it is regrettable that the debate has been dragged down to this level without any real comprehensive debate on the issues.

Labor has presented a detailed plan, which points clearly to the direction in which we are moving, indicating the possible results and stating the price.

And the opposition? It has revealed that the public sincerely desires peace and has come up with a slogan promising Peace with Security.

I can think of no similar example in the history of politics where a slogan like Peace with Security is presented to the public without anyone taking the trouble to explain how it can be achieved. There is simply no argument to base it on, and it is common knowledge that the Likud, unlike Labor, has never seriously debated the issue.

Nobody can point to an internal debate of any standing or significance by the right wing, despite the fact that we are talking about our future in this country.

On the one hand, there is a peace plan now being implemented which has already given Israel special standing in the Middle East and, indeed, throughout the world.

Nothing emphasized this special standing better than the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, which highlighted the achievements of Rabin and Shimon Peres both in the Middle East and on an international scale.

With this policy, we know what we have achieved and in which direction we are moving, with the additional safety valve of a national referendum regarding both the negotiations with the Palestinians and the issue of the Golan Heights.

On the other side, all we hear is the Peace with Security slogan. And all one knows is that the Likud has no intention of continuing the peace process as promulgated by the Labor party.

Surely the nation deserves to know more. Are we planning to send our troops back into Gaza and the West Bank towns or not? Are we returning to the tragedy of the intifadah? Will our soldiers be condemned to patrolling the casbah in Nablus?

Are we going to expand the security zone in Lebanon to the banks of the River Litani, as proposed by Rafael Eitan only recently? Will the Likud talk to Arafat? Will the national priorities return to those of '92?

The only element on the right that is truly unambiguous is Moledet. All the rest have cloaked themselves in vagueness and hidden behind baseless slogans.

The choice facing the voter is clear cut. It lies between supporting a policy which has already brought peace with Jordan and a partial peace with the Palestinians, with every intention of proceeding in the same direction, or opting for a political coalition dominated by uncertainty and very unclear as to its policy.

The nation has to decide on a prime minister. Labor, which has made great strides toward peace, is led by a man to whose qualities I can testify from close cooperation over a period of 50 years.

Shimon Peres has done more than any other leader, apart from his teacher and mentor David Ben-Gurion, to develop and guarantee our technical and military strength and power of deterrence.

He is faced by a loose and unhappy coalition, the different components of which pull in various directions while its leaders endeavor to become "men for all seasons."

I believe that national common sense will prevail.

Goldhagen's thesis

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

By this time, many of you will have read about Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust.* The book is about to be published in Germany where, even prior to its appearance, it has raised a storm of controversy.

The reason is clear: Goldhagen indicts not only the Nazis and their devilish leadership but Germany as a whole. Its culture and history, he holds, pointed to the eventual elimination of the Jews which made it unique in history. I have some personal memories that relate to Goldhagen's thesis.

I was almost 23 years old when I left the country. I finished law school and thus had a complete educational experience in the land of my birth. During the Nazi days, life was of course dreadful, but even before — during the years of my growing up, especially in high school — I remember anti-Semitism as a constant presence. Some of my teachers regularly delivered themselves of thinly-veiled anti-Semitic remarks which the five of us Jewish students in the class understood all too well.

I was the youngest in my class and smaller than most of the other students. A big burly fellow sat directly in front of me. His name was Schulz, and every morning when the bell for the big intermission rang and the teacher had left the room, he turned around, smacked me in the face and said, "This is for you, kike." In retrospect, I wonder why no one ever tried to stop Schultz, or why I never reported it to the front office.

I also remember something else, and it has to do with my home and family. Both paternal and maternal branches had lived in Germany for more than 400 to 500 years; my father had served as a soldier during World War I (fortunately at home only), and that same war claimed two of my uncles' lives. One might think that our long residence in the country and our family's participation in the national enterprise of war would have created in all of us a sense of "Germanness." No such thing: I never heard my father or mother use the expression, "We Germans." We were "Jews in Germany," but not part of its core.

After hundreds of years in the country, we were still an excluded minority. However successful many Jews were in the arts and in business, we were not part of the people, and it wasn't just because we chose not to be. They would not have us. In the 23 years of my life in the country, I never knew a single non-Jew socially and never visited a non-Jewish home.

The Goldhagen thesis claims further that not only was German anti-Semitism pervasive, but that by its virulence it made the elimination of Jews acceptable, if not desirable. The soil was sown for the Holocaust, he says, and it happened in Germany and nowhere else. But this construction underplays other factors that had a major role in its happening: tyranny and war.

Fortunately, the new Germany, despite its occasional xenophobic excesses, has a different flavor and I am confident that it will stay that way.

The Kirshner File

Christian Coalition increases its influence

You're going to have a big, big say about what happens in 1996," prophesied Senator Bob Dole last September

By Sheldon Kirshner

at the Christian Coalition's annual convention in Washington.

Since then, events have proven him right. The Christian Coalition, often described as the most influential grassroots movement in American politics today, has had a decisive impact on the Republican party's presidential nomination process.

Less than a year ago, Dole was just another high-powered politician aspiring to be the Republican standard-bearer who would face President Bill Clinton — the Democratic incumbent — in the November election.

Today, thanks to the Christian Coalition's clout with socially conservative voters during the primary season, Dole is the GOP contender, having outdistanced challengers like Phil Gramm, Lamar Alexander and Patrick Buchanan.

The Christian Coalition — founded by Pat Robertson after his unsuccessful 1988 bid to win the Republican nomination — exerted such influence because religious conservatives represent almost one-third of GOP voters and thus form the largest bloc in the party.

The rise to prominence of the Christian Coalition, the vaguard of the religious right in America, is a development of the utmost concern to the majority of Jews in the United States.

The Christian Coalition, with about 1.5 million members, is vociferously and undeniably pro-Israel. But its socio-political agenda, unveiled in May 1995, has been characterized by most Jewish organizations as an assault on tolerance and pluralism.

Meanwhile, two books written by Robertson in the past six years have drawn sharp criticism. In *The New Millennium*, Robertson suggested that a cabal of liberal and secular Jews have undermined "the public strength of Christianity." And in *The New World Order*, he knowingly or unknowingly disseminated long discredited anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.

A savvy businessman who has a controlling interest in Standard News, NorthStar Entertainment and The Family Channel, Robertson vehemently denies accusations of anti-Semitism. In letters to *The New York Times* and in an article published in *The Jerusalem Report*, he claims that he rejects conspiracy theories and says that he has never intentionally used anti-Semitic code words. Furthermore, Robertson boasts of his support for Israel and points out that he has contributed generously to the United Jewish Appeal and has consistently been "one of the most reliable allies of the Jewish people and the state of Israel."

Why, then, do so many Jews regard Robertson and the Christian Coalition with suspicion and distaste?

Two years ago, the Anti-Defamation League published a booklet accusing the Christian Coalition of promoting intolerance and attempting to breach the constitutional wall between church and state.

Robertson believes that Christianity in America during the past few decades has been subverted by "secular humanism," a catch-all phrase for liberal politicians and educators, the media, Hollywood, gay and lesbian rights advocacy groups, the United Nations, the American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood and the National Organization for Women.

In his view, American society is in a state of moral decay because the historic influence of Christianity has been eroded. "The centres of power in our culture ... are firmly in the hands of secular humanists who are exerting every effort to debase and eliminate Bible-based Christianity from our society," he has observed.

In its official plank, entitled Contract With the American Family, the Christian Coalition implies that harmful societal influences can be combated with a vigorous program of prayer in schools, drastic limits on abortions and transfers of federal funds to religious schools.

These ideas are anything but alien or repulsive to politically conservative and religiously Orthodox Jews, a distinct minority within the Jewish community. Sensing this, the Christian Coalition, whose first Washington legislative director was a Jew, has welcomed Jewish involvement in its activities.

Few are likely to accept the invitation, if only because Robertson and his institutions have been linked to missionary work.

At a prayer meeting once, Robertson reportedly stated that Jews are spiritually deaf and blind, intimating that repentance can be achieved through conversion. And on Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network, a succession of missionaries and Jewish converts to Christianity have appeared on such programs as *Israel and Prophecy*, *Zola Levitt Live* and *Bob Friedman and Friends*, according to a report in *The Forward*.

In an attempt to assuage Jewish concerns, the Christian Coalition, guided by its media-wise executive director Ralph Reed, has adopted a moderate, fence-mending tone of late.

Pat Robertson during his 1988 presidential bid.

Last year, for instance, Reed apologized for past insensitivities to Jews and promised to expunge evangelical references to the United States as a "Christian nation."

Even if the Christian Coalition makes good on these pledges, the fact remains that Robertson has not repudiated *The New World Order* or *The New Millennium*, which are permeated with anti-Semitic insinuations.

In a rigorously argued essay in *The New York Review* last year, Michael Lind analyzed both books and reached the conclusion that Robertson's theories about Jewish bankers and Jewish revolutionaries are central to his warped conspiritorial perspective.

As Lind put it: "Not since Father (Charles) Coughlin or Henry Ford has a prominent white American so boldly and unapologetically blamed the disasters of modern world history on the machinations of international high finance in general and on a few influential Jews in particular."

In light of Robertson's convoluted and potentially divisive theories, one cannot but wonder whether the Christian Coalition will grow still more powerful should Dole defeat Clinton and assume the office of the presidency.

At this point, therefore, I think it is legitimate to ask if Dole is beholden to the Christian Coalition. Given Dole's debt of gratitude to Robertson and Reed for supporting him in the primaries, this is hardly an idle question, now or in the future.

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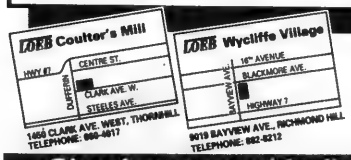

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אם אין קמח אין תורה — די תורה ליגט אין קאַסטן און חכמה — אין קעשענע.

אתה בחרתנו — ניט אומזיסט איז אונדז די וועלט מקנא . . .

בימינך נצח — מיטן קאָפּ אין דער ערד . . .

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בנים גדלתי ורוממתי — האָרעווע פון קינדער׳ס וועגן, שלאָג זיך קאָפּ אין דער וואַנט, **והם פשעו בי** — זאָגן זיי, אַז זיי פאַרשטייען בעסער.

גם זו לטובה — גוט וואָס כ׳האָב כאָטש קינדער, אַנדערע האָבן דאָס אויך ניט . . .

החיים והמות ביד הלשון — אַז גאָט וויל שטראָפן אַ מענטשן, נעמט ער אָפּ ביי אים דאָס לשון . . .

הכל הבל — קרעפּלעך עסן קען אויך נמאס ווערן . . .

המבדיל בין קודש לחול — דער וואָס האָט די קלינגערס, דעם איז וואויל . . .

חזק, חזק ונתחזק — זייט מיר געזונט און שטאַרק און מאַכט וואַרעניקעס . . .

כבד את אביך — מ׳פאָלגט נישט אַ טאַטן, גייען זיי אַליין צום שוואַרץ יאָר און מאַכן אַ תל פון טאַטע-מאַמע . . .

כל דכפין ייתי ויצרך — פאַרן עסן גייט קיין טאַנץ נישט . . .

כל האדם כוזב — וואו ערגעץ אַ צרה דאַרף דאָס טרעפן מיך . . .

לא אמות כי אחיה — אַז ס׳איז נישט באַשערט שטאַרבן, שטאַרבט מען ניט . . .

לא לחכמים לחם — אַלע קענערס גייען אָן שטיוול . . .

לא מעוקצך ולא מדובשך — קריך מיר ניט אויפן בוידעם און דאָס מיר ניט אויפן לייטער . . .

לך לך מארצך — קריך אין זאַק אַריין, האָב חתונה, האָב קינדער און ווער פאַרשוואַרצט אויף דיינע יאָר און טעג, כי לכך נוצרת . . .

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מי ברעש ומי במגפה — אַז ס׳איז באַשערט מוטשן זיך — שענקט גאָט דאָס לעבן . . .

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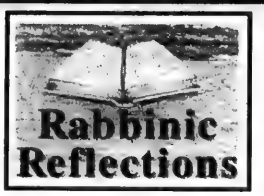


Building a community

By RABBI RON AIGEN

What possible connection could be found in the various topics of this week's Torah portion, Naso, including a census-taking of the Levites, a law of quarantine, a trial by ordeal for the suspected adultress, a regimen for the eccentric and a litany of the gifts brought by each of the 12 tribes for the dedication of the Tabernacle? One thread which seems to weave together these disparate episodes is a lesson on community-building.

We learn from the census-taking who it is that receives status in the Jewish world — the ones who carry the Torah, those, as it were, who carry on the teaching of holiness. From the episode on the quarantine, we learn that there are times when some members must be removed from the community.

From the ordeal of the suspected adultress, the *sotah*, we learn of the irrational emotions which corrode the possibility of true community — suspicion, jealousy and rumors. The antidote to such assaults on intimate relationships, however, is not to revert to a form of religious extremism. From the next episode relating the law of the *nazir*, we learn that although religious asceticism is tolerated, the religious eccentric must offer a sin offering at the end of the term of asceticism. As the rabbis asked, "Are the normal restrictions of Jewish religion not enough that you need to make them more severe?"

The idea of a public ordeal as a means of dealing with sexual morality or entering into a regime of puritanical asceticism may seem somewhat primitive. But the question of how we deal with our passions, which is addressed in these two episodes of Numbers 5 and 6 is an important one. Although the biblical ordeal of the *sotah* is careful to identify God as the one who reveals guilt or innocence and not the magic potion of incantation, we are still left wondering how such an ordeal could actually be effective.

We are given a clue in the Talmud, which reports that this ordeal was abolished by Rav Johanan ben Zakkai prior to the destruction of the Temple because sexual immorality was then so rampant that the ordeal of the *sotah* was no longer effective. We can conclude that this ordeal, like all rituals, can only be effective for those individuals who are willing to take it seriously.

In the final portion of Naso (Numbers 7), we have the presentation of gifts to the Temple by the 12 tribes, each tribe presenting the exact same gift, repeated 12 times in precisely the same words. A better proof text that a religious community demands conformity could not be found. And yet in the previous chapter we read of the episode which legitimates the institution of the *nazir*, the religious eccentric.

This tension between the needs of individuals and the demands of community life is a major issue for all of us today. One midrash (rabbinic legend) helps resolve the dilemma somewhat by suggesting that what we perceive to be uniformity of practice on the part of the 12 tribes is to be understood as a statement of unity of spirit and purpose.

One path to such a unity of spirit might be found in the priestly benediction, the brief interlude which connects these two episodes of the eccentric and the conforming community.

For the sake of peace we should focus our energies as a people upon the blessings that are uniquely ours both individually and collectively. Rather than being angry when others do not conform to our views and particular forms of self-expression, we should seek to strengthen the blessings that are ours. Knowing that each one of us counts in making up the community and that our primary task is to discipline our passions in just and ethical ways, we should celebrate the rich diversity of all our forms of self-expression in order to extend our blessings to all peoples.

Rabbi Aigen is the spiritual leader of Congregation Dorshei Emet, the Reconstruction Synagogue of Montreal.

Thank you, Erma Bombeck

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN
Special to The CJN

When I began writing a family humor column for Jewish newspapers across the country, many people asked me if I could sustain it. They asked if I had enough ideas and enough time. But nobody said that family life, the circle of domesticity, wasn't funny or important enough to be column fodder. Why didn't they? Because of the late, wonderful Erma Bombeck.

Her short, sweet, hysterically funny essays about life at home proved that this genre could matter; they proved that this genre existed.

Thanks to her, it will continue to exist. All of us who generally offer smiles are saddened by her death in April in San Francisco.

She had an enviable gift. She carved the way for many of us who followed her, as humorists, as writers, as women in journalism. And yet her job description was simple. She said her son summed it up when he told his whole school bus that she was a "syndicated communist."

She tossed out gems like that, paragraph by paragraph, zingers other people would have built an entire column around, like the one about how she does so little cooking that her kids send Mother's Day cards to Col. Sanders. Once, she noted that throwing a spontaneous, impromptu party takes about three to four weeks, and requires making the house look as if "it has never been lived in by children." But her three children lived in her house, in her work, in all of our lives because of her vivid ability to share.

The Bombeck column on my mind appears in her book *Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession*. In this essay, Bombeck creates a mother who dies and leaves an individual, long loving letter for each of her three sons, telling each boy in detail why and how he was important in her life.

The first letter starts, "Since this letter is for no one's eyes but yours, I can tell you that I always loved you best." The second letter begins, "You must have suspected, but I will say it anyway. I have always loved you best." And the third letter says, "A mother is not supposed to have favorites, but I have always loved you best." The letters show the mom's insight about each of her sons. The narrative describes the impact each letter has on the boys, including the middle son, who had been left to watch the house one weekend:

When the mother got back, she asked him, "I want to tell me what happened?"

"What makes you think anything happened," he asked.

"The 30 neighbors standing around in their night clothes watching three police cruisers parked on our front lawn and the dog that is wearing my underwear. A lucky guess."

"I had a party."

"According to the police report you had a 746."

"What's a 746?"

"I'll read it to you. 'Blocking off street for a parade without permission. Illegal parking of two Porta-Johns on a carport, holding an assistant principal against his will, and unlawful assembly of 150 people in a house built as a single-family dwelling'."

Why had he been so stupid? All he had to say was "I'm sorry" and she'd have forgiven him, but he couldn't say it. Now, he'd never get the chance. He felt the letter. It was still there. How could she have known him so well?

The column ends at the mother's funeral, with the description of a woman there who, gossiping with a friend, says, "I heard the medical bills took all they had. She didn't leave those boys a thing."

Like many of Bombeck's columns, this one made me laugh and it made me cry. She left us so much. She knew us so well.

Jewish Life

Morality essential in business

By RABBI JAY KELMAN

A story is told that a *shochet* approached Rabbi Yisroel Salanter (19th century Lithuania) and told him that since he was afraid of inadvertently causing others to eat non-kosher food, he was planning to quit and enter the business world. Upon hearing this, Rabbi Salanter exclaimed, "If you're that concerned about religious pitfalls, it would be much safer to remain a *shochet* than to be a businessman."

The Halachah and Business

While being a truly morally observant businessman is difficult, its primacy in Jewish thought is reflected by the fact that the Talmud tells us that the first question we will be asked when we meet our maker after 120 years is whether we were honest in our business dealings. We see that the rabbis of the Talmud viewed the hallmark of an observant Jew as first and foremost his ethical behavior, especially as it related to making a living, and that the practice of the "religious" aspects of being a Jew were of "secondary" importance.

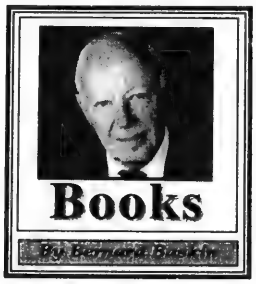
Amongst the myriad of ethical and moral issues that one is confronted with in the business world is the prohibition of *Lifnei iver lo titen michshol* — one must not place a stumbling block before a blind person. The rabbis understood this verse to refer to the offering of advice given in bad faith to an uninformed or "blind" recipient. The determining factor is not whether the advice turns out to be detrimental, nor even whether the advice is actually followed, but whether it was given in good faith. As good faith is not independently verifiable by outsiders, one will only observe this dictum if one is truly a G-d fearing individual.

Professional advisors must therefore be careful when advising clients, especially when they have private interests which even subconsciously can influence the advice they give. Selling a risky mutual fund to a person whom you know to be a conservative investor, in order to gain higher commissions, would be a clear violation of this prohibition. Even when selling a conservative fund, the broker's motivation must be the best interest of the client and not, for example, the potential of earning a trip for having sold the necessary "quota." It would therefore appear incumbent on professional advisors to make full disclosure of *all* the facts, to allow clients to make an informed decision.

Another aspect of *"Lifnei iver"* is the prohibition against aiding and abetting the morally blind by becoming a partner in perpetrating a moral infraction. While applicable in all areas of Jewish law, this problem has particular relevance in a business setting. For example it is axiomatic that one may not cheat on one's taxes, whether by sins of omission (i.e., not declaring income), or sins of commission (smuggling undeclared goods across the border). Helping someone else to cheat on their taxes would be a violation of *Lifnei iver*, for example by shopping in a store or dealing with a contractor when you know taxes will not be paid on your purchase.

This prohibition is not limited to decisions taken by individuals, but also applies to decisions taken by governments or corporations that may hinder the fostering of a proper social, moral or security climate. This forms the basis for government regulation in such diverse areas as liquor consumption, safety standards, highway speed limits to ensure public welfare.

(Jay Kelman is the associate rabbi of Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz in Toronto. He is also a chartered accountant.)



Some fine poetry

Blind Messiah, by Shel Krakofsky (General Distributers, $11.95).

Altar Of The Seasons, by Judah A. Denburg (Mosaic Press, no price ind.).

The Song Of Moses & Other Poems, by Seymour Mayne (Concertina, $6).

Here are some definitions of poetry that I like:

- It is the impish attempt to paint the color of the mind.
- It is the music of thought conveyed to us in the music of language.
- It is the attempt of a sea animal living on land, wanting to fly in the air.

Although hard to write and hard to read, it is heartening that fine poetry is being written and thoughtful readers are available and appreciative. The three slender volumes under review have important things to say and teach about human concerns and Jewish values.

The poems of Shel Krakofsky are accessible, pithy, honest, ironic and playful; a few are visually experimental. His wide-ranging themes consider the paradoxes of Jewish and non-Jewish society and are deftly composed.

In *To An Ailing Friend* the poet offers limited consolation. "Why me? You ask/Why not you? sweet friend/ you'll not reverse the trend/ many are not blessed/ with the miracle of birth/ the living all cursed/ with the miracle of death."

City Farewell presents a familiar scene to anyone who has seen children off to camp, "they lug duffle bags bulging/with more than their ancestors/ packed on boats for entire lives/ as they catch coordinated buses/ for a month or two in Muskoka/ leaving friends behind from/ plainer houses to fight for/ summer jobs in city heat/ they board, reminded only/ to change underwear/ and to write regularly/ a few European grandparents/ on hand to wave and remember/ other synagogue courtyards/ where good byes were exchanged/ forever."

The poems of Judah Denburg — sensuous, thoughtful and sinewy, were written in many places — Rhodes, Naples, Israel, Copenhagen, Geneva. They embody distilled wisdom and summon up a strong sense of time and place.

In *The Law of Kaddish*, the poet asserts, "the reason we must say it together/is that we all need/ each other's pain/ to be transformed/ across desolate hallways/ and above the din/ of wasted prayer/ into a beam of beauty:/ exaltation of sources/ of shared destiny,/ setting sail/ against bitter winds/ of death sweeping swirling/ around our souls."

Nineveh offers a melange of sensuous recollections. "A slurry of red wine, blotted sun,/ and feather ripple of marina water —/ colors in a palate/ of provencal sauces/ evaporate into thin october light,/ oblivious of fanatical/ mediterranean shadows/ demanding my exit/ out of the whalebelly solitude/ of a riviera lunch."

The Song of Moses and Other Poems by Seymour Mayne is a collection of short, poetic narrations by familiar biblical personalities. In *Covenant*, Noah laments, "Who could believe it?/ No rainbow, no/ break of color, no/ sign? Someone's forgotten,/ we reasoned./ And we began to pray/ for the cleaning rains again/ and the waves rising/ to wash our cities —/ friend's and foe's alike —/ with the green tow of return."

Krakofsky and Denburg are physicians in London and Hamilton respectively. Mayne is an Ottawa university professor.

Together they strive, with considerable success, to change our body temperature. For, as Emily Dickenson wrote, "If it makes my whole body so cold that nobody can warm me, I know that's poetry."

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Teen honored

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Naomi Davids, 17, has a special relationship with a resident of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care whom she visits once a week as a volunteer.

"We just visit. We talk. I show her pictures. If it's nice, I take her outside for a walk. Sometimes I walk into her room and she's sad or she's crying, and when I leave she gives me a big smile. It makes me feel like I've done something," says Davids, a final-year student at Ulpanat Orot.

The City of North York recently recognized Davids as an outstanding volunteer by awarding her one of this year's 14 Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Naomi Davids

Since 1991, Davids has put in over 1,000 hours as a volunteer. She began volunteering at Baycrest the summer she turned 13, at the suggestion of a friend.

"I loved it," Davids recalls. At the time, she was spending three days a week with cognitively impaired individuals in fitness and cooking programs.

She continued to go to Baycrest with school friends from Eitz Chaim Day Schools when she was in Grade 8. The girls would sing to residents on Shabbat afternoon.

Before she began visiting the woman she sees now, she visited another resident who died two years after her visits began.

"It was hard," Davids admits, explaining that residents and volunteers develop friendships. "You share a lot of stuff."

Baycrest's Teen Council, the leadership arm of the volunteen program, for which she has served as president, offers support and mentoring to volunteers, in part to deal with situations like the death of a resident, but Davids didn't take advantage of it when "her" patient died.

Davids is also involved in a leadership capacity with National Conferency of Synagogue Youth, as president of its central chapter, and at her school as one of two leaders of the school choir.

Children deserve dignity, respect, says rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Children must be treated with dignity and respect, while at the same time, they must be taught to treat others that way as well, Rabbi Paysach Krohn, a lecturer and author, said recently, couching his message in parables and jokes.

Rabbi Krohn was speaking at the third annual Sam and Sarah Kerzner memorial lecture of Eitz Chaim Schools, held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

Teachers and parents who teach their children Torah values "are the real stars of their generation," he said. When a home and a school are imbued with love of Torah and kindness towards others, then children will automatically also show those qualities, he said.

Rabbi Krohn slammed "dirty ads" and immoral television programs as "works of Amalek." (Amalek is the traditional archenemy of the Jewish people, dedicated to their downfall.)

"Amalek is not letting us transfer our *midos* (good character traits) to the next generation," he said.

Adults, he stressed, can only transfer Torah by treating children with dignity and care.

Rabbis and rebbes (teachers) "must be put on a pedestal," he said, and never criticized in front of the children. "If you speak of them with scorn, how can you expect your children to go to them if they have problems?"

Don't make your home "a place of terror," he advised, quoting a study which showed that 19 out of

Rabbi Paysach Krohn

20 messages a child hears at home are negative.

"If you can't get it together to be ready for Shabbat, how can you yell at your kids for leaving their homework until the last minute? And what's the point of shouting, 'Don't get killed on your bike'? Do you think kids go out intending to get killed?"

If you must criticize your children (or anyone else), he said, don't use harsh or embarrassing labels. "You will forget what you called them in two minutes — they will remember it all their lives."

Let children feel they are growing up, he said. Give them the chance to make mistakes.

If children see stress and strife in the home, "they will lose faith in the structure of their lives." While acknowledging that divorce is necessary at times, "don't think for a minute that it doesn't affect the kids," he warned.

Teach your children to feel the pain of those who have less good fortune, ability or capability than they do, he said.

When a husband goes out in an evening to study, or a wife goes to work with the *chevra kadisha*, the spouse shouldn't complain, the rabbi said. "The husband or wife will go anyway — but the children won't, because they will see that it leads to strife."

Remember most of all, he said, that one day "we will all have to answer before G-d."

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Moishe Korolnek. Divrei Torah were given by Eitz Chaim students Sarit Wokenstein and Tzvi Lewis.

Sam and Sarah Kerzner were praised by Harry Korolnek for their long-standing involvement in charitable work, especially in being one of the founding families of Eitz Chaim.

The Kerzners' son, Joseph, who established the lecture series, brought greetings.

In an interesting fundraising technique, tapes of Rabbi Krohn's speech were being sold in the synagogue foyer a few minutes after the program ended.

Baycrest fundraiser planned

TORONTO — Getting the chance to wear an 18-karat gold necklace valued at $21,000 brings a smile to Mimi Greenspoon and Susan Fenwick, this year's co-chairs of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care's annual gala.

A chance to win this glittering gold piece donated by Royal de Versailles Jewellers is one of the many good reasons to attend Baycrest's biggest fundraiser of the year on June 10 at the Sheraton Centre Grand Ballroom.

"We are inviting the community to be Scene at Le Cirque, says Greenspoon. "The theme suggests an odyssey into mystery and excitement, which is what we're offering our guests."

Guests can be part of it for $125 a ticket. Once inside, they'll enjoy dining and dancing, a casino and a live and a silent auction.

Everyone will have a chance to win the fabulous door prize — two Air Canada tickets to any scheduled worldwide destination. There is also a one-week package for two at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cayman Island. Other prizes await those who buy one or many tickets for the Bizarre Balloon Bust sponsored by Hazelton Lanes.

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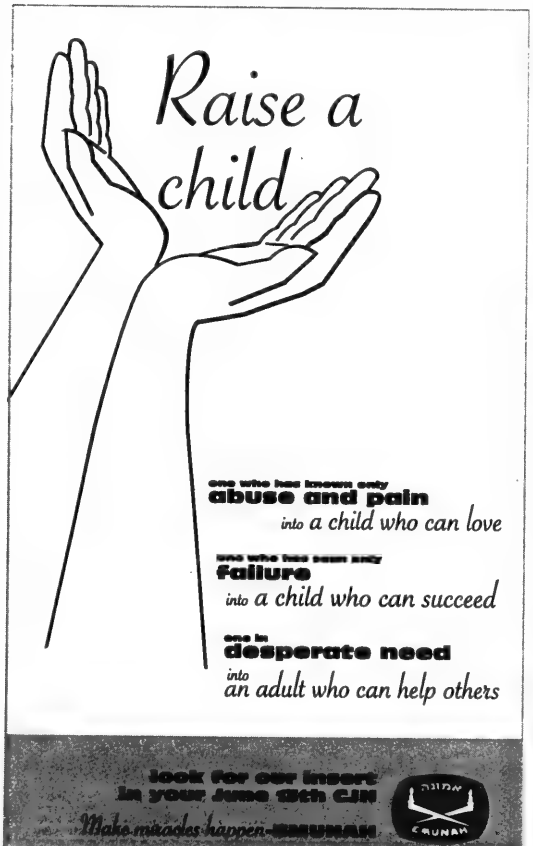

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Greater Toronto Area

March of the Living stirs intense emotions

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The pain of seeing barracks and old shoes at a concentration camp site in Poland juxtaposed with the elation of celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut at an army base in Israel with 6,000 others caused participants in the 1996 March of the Living to experience a roller-coaster of emotions.

So intense was the range of emotions that most agree it will take some time to sort through their experiences and process them in their minds.

"I think differently about things since I've come home." said Mindy Morris. "My days on the march were jam packed and a lot of things didn't hit me until we returned to Canada. Sometimes now, I think back on things and cry. It hits me at odd hours."

At a recent gathering of the youth and two of the three Holocaust survivors, Anita Eckstein, Norman Ziegler and Henry Melnick, who accompanied them on the march, all agreed that pre-trip orientation and knowledge they had of the Holocaust could not have prepared them for their visit to a concentration camp.

"When we got to Majdanek and I saw the barracks full of empty shoes, I realized each shoe represented a person," said Zena Haberman. "I took my shoes off and walked barefoot because I had to feel each person. In a paradox of emotions, when I told my friend what I had done, she said that she had danced around in her shoes because she was so happy to be wearing them. What unnerved us was that Majdanek was completely intact — it could become fully operational within 24 hours."

On a positive note, when the group was dancing and singing Israeli songs in front of a Krakow synagogue, a group of Polish school children joined in. "The kids were young and didn't know that we were Jewish, but the teacher certainly knew and she allowed them to dance with us," said Bryan Gerson.

They talked about one anti-Semitic incident, in which Jesse Kaufman was hit by a rock, but agreed that it was important not to focus on anti-Semitism.

"We have to focus on the great experience of the trip and not the few negative incidents. We really came away positive about Poland's Jewish community. It is constantly growing and since the fall of communism, there are Jewish day schools, a Jewish newspaper and a Jewish summer camp. This encouraged us greatly," Laura Bogomolny said.

"We think that there is anti-Semitism in Poland, but hopefully it is caused by ignorance rather than blind hatred and ignorance can be cured. A lot of the hate is not the fault of this generation — many have grown up without ever having seen a Jew. There is a vocal minority, but we think it will get better," added Jesse Gold.

Ziegler, a native of Poland, said bitterly that the hatred of Jews has been perpetuated for generations and "is fed to them with their mother's milk."

Eckstein, however, urged people not to generalize. "I was saved by a Polish family during the war and on this trip I met the daughter of that family. She came from Warsaw especially to meet the marchers."

Barbara Bank, a co-chair of the march, said that in Poland, the students became "witnesses to a lost world and gained memories of countless faces. They have liberated ghosts and therefore they are always responsible to remain tied to the memories."

Roz Davidson, also a march co-chair, expressed faith that the youth would carry on the message of tolerance.

Landing in Israel, most agreed, enabled them to push memories of Poland aside for awhile. "When the plane hit the ground I was more elated than I had ever been. I breathed in the air of Israel and from that second, I knew that was where I wanted to live," said Rae Brager.

Erica Singer lights a Yizkor candle on the steps of Majdanek concentration camp in Poland. [Rosemary Goldhar]

"We celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut at Latroun, an army base in Jerusalem, and when we danced and sang in the amphitheatre, we could look up and see the whole theatre filled," said Jesse Gold.

"Going to Yad Vashem, however, made us realize we'd seen Poland and the concentration camps," said Gold. "Having been there put a whole new perspective on things. I experienced part of their experience and I saw everything in a new light. It was more painful. Yad Vashem brought us back to Poland. The Valley of the Lost Communities lists European cities and cites how many Jews lived in each one. We saw the names of cities we had visited — it was overwhelming."

Ziegler, who said he had prepared for the trip with mixed emotions, could not praise the youth enough for their support and encouragement.

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Israel will host a special ceremony on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 201D on the Main Floor of the Convention Centre to celebrate the **First Day of Issue** of its Official CAPEX '96 Showcard. This Israel Postal Authority salute to CAPEX '96 reproduces the designs of both the recent **Canadian and Israeli Holocaust Remembrance** postage stamps. This ceremony is open to the public and free of charge.

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Thursday, May 30

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Sunday, June 2

JEWISH CHAMBER CHOIR

Second annual concert of Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir, under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, with compositions dating back to 12th century through classical period to songs recalling recent historical events, including **John Weinzweig's** *Am Yisroel Chai* and **Robert Starer's** *Ariel*. Accompanist is **Nadya Adler**. 8 p.m., Ford Centre for Performimg Arts. $12 at box office or call **Sharon** 785-8747.

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USY RUMMAGE SALE

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Shachar chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO garage sale of children's clothes, toys, games, custom jewelry, books and more, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 52 Livingstone Rd., Thornhill.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast, installation of board and officers, scholarship awards presentations. Guest speaker **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, director, Toronto Board of Jewish Education. Service 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30, lecture at 10.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling at Beit Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m. All welcome to listen and tell. $3. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts 440-1330.

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Thornhill Study Group chapter of National Council of Jewish Women multi-family garage sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 38 Purdon Dr., Willowdale. Proceeds to NCJW.

NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA

Bloor JCC presents A Night of Nostalgia with Squirt (**Murray Tonkin**), 8 p.m., $20. Tickets at Bloor JCC or BJC. 924-6211.

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Mosham Noam Co-op, 525 Lawrence Ave. W., celebrates its first anniversary, 4 p.m. Opening ceremony by president **Gail Puder**. RSVP 780-1233.

HABONIM BREAKFAST

Congregation Habonim closing meeting for the season, with stories and songs of Israel by **Ritasue Charlestein Fisher**, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Breakfast and lecture $6.

Monday, June 3

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is presenting Volunteer Recognition Awards in five categories: Active Service (five awards), Male Volunteer, Corporate Good Citizen, Award of Distinction. Guest speaker is **Taylor Hogge**, volunteer extraordinaire from Philadelphia. 7:30 p.m. Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

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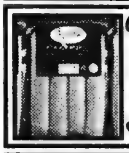

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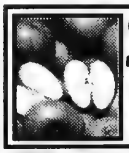

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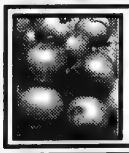

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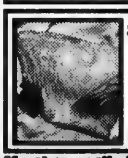

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What's New

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Wednesday, June 5

JEWISH BOOK AWARDS

The 1996 Jewish Book Awards, 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Guest speaker Canadian actor **Marilyn Lightstone** reads from award-winning publications. 636-1880, ext. 299.

THE ISRAEL ELECTIONS

Prof. David Goldberg, York University, discusses The Israel Elections: Their Implications for the Peace Process at New Fraternal Jewish Association, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, annual Volunteer Recognition Evening, 7:30 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Guest speaker **Dianne Cunningham**, minister responsible for women's issues. Special tribute paid to outstanding accomplishments of Soviet Jewry committee.

ISRAEL TODAY

At the Romanian Lodge Dr. W. Filderman open meeting, **Lew Schor** speaks on Israel Today, 7 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St.

Thursday, June 6

NEW MOMENT

The Newman Centre, the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Toronto, lecture on The New Moment in Catholic-Jewish Relations by **His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler**, Archbishop of Baltimore, 8 p.m., Chapel of Newman Centre, 88 St. George St. 979-2468.

And What Else Is New...

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

The Women's Rosh Chodesh celebration committee of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's third annual *siyum* on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, Tuesday, June 18. Registration 6:30 p.m., dinner at 6:45. $20, prepaid registration by Monday, June 10. Following dinner and Minchah, lecture by **Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitz** (approximately 8:15). Shul office 789-3213.

THE MIA PHONE-OUT

On May 13, Jewish teenagers participated in The MiA Phone-out. For the entire day, approximately 100 teens locally and 1,000 teens internationally, did not use the phone, in solidarity with four Israeli MiAs: **Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz, Ron Arad**, missing for over 10 years and possibly still alive. Program was organized by USY (United Synagogue Youth) and the Eastern Canadian region. The phone-out was accompanied by a letter writing campaign.

PROJECT SARAH

Project Sarah is a new training program for private in-home care providers. Jewish Family & Child Service is now interviewing candidates for this series which begins June 3. 636-1880, ext. 282.

STUDY GROUP

New study group at Richmond Hill Country Shul meets Mondays in June at 8 p.m. led by **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. Subject: Pirkei Avot (Jewish Ethics). No admission fee. 905-770-4191.

SJA B'NAI MITZVAH

Secular Jewish Association b'nai mitzvah (and reception), Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Limited seating. RSVP **Lynn** or **Marty** 905-889-8979.

REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan Shabbat services at Bloor JCC: Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.; Friday, June 14, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.; Friday, June 28, 7:15 p.m.

JEWISH STUDIES

June 9-10, the Chair in Canadian Jewish Studies of Concordia University and Centre for Jewish Studies at York University host a major conference at Concordia entitled A Heritage in Tradition: Jewish Studies in Canada. **Prof. Ira Robinson,** 514-848-2066.

DANCE-A-THON

Dark to Dawn Simchah Dancing for women of all ages, *motza'ei Shabbat*, June 8, 10:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue (BAYT), 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill, sponsored by BAYT sisterhood. Dance instructors **Tziona Derman, Vera Elzas, Devora Fleischmann, Chaya Skaist**. $15 in advance, $20 at door (includes all-night dance instruction and dance-a-thon T-shirt. 905-886-3810.

A TASTE OF JUDAISM

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning has a free three-week course for those looking to reconnect to their Jewish roots and explore the "whys" of Jewish belief. Beginners only. Classes in Greater Toronto area including Mississauga, beginning first week of June. 905-764-1329.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service:

Divorce It's Not My Idea, for individuals for whom separation was an unwanted event (feelings of loss and grief, responding to anger/depression, new relationships with children and friends). **Elinor Gertner**, 905-882-2331.

When You're About to Separate, What to Tell the Kids, Thursday, June 6, 7 p.m. Promenade office, Promenade Mall, 3rd floor. Elinor Gertner.

For Women Only, personal growth experience. Daytime group. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

DAY AT THE RACES

D. Lou Harris chapter of Akim, in support of mentally handicapped youth of Israel, Day at the Races Buffet Luncheon, Friday, June 21, Woodbine Race Track. $40. Men required to wear jackets. Meet at Shaarei Shomayim. Bus leaves 11:15 a.m. sharp. 782-0923.

ARTS PLUS '96

Arts Plus '96 program at Koffler Centre for ages 8-14, offers visual and performing arts (music, dance, drama, puppetry, mask making, drawing, painting and more), four weeks in July and four weeks in August, with public performance at Leah Posluns Theatre at end of each four-week session. 636-1880, ext. 359 or 273.

For Seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Sunday, June 2, Shavuot party, 7:30 p.m., live music, dancing, light dinner with wine, members $8, non-members $10. Reserve 630-6771 or 661-4689. Thursday, June 6, 7 p.m., **Avner Meiri** presents his book *Waters of Babylon*, a collection of short stories, followed by movie about **Gen. Moshe Dayan**.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Monday, June 3, Thornhill Square Mall, $2; Wednesday, June 5, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls; June 18-20, Ottawa and Gatineau Hills; Wednesday, June 26, Stage West for *Lend Me a Tenor*; Wednesday, July 10, Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village; Wednesday, Aug. 7, *Phantom of the Opera*. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Travelogue on China, **Stan Witkin**, Monday, June 3, 1 p.m.; Big Creek Boat farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; ArtPark for *A Chorus Line* Aug. 1; Catskills Homowack Hotel Aug. 4-11 (all Inclusive). **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23 inclusive and day trip to Stage West for *Lend Me a Tenor*, Wednesday, June 26. Day trip to 30,000 islands from Midland planned for mid-August. 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

The BJC and Bernard Betel trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, Aug. 6-12, twin occupancy $870 per person, single $1,050. **Barbara Zigler**.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) presents For Women Only! Who Says You Are Obsolete? with social worker **Gilda Jubas** and **Dr. Sandra Samuels**, Monday, June 3, 1-3 p.m. Register at Information Desk.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre features Food for Thought, a day-long celebration of active living and healthy eating, Thursday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Low Vision Support Group, Tuesday, June 4, 1:30-3 p.m.

Etrog Israeli cultural club is screening a movie Wednesday, June 5, 7 p.m. **Anna**.

Wednesday social June 5 presents entertainment by **Faye Kellerstein** 1:30 p.m.

Movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, Sunday, June 2, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to music of Creative Band Sunday, June 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

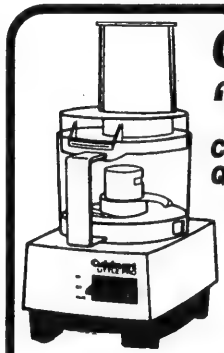
at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC Good Age Club walk to Bata Shoe Museum Tuesday, June 4, 2 p.m. and film in Yiddish, *The Cantor's Son* with **Moishe Oysher**, Thursday, June 6, 2 p.m. **Judy** 924-6211.

Serve up a winner! Join the BJC Tennis Club. **Grant Smith** 636-1880, ext. 374.

JERUSALEM 3000 SPONSOR LUNCHEON

Pictured at the State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division, Jerusalem 3000 Sponsor Luncheon honoring Wendy Eisen, held at Beth Tzedec Congregation are: standing (from left) Sheila Masters, Tammy Litwack Brown, Tiana Koffler Boyman, Gloria Lepofsky, event co-chair; Carole Herman Zucker, event co-chair; Yetta Randall; Cheryl Jackson; Rose Shapiro, Women's Division director; and Gina Brown. Seated (from left) Wendy Eisen, honoree; and Dodi Weill, Women's Division chair. [Rosemary Goldhar photo]



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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Group, 35-55 (Bathurst and Wilson) invites you to a Sunday Brunch, June 2, 1996 at 11:30 a.m. with guest speaker Andrea Moses, MSW and noted author, from the Powerbase Performance Group. Topic: "Meeting Mr./Mrs. Right" - with the focus on what is behind your romantic attraction and much more. $8.00 prepaid reservations at the synagogue office (416) 635-5340. Deadline is Fri., May 31 - 2:30 p.m. $10. at the door. Visa accepted. For reservations call the synagogue office and for further information contact Rabbi Sheldon Korn, (416) 635-5340.

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Large Singles Night, Fri., May 31, 8:30 p.m. Ages 30-55. Nightclub Hava Nagila, 1118 Centre St. $13 incls. one alcohol drink.

New Image 50 + Singles is having a Mix and Mingle on Sun., June 2, at Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Tapes by Murray Jacobs. Refreshments. Members $2, non-members $3. **Trip to Granit Sun. Aug. 4- Mon. Aug. 12.**

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Manhattan Project scientist describes his switch to pacifism

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — He was given a standing ovation at the start of his address and another at the conclusion.

In between Joseph Rotblat recounted his experiences as a scientist working on the Manhattan Project, the United States' effort to construct the world's first atomic bomb in the 1940s, and the moral decision he made to withdraw from the project and become a self-proclaimed "man of peace."

Rotblat, who along with the Pugwash movement has been awarded the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, told about 200 appreciative listeners at a University of Toronto lecture hall that he became a pacifist because of "the threat to human life on our planet" posed by nuclear weapons.

He said he joined the Manhattan Project out of fear that Hitler would get the A-bomb first and the free world would not have a deterrent. Later he realized that the concept of mutual deterrence was flawed, because it rested on an underlying assumption that world leaders would act rationally.

He said he also grew disillusioned by the wartime statement of Gen. Leslie Groves, who headed the Manhattan Project, saying that the bomb's target would not be Germany, but Japan. Rotblat said he realized then that its prime purpose was to intimidate the Soviets in the post-war world.

In 1955, Rotblat joined Albert Einstein and Bertrand Russell in signing a manifesto renouncing war and since then, he has campaigned to make the world nuclear free. He has met other scientists at Pugwash, N.S., where peace issues were discussed, and he has focused in particular on fellow men of science, appealing to their social conscience not to participate in devising deadly military technologies.

While Rotblat focused his speech almost exclusively on the dangers of nuclear war, he did not discuss recent arms limitation agreements between the superpowers nor the possibility of the proliferation of nuclear weapons to rogue states like Iran or Iraq.

Instead, he suggested the prospects of a nuclear-free world were bright and that he expected it to come early in the next century.

Rikudiyah dance festival draws over 400 students

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When the first Toronto Rikudiyah, the Israeli folk dance festival for children, was held 25 years ago, 40 children from three schools participated.

Last week 400 students from 18 Hebrew schools participated, and 1,100 spectators attended Rikudiyah '96, which was held at the main gymnasium of York University. This year's theme was Jerusalem 3000 with the festival taking place on erev Yom Yerushalim.

Rikudiyah which is sponsored by the Koffler Centre of the Arts — Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education (BJE) is the brainchild of Teme Kernerman, who has been its artistic director since it began.

"Israeli dancing is part of our heritage. It's part of the whole culture. I wanted to get it into the schools," she said. "It's now pretty firmly planted. A lot of day and supplementary schools participate."

Kernerman, a recipient of the Ontario Arts Council award for her contribution to folk dancing in 1991, is the coordinator of senior adult services and folk dancing at the BJC, as well as the director/choreographer of the Chai Dancers, a group of seniors who also performed at Rikudiyah '96.

At Rikudiyah is (back row, from left) Tasha Gordon-Solomon, Joseph Heller, Jonathan Klein, Yoni Silverman, (front row, from left) Daniel Heller, Caroline Shedletsky and David Gurau. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

The festivities began with the blowing of the shofar by Dr. Ira Schweitzer, director of education at Temple Sinai. As each school was welcomed individually, the students marched onto the floor through a gate of Jerusalem which they had created especially for this event.

Kernerman researches and creates dances to fit the particular theme of each Rikudiyah. She then visits the schools to teach the dances to the teachers prior to the performance. All the schools perform the dances simultaneously on the floor with their teachers.

This is a performance without the pressure of performing, she said. "The important thing is to give them [the children] the exposure, let them enjoy it."

Two schools, Bialik Hebrew Day School and United Synagogue Day Schools (USDS), each sent dance troupes who gave their own special performances.

Other schools participating in the festival included Associated Hebrew Schools, B'nai Shalom Hebrew School, the Downtown Jewish Community School, Bet Sefer Solel, Holy Blossom Temple, Temple Sinai Religious Schools, Temple Har Zion Religious School, Temple Kol Ami, Richmond Hill Hebrew School, Leo Baeck Day School, Hamilton Hebrew Academy, and The Dr. Abraham Shore She'arim Hebrew Day School. Three branches of both USDS and Associated took part.

Kernerman is already working on the theme of next year's Rikudiyah, she says. "It's a labor of love. Israeli dance is my link with Israel."

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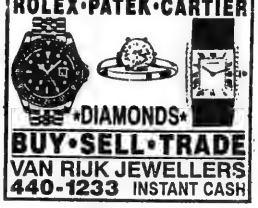
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UJA unveils campaign preview

It was a taste of the Campaign to come, with new gifts as the main course.

UJA Federation's Campaign '97 Leadership Launch last week focused on the importance of attracting new contributors in order to meet multiplying needs.

Last year, 9,000 donors subscribed to the Three Year Vision by pledging for each of 1996, 1997 and 1998. With so many contributors making a three year commitment, there's more time this year to reach out to new donors.

Campaign Chairman David Goldstein and Michael Daren, the Campaign Vice-chairman with David Engel, stressed the way in which new contributors can preserve the strength and vitality of Toronto's Jewish community. They also described UJA Federation as the embodiment of the community's values.

Talking Shop. Jewish Womens Federation President Jill Reitman with former UJA Federation Women's Campaign Chair, Barbara Bank.

Art Benjamin, Chair of the Internet Steering Committee, gave a brief presentation about Jewish Toronto, the Federation's web site.

Mike Rosenberg, Co-Chair of UJA's Societies Division, makes a point at a Leadership Launch strategy session.

UJA Campaign Vice Chairman Michael Daren.

Campaign Chairman David Goldstein called UJA "the greatest Campaign on earth."

Rhonda Levy shares a laugh with Heather Scott (middle) and Penny East, Co-Chairs of UJA's Marketing Division.

Money talk. Accountants Eldon Moses (l), Stephen Altbaum (middle), and David Green (r), Co-Chair of UJA's Major Gifts Division.

Gary Grundman and Rosanne Ain are spearheading efforts to attract new donors as New Gifts Co-Chairs.

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Community Matters

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO

– A Year in Review –

From the President

For the Federation, as for most of Ontario, last year was dominated by provincial spending reductions. The Queen's Park budget cuts created new funding pressures and compelled us and our beneficiary agencies to reassess the way in which we operate.

Altered government financial priorities have not only profoundly affected agency services, they have increased the urgency of Financial Resource Development, which brings together all our fundraising efforts. Never before has integrated fundraising been so important. Never before has the need for fundraising been so acute.

Over the next 18 months, we will be embarking on unprecedented campaigns to raise our consciousness about community and what is required for our future financial health. At the same time, we have an obligation to closely examine the duplication of community services and move toward integration, wherever feasible.

These new financial realities offered the Federation an opportunity to engage in dialogue and build coalitions with other ethno-cultural and faith communities, facing similar circumstances.

The fiscal face of the community was not the only thing that changed. The Israel-Diaspora relationship underwent a transformation as well. We recognized the need for a genuine partnership with Israel. Through missions, such as Mission 3000 - the largest in Canadian history - retreats and Project Renewal, so many members of our community experienced a shared sense of achievement with our brothers and sisters in Israel and around the world.

It was a year of firsts in other ways. The Action Committee for Jewish Continuity, led by Les Klein, pioneered

$100,000 in grants for innovative and exciting continuity projects, with another round scheduled for later this year. The Commission on Jewish Education, chaired by Bev Lyons, issued a comprehensive report after an exhaustive study of our community's educational resources.

Last year, we dramatically expanded our communications and marketing efforts to let our community members know the extent to which the Federation touches all our lives and to encourage increased participation in our work.

None of this would have been possible without a team of volunteers and professionals whose skill and commitment are not only boundless but often beyond description. To them I extend my thanks. They are the assurance of a magnificent future for our remarkable community.

Sandra Brown

FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Financial Resource Development (FRD) unites all streams of community gift giving. Our objective is to preserve the remarkable Jewish quality of life in our community and ensure uninterrupted support for essential projects in Israel and Jews in distress around the world. FRD coordinates fundraising from all possible sources, with special attention to donor needs and wishes. United Jewish Appeal and the Federation's Bequest and Endow-ment Fund are the two most significant components of FRD.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Charles Gold and Carol Kassel, Co-chairs
Marlene Axmith, Women's Campaign Chair

United Jewish Appeal has been the Federation's primary fundraising arm, through the annual campaign.

In 1995, UJA undertook an unprecedented approach to community fundraising - The Three Year Vision. Thirty percent of our contributors - more than 9,000 donors - committed themselves to gifts, not only for 1996, but for 1997 and 1998 as well. As a result, we have a strong financial foundation with which to start the 1997 Campaign. In addition, the success of the Three Year Vision gives us time to reach out to new contributors.

Last year, the Women's Campaign raised $3.8 million of total UJA Federation contributions. Outreach, especially to new contributors is one of the Women's Campaign's critical elements.

UJA Federation is faced with multiplying Jewish needs both here and overseas; needs that require the broadest possible participation by community members in our fundraising efforts.

BEQUEST & ENDOWMENT FUND

Paul Morton, Chair

The Fund provides permanent financial resources, which are prudently invested to meet community needs.

Gifts to the Fund are generally made by cash, a bequest in a will and through life insurance, securities or assets that can be turned into cash.

The Fund sponsors scholarships for Jewish students in post-secondary institutions and for Jewish communal professionals. It also conducts a yearly seminar for hundreds of practitioners in accounting, law and estate planning.

ONTARIO JEWISH ARCHIVES

Cyrel Troster, Chair

The Ontario Jewish Archives, which preserves the history of Jewish Ontario:

- served over 900 researchers from across Canada, the US, Israel, Europe and South America
- completed cataloguing records of the JIAS Toronto office
- received a grant from the Canadian Council of Archives
- acted as a resource for exhibitions at Baycrest, Beth Tzedec and Shaarei Shomayim, as well as for television productions on TVO, The Women's Network and Rogers Cable

BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Joseph M. Steiner, Chair

The Board administers subsidies to Jewish school students whose families cannot afford full tuition fees, organizes professional development programs for teachers and administrators, operates a library on educational topics, an audio visual department and Teacher Creativity Centre. In 1995 BJE:

- expanded its teacher certification programs through the Midrasha L'Morim (Jewish Teachers Seminary)
- coordinated the highly successful annual Choir Festival (Zimriya), Dance Festival (Rikudiya), National Bible Contest and Jewish Book Month Creative Writing Contest
- initiated day-long conferences for supplementary school personnel and day school educators
- served as a clearing house for schools seeking personnel and professionals seeking employment in Jewish schools.

DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Francie Storm, Chair

The department recruits, trains, places and provides ongoing development for community volunteers and professionals.

During the past year, HRD:

- interviewed and referred over 100 volunteers to positions with in our affiliated agencies and schools
- welcomed over 400 Jewish new borns into the community
- convened the forum of agency and school presidents
- delivered leadership development programming opportunities to emerging leaders
- conducted a variety of professional education programs
- conducted several presentations on Federation to boards of agencies and schools
- took significant steps towards integration of HRD and UJA activity

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Eleanor Getzler, Chair

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee is committed, first and foremost, to preserving the Shoah's place in history. To accomplish this essential goal, the Committee strongly emphasizes anti-racism education. Highlights of activities of this past year include:

- the 10th anniversary of the Holocaust Education & Memorial Centre of Toronto
- the launching of the Holocaust Resource Centre with its hi-tech multimedia equipment and extensive library
- seminars for more than 1600 students and teachers
- 20,000 student visitors to the Holocaust Centre
- annual Holocaust Education Week and Yom Hashoah community programs

COMMUNITY PLANNING & ALLOCATIONS

Alan Sandler, Chair

Community Planning & Allocations (CP&A) addresses a wide variety of community needs through planning, policy setting, program development, budgeting and evaluation. Highlights of CP&A's work include:

- awarding of a significant number of outreach grants to fund innovative continuity programs in the community
- establishing a consortium of Israel Experience purveyors to develop and coordinate activities and trip promotion
- developing a Transition Fund to assist agencies in restructuring to meet the constrained fiscal environment
- creating a new committee, chaired by Lou Greenbaum, to look at communal infrastructure needs in York Region
- placing a Federation web site on the Internet

JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Jill Reitman, President

Jewish Women's Federation is the umbrella organization for nearly 50 diverse Jewish women's volunteer organizations. Together with Women's Campaign of UJA, it helps provide outreach to newcomers to Toronto through the *Shalom Toronto* Program and to promote Jewish continuity through the *Timeless Treasures* learning series. The activities of the Social and Political Action portfolio and the Community Response Project sensitize the community to issues of concern to Jewish women, and help to empower individuals and organizations to respond.

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UJA Federation: A Year in Review

Award Winners to be Honoured at Annual Meeting

Ben Sadowski Award of Merit

The Ben Sadowski Award is presented annually by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to an outstanding community leader.

This year's recipient is JACK CHISVIN, former President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and National President of Canadian Technion Society.

Jack's longtime involvement with UJA Federation includes fundraising, the Board of Jewish Education, UJA's Board of Directors and Chairing the UJA Federation By-law Committee. He has devoted much of his time to Jewish education as a member of the Commission on Jewish Education and was awarded an honourary fellowship by Technion University in 1988.

In addition to his current position as President of Canadian Technion Society, Jack serves on the Board of the Canada Israel Committee, the Council of Jewish Federations and the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Leadership Development Awards

These annual awards were established to encourage the assumption of community leadership roles by young men and women. They are presented to those who demonstrate extraordinary community commitment and service.

HEATHER MILSTEIN is a social worker with the Children's Aid Society of Metro Toronto and a member of the Jewish Camp Council Board.

As a graduate of UJA Federation's Leadership Development Program, Heather has continued to be an active UJA canvasser and strong supporter of a wide variety of UJA Federation activities. She is the 1997 campaign Co-chair of the UJA Federation's Young Professionals Network and currently serves on the Leadership Development Program Committee of UJA Federation's Human Resource Development Department.

ROBERT FURMAN is a chartered accountant who has been the President of Toronto Jewish Immigrant Aid Services since 1994. A graduate of the Young Leadership Development Program, Robert co-chaired UJA Federation's Accountants Division and served on the Federation's Integration Sub-committee and the Council of Jewish Federation's Task Force on Immigration Planning.

Shem Tov Awards

These awards are presented annually to leaders representing the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service to Toronto's Jewish Community.

KAREN CHISVIN
Bloor Jewish Community Centre
Karen, a Leadership Development Graduate, has volunteered in the Jewish community for the last 13 years. She is the Immediate Past President of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre and sits on the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Board of Directors.

DAVID HERLICK
Senior Care/Community Service to Jewish Elderly
David has been a member of the Senior Care Board of Directors for close to 20 years. During that time, he served on many Board committees and has held a number of executive positions, including President (1981-84) and Treasurer. David is a founding Board Member of the Habayit Shelanu Senior Residents Corporation and continues to sit on the Board.

HAROLD HERTZMAN
Toronto Free Loan Cassa
An active volunteer with the Loan Cassa for over 20 years, Harold is a member of the committee which administers business loans. His expertise has contributed to the committee becoming an esential component of the agency and, in turn, an important resource for the Jewish community. In addition, Harold is a long-time member of the Board of Jewish Education and has served on the Board of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

JESSICA PELT
Jewish Campus Services
As Editor of *Images*, the student newspaper of UJA Federation's Jewish Campus Services, Jessica is committed to reshaping and revitalizing Jewish campus life by connecting Jewish students from across Toronto to the community. A CHAT graduate currently studying at U of T, Jessica attributes her community involvement to her day school education and association with Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

DOROTHY SHOICHET
Bathurst Jewish Centre
Dorothy's commitment to the Koffler Centre of the Arts is truly extraordinary. As President since 1993, she works unceasingly to raise funds needed to support the exhibition program of the Koffler and Loggia Galleries. Dorothy is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Bathurst Jewish Centre and the Board of Kolel.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO

ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1996
7:30 p.m.
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1995/96 FEDERATION INCOME AND ALLOCATIONS

1995/96 INCOME

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN GROSS 1995	
UJA CAMPAIGN PLEDGES	$35,600,000
Shrinkage (current and prior)	(2,314,000)
FRD Cost of Fundraising	(3,073,384)
Planned Giving & Capital Campaign	(633,649)
Challenge Fund Reserve transferred	1,200,000
NET PROCEEDS FROM ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	**$30,778,967**

1995/96 ALLOCATIONS

ISRAEL AND INTERNATIONAL FROM ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	**$14,958,806**
• Jewish Agency for Israel	
• Alliance Israelite Universelle	
• Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	
• American Joint Distribution Committee	
• Organization for Rehabilitation and Training	
• Organization Sociale d'Entre'aid	
TOTAL OVERSEAS ALLOCATION	**$14,958,806**
DOMESTIC FROM ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	**$15,820,161**
Allocation from Bequest & Endowment	(67,000)
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	**$15,887,161**
NATIONAL	
Campus Services - Model	$ 37,416
Campus Services - Grant	45,080
CIPAE	23,847
Canadian Jewish Congress	1,367,933
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services	599,368
Jewish Students' Network	52,744
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services	1,352
Immigrant Relief	591,941
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	11,270
CJF Canada Travel Fund	21,413
CJF Canada Demographic Study	9,016
Adjusted Communal Allocation due to cap on Small Community contributions	15,086
TOTAL	**$2,776,466**
HUMAN SERVICES	
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living	$75,916
Jewish Vocational Services	421,350
Jewish Family & Child Service	1,532,619
Bathurst Jewish Centre	200,532
Bloor Jewish Community Centre	75,600
Jewish Information Service	94,494
Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa	56,667
Senior Care	29,222
Reena	50,345
TOTAL	**$2,536,745**
CONTINUITY AND CULTURE	
Action Committee for Jewish Continuity	$ 300,000
Jewish Campus Services	174,362
Jewish Student Federation - York U.	129,502
Jewish Student Union - U. of T.	97,650
	401,514
Jewish Camp Council	42,581
Archives	12,729
Oskar Asher Museum	13,195
Holocaust Remembrance Committee	49,516
Yiddish	9,052
Jewish Family & Child Service - Camp Subsidies	53,775
Bathurst Jewish Centre - Camp Subsidies	242,742
Bloor Jewish Community Centre - Theatre	2,010
TOTAL	**$1,127,114**
INTEGRATION	
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living	$ 13,833
Jewish Vocational Services	48,005
Bathurst Jewish Centre	158,536
Schools	
Associated	66,124
CHAT	6,095
Orah	19,892
Furniture Bank	12,758
Russian Tuition	200,000
TOTAL	**$525,243**
JEWISH EDUCATION	
Board of Jewish Education	$780,539
JESNA	4,830
Elementary Schools:	$4,689,688
• Associated Hebrew Day Schools	
• Bialik Hebrew Day School	
• Eitz Chaim	
• Leo Baeck Day School	
• Netivot Hatorah Day School	
• Or Ha'emet Sephardic Day School	
• She'arim Hebrew Day School	
• United Synagogue Day School	
High Schools:	$1,792,399
• Beth Jacob	
• Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto	
• Ner Israel Yeshiva	
• Or Chaim	
• Ulpanat Orot	
Supplementary Schools	$ 21,831
Midrasha L'Morim	42,988
Orah Supplementary School	25,751
Jewish Education Reserve	114,000
TOTAL	**$7,472,026**
JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO	
Administration, Operations & Programs	$1,379,566
• Otzma	
• Community Planning & Allocations	
• Human Resources	
• Jewish Women's Federation	
• Kashruth	
• Project Renewal	
Special Programs	72,385
TOTAL	**$1,451,951**

Bialik builds Jerusalem

If you can't travel to Jerusalem, well, why not bring Jerusalem to Toronto? That's what students at Bialik Hebrew Day School did last week for both *Yom Yerushalayim* (Jerusalem Day) and the city's 3000th birthday. Bialik is one of many Jewish schools receiving support from UJA Federation.

Eight hundred students decorated their three storey school, from top to bottom, to look just like the ancient capital.

From junior kindergarten to grade 8, kids pitched in during the three week renovation which began shortly before *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israel's Independence Day). Hallways were transformed into scenes depicting holy sites such as the Western Wall *(kotel)*. Palm trees and Jerusalem stone painted on mural paper stretched across school walls and extended into archways and gateways to the old city.

Junior and senior kindergarten children built their own model *kotel* out of cardboard boxes and a replica of the Temple out of sugar cubes painted gold. All over the school, biblical figures sat perched in unexpected places, gazing at the holy sites of Jerusalem as seen through the eyes of the students.

Grade 7 and 8 students even set up an Israeli style *shuk* (market) with jewellery merchants, fortune tellers and bargaining chatter. Money raised from selling handmade items at the shuk will go to a school in the northern Israel town of Kiryat Shmona.

Odelia Bekerman, 14, said recreating Jerusalem at school made her feel "closer to Israel." To Eric Gertzbeir, also 14, Jerusalem is a "symbol of hope and strength that will continue forever."

Two shows depicting Jerusalem's 3000 year history were presented in the morning and in the afternoon. Each performance contained English, Hebrew, French and Yiddish dialogue to reflect the school's diverse Zionist heritage.

Israeli Consul General Jehudi Kinar thanked the students for making him "feel so much at home."

The school-wide display will continue until next week.

Grade 5 students (from left to right) Hailey Banack, Geoffrey Sas and Jordan Rosenbaum, waiting for a breeze from their replica windmill.

Young architechts Justin Goldberg and Sasha Fink present their sugar cube version of the Temple.

Standing Proud. JK and SK students (from left to right) Jacob Ladovsky, Meryl Eisenberg, Sam Rosenbaum, Lily Greenspan, in front of their cardboard Kotel.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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DATE		EVENT	ORGANIZATION	TIME	PLACE
JUNE					
Sun	2	"Jerusalem Comes"- A Special Family Program	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am	12:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am
Sun	2	Gala	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science	6:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Sun	2	40th Anniversary Gala Cabaret Evening	Beth Tzedec Congregation	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sun	2	"An Evening in Haifa"	Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation, New Leadership	8:00 pm	Crystal Banquet Hall
Mon	3	Signing of Friendship Agreement – North York & Haifa	Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation	4:00 pm	North York City Hall
Mon	3	Gala Fundraiser with Klezmer Conservatory Band	Beit Halochem Canada	7:30 pm	Ford Centre Recital Hall
Mon	3	Volunteer Recognition & Awards Evening	Toronto Hadassah-WIZO	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Mon	3	JIAS Annual Meeting	Jewish Immigrant Aid Services	7:30 pm	Lipa Green Building
Tues	4	Annual Meeting	Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto	7:00 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Wed	5	"The Future of the Internet"	UJA Federation Hi-Tech Division	7:00 pm	Metro Hall
Wed	5	1996 Jewish Book Awards	Koffler Centre of the Arts	8:00 pm	Bathurst Jewish Centre
Wed	5	Annual Cantorial Concert	Mizrachi Organization of Canada	8:00 pm	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
Thurs	6	"Update '96"	Bequest and Endowment Fund, UJA Federation	7:00 am	Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
Sun	9	Bike-A-Thon	Zareinu Educational Centre	9:00 am	TBA
Sun	9	Dream Weavers Cruise	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science	4:30 pm	Red Path Sugar Docks
Mon	10	Gala	Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary	7:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Tues	11	Annual Dinner	Reena Foundation	6:00 pm	Hollywood Princess Hotel
Tues	11	"From Latkes to Matzo-Balls" The Relationship between Jewish Women and Food	Na'amat Toronto	7:30 pm	Ford Centre for the Performing Arts
Sun	16	Bike For Baycrest	Baycrest Centre	9:00 am	Seneca College
Mon	17	Growing up with Na'amat Evening - "From Belz to Broadway"	Na'amat Toronto	7:30 pm	Comedywood
Wed	19	Annual Meeting	Jewish National Fund	7:00 pm	Inn on the Park
Thurs	20	"Russia's Second Communist Revolution?" Lecture & Discussion	Tzavta	7:30 pm	Barbara Frum Library
Sun	23	Gala & Play "Fiddler on the Roof"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools Parents' Association	7:00 pm	O'Keefe Centre
Mon	24	Concert of Yiddish Folk Music	UJA Federation Committee for Yiddish	7:00 pm	Earl Bales Park
Thurs	27	Evening with Eitan Haber	Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital	8:00 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
AUGUST					
Tues	13	Cirque de Soleil	Canadian Friends of Ben Gurion Univ. - New Ben Gurion Associates	8:00 pm	Ontario Place
Mon	26	10th Annual Reena Fun Day	Reena Foundation	10:00 am	Promenade Shopping Mall
Mon	26	UJA Campaign Launch	UJA Federation	8:00 pm	Ford Centre Recital Hall

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Jewish show waiting for funding

A new national Jewish television program is on the horizon, if it can raise $400,000.

While Vision TV has agreed to broadcast the *Jewish Magazine* current affairs show beginning this fall, the producers still need funding for a full season's production. Producers Janice Maser, Howard Bernstein and Stephen Gardner are looking to the private sector for sponsorship. "We really need the support of businesses," says Maser, who explains that *Jewish Magazine* will be unlike anything ever aired before. "It's going to be like a Jewish 60 Minutes."

The weekly half hour news magazine, which covers everything from sports to entertainment to social issues, aired as a pilot program on Vision TV in March. According to Maser, the show was a "hit" across Canada. "I even got calls from places as far off as Penticton B.C.," she reports.

Maser and her co-producers attribute the pilot's success to high professional standards and sound journalistic principles. "The show," says Maser, "is professional both in appearance and content. It's not what most people are used to in Jewish programming."

Gardner is a nine year veteran journalist who has worked as a writer for The Journal on CBC, CTV National News and Canada AM. Bernstein, well-known and respected in the media world, has worked as a writer and a TV producer for 25 years. Maser, a health care consultant, has 20 years of marketing, communications and business development experience.

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From coast to coast

Victoria Jews reminisce about the 'old days'

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Memories ... memories ...

In a Jewish community like Victoria's, where almost everybody comes from somewhere else, the seniors and even the younger element have fond memories of the good/bad old days. Most oldsters say, "I could write a book about my earlier years," but few do.

However, Sonia Birch-Jones, a professional writer, coaxed a host of reminiscences out of a group of seniors, as part of a Jewish Community Centre project. With help from Gillian Levy in compiling and editing, she has produced a 183-page book, *Generation to Generation*, which was launched at a luncheon May 19 and sells at local book stores at $12.

In the anthology, some 26 writers tell of their experiences literally all over the world.

"It is my hope," says Birch-Jones in the preface, "that the people who read this book, young and old, will themselves understand the importance of writing down their 'memories' so that they too will be preserved from generation to generation."

Harry Brown, known as "the bagman," for his ability to raise funds for various community activities, was born in Andrew, Alta., near Edmonton.

He came here in 1969 to manage a hotel. One of his fondest memories is a community seder held in the refurbished beer parlor of the hotel.

As Brown recalls the event, Rabbi Harvey Markowitz led the service "and it soon became so festive that the rabbi was singing and dancing on the bar tables."

One project which gave him much satisfaction was the restoration of the 133-year-old synagogue on the same premises. The synagogue, he says, was really only a shell with no foundations, but the provincial government stepped in with Heritage architects and engineers and when the work was concluded, Congregation Emanu-El was declared a Heritage building. It's still the only synagogue in the city.

Shlomo Efrat, a retired history professor from the University of Victoria, tells of his experiences as an Eretz Yisrael soldier with the British Army during World War II. He found himself in Aleppo, claimed to be the world's second oldest city. Some local men, rather astonished at his Eretz Yisrael shoulder badge, led him through a dark cavern under a tailor shop, where the local synagogue was located. Members of the shul, eager for news about the "outside world," pumped him with questions. Efrat told them about the current political situation in Palestine, the formation of the Haganah and the Jews enlisting in the British Army.

"To my surprise," he writes, the rabbi announced from the *bimah* that the mal'ach (messenger, angel) had arrived "and the shofar is returning home."

The black shofar kept in the Ark had been given to the synagogue by some Maccabeans for safekeeping in the days when the Temple was still standing. It was to be returned to the land of Israel by Jewish soldiers some day. The shofar was over 2,00 years old and Efrat had the joyful task of turning it over to the proper rabbinical authorities in Jerusalem.

Irving Margolese, one of the founders of the Jewish Community Centre, lived in Winnipeg during the Great Depression. Broke and discouraged by the anti-Semitism rampant in the city, he decided to go to England where, he had heard, life was somewhat better for Jews. So he took the usual route from Winnipeg to Montreal as an attendant for a shipment of cattle and then got a job on a ship to England as "nursemaid" to 600 cows — not an easy task! He went over on the SS Sularia, and after a few weeks in England, had enough money to return to Canada on the SS Duchess of York.

World War II started shortly afterward, both ships on which Margolese had sailed were sunk and he joined the Canadian Army.

Gillian Levy lived in England when it was being blitzed by the Nazis. As a little girl, she and her family found shelter at "a house for displaced persons," in London. It was a Queen's Road kosher boarding home, filled with the displaced persons of war-torn Europe. One of Levy's favorite memories is that one resident, whom she knew as Rev Zucker, kept his flowing curly locks together with a pink hairnet — something that made her giggle every time she saw him.

Dan Fill, who moved with his parents to Victoria to flee "Toronto's smog, black flies and freezing rain," says he's opposed to the separation of Quebec from Canada because it would then be inconvenient to visit Swartz's, his favorite Montreal deli. In a way, he says, living in Canada is like eating at Swartz's: "There are a lot of things wrong with the place, but the overall quality is the best in the world. If we took any part away from Canada, it wouldn't be the same ..."

Annette Rose, came to Victoria as a bride 50 years ago. It was a small town, but there were 31 children in the Hebrew school and she became their teacher. Many years ago, she said, Israel's Chief Rabbi came to visit. He pronounced Victoria Gan-Eden. She agrees.

Ethel Tennenhouse, who spent much of her life on farms in Saskatchewan, writes of how she enjoyed making ice cream, using cream from the family's cows and ice from a local ice house. No electric refrigerators those days, she says.

Illustrations in *Generation to Generation* are by Rosalyn Chodos. Proceeds of the sale of books will aid the Jewish Seniors Society of Vancouver Island, headed by Lorna Denning.

EDUCATIONAL DINNER

Dave Anisman recently spearheaded a dinner draw on behalf of prominent Israeli educational institutions for the 23rd year. Seen representing Canadian Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology are (from left) Henry Zieleniec and Jerry Klasner, co-chairs; Noreen Azoulay, executive director; and Anisman. In the centre, representing the Women's College of Bet-El is Jack Schwartz.

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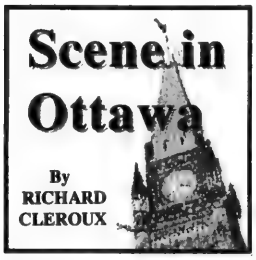

OTTAWA — What is known on Parliament Hill as "the Jewish lobby" is run out of a modest three-room office suite on the sixth floor of a commercial building in downtown Ottawa.

Canadian Jews know the agency by its official name, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC). It is a fascinating operation, generally regarded as one of the best-run political lobbies in the national capital.

Officially, CIC is the agency that speaks on bilateral relations between Canada and Israel. It has a board headed by Montrealer Stephen Victor who is its chair. It calls itself "an advocacy group" and keeps a "low profile" for strategic reasons. Behind the scenes, it's a beehive of activity.

Executive director Rob Ritter, a tough-talking, no nonsense, new-school lobbyist, runs the Ottawa office. This is the place where advocacy work can be interesting.

Ritter and CIC staffer Shimon Fogel, a walking encyclopedia on who's who in politics in Ottawa, specialize in government relations.

In Ottawa, that means knowing every last little political secret on the Hill, knowing not only what legislation is coming up and how it will hurt or help Canada-Israel relations, but even what legislation might have come up and why it didn't.

It means knowing what goes on in caucus, who is saying what about Israel, who Israel's real "friends" are and which MPs and senators aren't so friendly to Israel behind closed doors.

It means knowing the senior bureaucrats, what they think and and where they stand on various political issues. There are hundreds of bureaucrats in Ottawa whose personal views and the advice they give on Canada-Israel issues is far more important than whatever the politicians happen to be thinking.

It also means knowing reporters on Parliament Hill, tracking events in the daily news media and charting the image of Israel in the daily press.

CIC means a lot of other things to different people.

For backbenchers, CIC is that lobby group with all those great free trips to Israel.

CIC organizes all-expenses paid, two-week-long junkets to Israel every year for about a dozen politicians. They get to stay in the best Israeli hotels, meet senior politicians and all sorts of interesting people, and maybe learn something about the Israeli way of life and something about the political problems.

Some politicians are chosen because they are already considered "friends" of Israel, but others who are quite "neutral," are chosen because they are considered to have the sort of open mind that might benefit from a free trip to Israel.

"I like to say that I don't think anyone can really understand the politics of Israel and the Middle East, until they've actually been there," says Ritter. He regrets that Reform party MPs, who are forbidden to accept political junkets, have never taken part. But members of all other parties have, including New Democrats and especially the Bloc Quebecois, who have been among the most enthusiastic and appreciative of visitors.

Cabinet ministers who have visited Israel in recent years include Allan Rock, Herb Gray, Sheila Finestone and David Dingwall.

For most Canadian gentiles, CIC is the organization that sponsors the annual Canada-Israel political dinner in Ottawa — one of the big social events in the national capital.

Usually the Israeli prime minister shows up as the guest speaker. This year both Shimon Peres and Jean Chrétien had been scheduled to speak until the early election call forced a postponement.

For many reporters, CIC is the organization that produces those superb information directories on Israeli politics, listing the myriad Israeli political parties, their strengths, their platforms and where they stand on various issues. It's an outstanding piece of research, an invaluable guide to Israeli national elections. As well, the CIC publishes for reporters an excellent *Directory of Middle East Experts* with hundreds of names, addresses, telephone, fax and Internet numbers and a brief background on each entry.

It's prepared with help from the CIC's staffer in Toronto, media specialist Paul Michaels, and the CIC's research twin in Toronto, David Goldberg's Foundation for Middle East Studies.

There is a separate CIC in Quebec, which relates to the Quebec provincial government, as well as a staffer, Phillipa El Harar, who specializes in government and media relations.

Where other Jewish organizations call news conferences and issue a flood of news releases, the CIC strives for anonymity.

"My own ambition is to get things done with as little publicity as possible," says Ritter, who has been with the CIC for seven years.

The focus on CIC has changed entirely in the last five years. Back then, the intifadah was going full rip, Israel was under siege in the United Nations and the CIC spent most of its time defending Israel in the news media.

"Now the focus is on more positive things," says Ritter. It's good to be setting your own agenda."

The CIC's major achievements in the last three years have included a joint scientific and technical research institute allowing the two countries to share technology, the new Canada-Israel free trade agreement, estimated to be worth millions of dollars in trade annually to both countries, and contributing to peace by facilitating the flow of Arab and Palestinian dollars from Canada into Gaza and the territories.

Thanks to the CIC's work behind the scenes, the Canada-Israel free trade talks went from about 150 on Canada's list of free trade priorities, right up to the top, with a signature ceremony expected this summer.

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Population boom expected in Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Victoria's Jewish community is still small, but it has to start thinking big as the Jewish population continues to grow.

A report issued by the Jewish Federation of Greater Victoria and Vancouver Island says a recent survey indicates that 50 percent of the Jewish people here have arrived in the past 10 years and suggests that "the community could be on the verge of a decade of doubling."

The general population of the city grew by 13 percent in 10 years and as newcomers continue to pour in, it is expected the Jewish population will increase as well.

"The changes taking place in other Jewish centres will also be felt here," the report predicts. It points out that in 1945, Vancouver "was a blip" on the Canadian Jewish map. Now it's a major centre, branching out to the far reaches of the Lower Mainland. Victoria's population is spreading north, up-Island to cities like Nanaimo, Parksville and Courtenay — all of which are served by the Victoria Jewish community.

The report points out that Victoria's network of Jewish organizations has grown. About eight years ago, the Jewish community Centre was created. It houses a small library and a delicatessen, and offers a variety of programs.

Victoria now has two Hadassah chapters, an ORT group, a Women's League sisterhood affiliated with Conservative Judaism, a Hebrew Assistance Association, a Chevra Kadisha, the Society for Humanistic Judaism and the Seniors Housing Society.

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Clinton pledges continued support for peace

By HILLEL KUTTLER
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Bill Clinton last week promised to continue support for Israel as the peace process proceeds.

In a commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut that focused on national defence, Clinton said that "there will be problems" periodically, because the enemies of peace will show their own desperation with bullets and bombs.

"So I say this to the people of Israel: We've been with you every step of the way for the last three years. As Israel takes further risks for peace in the future, it can count on further manifestations of U.S. support.

"We must be with you every step of the way until there is a comprehensive, lasting peace in the Middle East. Now is not the time to turn back, and the United States must do its part."

Clinton has made it a mainstay of his Middle East policy to regularly, and publicly, reassure Israel that as it takes "risks" for peace, America would stand by it and help minimize those risks.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres responded to Clinton's remarks by saying, "*Todah, chaver*" Israel Radio reported.

Meanwhile, talks on the Operation Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee scheduled for last week at the State Department were cancelled at the last minute.

Israeli officials explained that the postponement was due to decisions still to be finalized in Middle East capitals on the monitoring committee's mandate, but would not say whether new difficulties had arisen.

The officials were unsure when talks would resume.

Following the sixth day of meetings, Syrian Ambassador Walid Mualem told reporters that Damascus had proposed that the five-member committee to be comprised of the United States, France, Israel, Syria and Lebanon be convened within 72 hours after the lodging of a complaint of a cease-fire violation, and that during that time, no retaliatory action could occur.

He also said that because of disagreements over defining the borders of the security zone in southern Lebanon, the draft agreement will omit the matter altogether.

Mualem said that in the event of an incident in Lebanon, the Israeli representative would not be part of the investigating team, and if in Israel, the Syrian and Lebanese officials would not be included. In such cases, the United States and French would enter the territory, he said.

State Department spokesperson Nicholas Burns told reporters the United States believes Israeli-Syrian peace talks could resume "as soon as possible" following the elections.

The U.S. view is based on conversations held recently between Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Israeli, Lebanese and Syrian leaders, Burns said.

He said he did not know whether Damascus' agreement to proceed with the negotiations is conditioned on Peres emerging victorious next week.

Meanwhile, Iran rejected the U.S. claim that Iran is the main sponsor of international terrorism.

The United States and Israel are out to destroy Iran's Islamic government by leveling false accusations of terrorism against it, Teheran Radio said.

"Relentless and fabricated propaganda by the United States and the Zionist regime is part of their common strategy to destroy the Islamic government in Iran," the radio said.

It challenged Washington to prove allegations of Iranian involvement in terrorism anywhere in the world.

Turkey denies rift over military accord

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Senior Israeli officials were assured in Ankara last week that Turkey is not dissatisfied with the bilateral military cooperation agreement that has deepened ties between the two countries, Foreign Ministry officials insist.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry reportedly issued a statement to this effect last week, denying reported comments by Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz that the agreement did more harm than good.

Yilmaz, fighting to keep his fragile coalition in power in the face of an Islamic challenge, reportedly raised doubts about the accord, which has been criticized primarily by Syria and Iran. Two Turkish newspapers cited Yilmaz as telling his own party that the accord may have done more harm than good.

"The harm of this accord has outweighed its advantages," Yilmaz reportedly said. "We are working on it. This has yet to be corrected."

Speaking to the Washington-based National Press Club last week, Turkish Foreign Minister Emre Gonensay expressed support for the agreement, terming it "a blueprint agreement for military training, which increases the defensive capacity of the Turkish military forces."

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last week, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said Israel wanted to maintain close ties with Ankara, since "Turkey is a very important regional power ... especially when you look in terms of Iraq, Iran and former Soviet Central Asian republics. Turkey is very important to Israel. Yet our cooperation is not against anyone; it is designed to increase stability, peace and cooperation."

In February, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry and Turkish Deputy Chief of Staff Cevik Bir signed the bilateral military cooperation agreement, which is widely believed to involve shared military training, exchange of observers, intelligence and an exchange of visits by aircraft and naval vessels. Israel will be permitted to use Turkish air space for training four weeks a year.

There have also been reports that the agreement includes exchange of intelligence cooperation against Iran and Israeli technical support for Turkish efforts to stem infiltrations by Kurdish terrorists.

A full version of the accord has been reportedly printed in the last few days in the Islamic weekly *Aksyion*.

Admiral Guven Erkaya, commander of the Turkish navy, is now visiting Israel at the invitation of OC Navy Rear-Admiral Alex Tal. He was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres last week.

It is precisely the support of the powerful Turkish military which gives Israelis and analysts hope that the agreement will withstand the criticism of Syria, Iran and Islamic elements inside Turkey.

Alan Makovsky, an expert on Turkey at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, remained cautiously optimistic.

"Operationally, I believe Turkey will be able to hold the line and maintain the agreement, because the military, which is very influential in matters of national security, seems very determined to keep it in place. They feel a connection with Israel, the strongest military power in the region.

"They see the agreement as very much in the Turkish national strategic interest, and particularly as a deterrent to Syrian support of Kurdish terrorism. I think the Turkish military sees its cooperation with Israel as a strategic relationship that should grow," Makovsky said.

AIPAC leader resigns

By HILLEL KUTLER
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – For the second time in two years, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is losing its executive director.

Neal Sher, who had gained fame by heading the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which prosecuted former Nazis living in the United States, informed AIPAC's board just hours before the start of Shavuot that he was resigning to return to academia.

"I think it's been a good two years. The organization I left is in good shape. I think it's appropriate to move on to other things," Sher said in an interview.

Sher said he would be assuming an adjunct professor position at an unnamed university. He will also assist in retrieving the assets of Holocaust victims from Swiss banks.

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The contest closes at 5:00 pm on Monday August 26th, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
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We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners". We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

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When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Québec.

Small parties could hold balance of power

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Two small parties may hold the key to the outcome of Israel's May 29 general election, the results of which will be known this week.

Mideast Analysis

For weeks now, pundits have speculated that undecided voters may seal the fate of Shimon Peres and Benjamin Netanyahu, the respective leaders of the Labor party and the Likud.

And while there is a strong element of truth in this assertion, the denouement of the election may well hinge on how The Third Way and Yisrael Ba'Aliyah fare at the polls.

Composed primarily of ex-Labor party members who fear the prospect of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for a peace treaty with Syria, The Third Way is led by Avigdor Kahalani, a former general who acquitted himself brilliantly against the Syrians during the Yom Kippur War.

Apart from its unyielding position on the Golan, The Third Way believes that Israeli strategic interests demand the retention of a good portion of the West Bank, with 90 percent of its Jewish settlers. The Third Way also contends that the Oslo peace process is deeply flawed.

Ideologically, The Third Way — whose motto is "peace with secure borders"— stands somewhere between the Labor party and the Likud. The Third Way hopes to win as many as 12 Knesset seats, but even if it falls far short of its goal, it may find itself holding the balance of power as Labor or Likud try to form a coalition government.

Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Ba'Aliyah, which was formed this year, may also play a pivotal role in post-election negotiations.

Appealing almost exclusively to disaffected Soviet immigrants whose integration into Israeli society has been problematic, Yisrael Ba'Aliyah's raison d'etre is its belief that Israel lacks a far-reaching plan to bring in and absorb new *olim*. (Since 1989, the vast majority of immigrants have arrived from the now-defunct Soviet Union).

The Labor party has good reason to be worried about the impact Yisrael Ba'Aliyah may have on Israel's 400,000 eligible Soviet voters. In the 1992 election, Labor's standard-bearer, Yitzhak Rabin, won the backing of nearly two-thirds of Soviet *olim*. But according to the latest surveys, the Labor party will be lucky if it siphons off 30 percent of the Soviet vote.

Like The Third Way, Yisrael Ba'Aliyah — which is to the right of the Labor party but to the left of the Likud — has a chance of winning several seats and thus playing a crucial role in post-electioneering negotiations.

Sharansky, who is seen as a politician with moderate views, could throw his support behind either Peres or Netanyahu.

Israel's Arab minority of 800,000 could also have an impact on the election. Israeli Arabs are in a rambunctious mood, angry over the extended closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Operation Grapes of Wrath and the wide disparities with respect to the funding of Arab and Jewish municipalities.

Several weeks ago, Israeli Arab leaders threatened to boycott the election altogether, leaving the Labor party in a bind. Without the massive support of the Israeli Arab bloc, Peres' chances of triumphing over Netanyahu are dismal.

Yet at the end of the day, Israeli Arabs have relatively little leverage. Given their interest in the success of the peace process in its present form, they really have no alternative but to rally behind Peres and the Labor party. Last week, bowing to reality, three of the four Arab parties contesting the election announced they would encourage their followers to vote for Peres.

Ironically, Arab forces antithetical to Israel's existence and the peace process, notably Hamas and Hezbollah, are in a position to influence the election. If Arab rejectionists succeed in spilling Israeli blood before the polls close, Peres may be the real loser.

On the eve of the election, there was no shortage of terrorist incidents. Near the Jewish settlement of Beit El on the West Bank, in an area under Israeli control, a 17-year-old settler was killed in a drive-by shooting, prompting the Likud to condemn Peres' peace policy. Peres, for his part, suggested that Iran was behind the attack and that it was "trying to intervene" in Israel's election.

Worse still, a potential suicide bomber recruited by Hezbollah, carrying a forged British passport and plastic explosives, made it past the security screen at Ben-Gurion airport last month. Had he not seriously wounded himself while assembling a bomb in an East Jerusalem hotel, he would have tried to smuggle the device on board an El Al passenger plane, with all the bloody consequences.

These incidents illustrate a sombre truism. Regardless of which major party wins, Israelis will have to deal with the spectre of terrorism for many years to come. Peace process or no peace process, terrorism is the weapon of choice of Arabs who cannot reconcile themselves to a Jewish state in the Middle East.

May 20

• Acting on information obtained from captured Hamas terrorist Hassan Salameh, the IDF arrested a large group of activists in the West Bank believed to be connected to extremist organizations. Hamas' military wing distributed a flier calling on Israel to release Salameh within seven days or else they will kidnap IDF soldiers and renew attacks against Israeli children.

May 21

• In response to a rumor that a secret agreement on the subject of Jerusalem exists with the Palestinians,Foreign Ministry Director General Uri Savir told *Davar Rishon* that he has never held negotiations on the issue of Jerusalem. "In all contacts with the Palestinians, we emphasized our explicit position, that Jerusalem will remain Israel's capital forever."

May 22

• A new military censorship agreement took effect today. It entitles the censor to "prevent the publication of security-related information certain to cause real damage to Israel's security." Political opinion and commentary will not be censored unless they contain classified security-related information.

May 23

• Sever Plotzker writing in *Yediot Aharonot*: "The leaders of both main parties are not arguing over the road – both accept the road – but over the milestones ... Peace, say [Benjamin] Netanyahu and [Shimon] Peres in chorus, will win. In fact, it has already won."

May 26

• Former Mapam MK Chaike Grossman died at her home at Kibbutz Evron. She was 76. She had been in a coma for the last three years of her life as a result of a fall.

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Campaign has been very odd

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"It's not only the content of the message that is blurred but the format," says Prof. Gabriel Weimann of Haifa University. "Both major parties have adopted an MTV style, in which the video clips change so rapidly that you don't know who said what anymore. In 30 seconds, you've gone from Bibi [Netanyahu] to Peres and back again."

The result? Most of the public don't watch the daily broadcasts of propaganda which represent the only chance to see politicians during the last month of the campaign.

That's because a law, which many call archaic, prohibits television and radio interviews with any politician on any topic during this period. (Reporters cannot even ask the finance minister whether a labor dispute has been resolved and broadcast the response without violating this law.) At peak popularity, 28 percent of the public watched the barrage of election commercials, and mid-way into the campaign, less than 15 percent were watching.

Unable to see politicians on the news, and uninterested in seeing them in MTV-style clips, the Israeli public has found another way to watch the candidates. Giant puppets depicting Israel's best-known politicians in a less-than-flattering light have become the real hit in this campaign. The puppets offer a new TV satire – based on the British show *Spitting Image* – that mercilessly lampoons all current and potential leaders. The program, called the *HarZufim*, is watched regularly by over a third of Israelis and provides an antidote to the blurred political messages of the official campaign.

Recent episodes showed Likud leader Netanyahu refusing to divulge the party platform even under torture, hawkish Likud MK Ariel Sharon plotting to invade Iran and Iraq and the late Yitzhak Rabin being paged in heaven to help the Labor party win the election! A recent study showed that Israeli children were better able to grasp the political ideologies of the various parties after exposure to the puppets than they were after watching the parties' political broadcasts.

If the politicians are not that persuasive, who will decide the elections? According to a Gallup poll published in the daily *Ma'ariv*, most Israelis believe that the outcome of the election hinges on terrorism. At present, 54 percent of those polled think Peres will win, while 27 percent believe Netanyahu will emerge victorious (irrespective of their own political preferences.)

But if terrorists strike prior to the vote, 46 percent think Likud will win and only 25 percent see a victory for Labor. The headline in *Ma'ariv* put it succinctly: "Hamas will decide the elections, according to the Israeli public."

"It's not that most voters will change their minds. Terrorist attacks tend to reinforce people's political views – whatever they are," explains Weimann, an expert in both communications and international terrorism. "But a few undecided voters will be influenced by terror. It's an emotional reaction. When the vote is split nearly 50-50, that's all you need to reverse the results of the election."

It wouldn't be the first time terror has been a factor in an Israeli ballot. In 1988, polls showed Labor with a slim lead over Likud until the day before the election, when a molotov cocktail was thrown at a bus in the Jordan Valley, killing a mother, her children and the soldier who tried in vain to save them. Analysts say the incident jarred enough voters to give Yitzhak Shamir a victory over Peres.

In 1992, the murder of Bat Yam teenager Helena Rapp sparked riots just before the June election, with protesters chanting for Rabin to come to power.

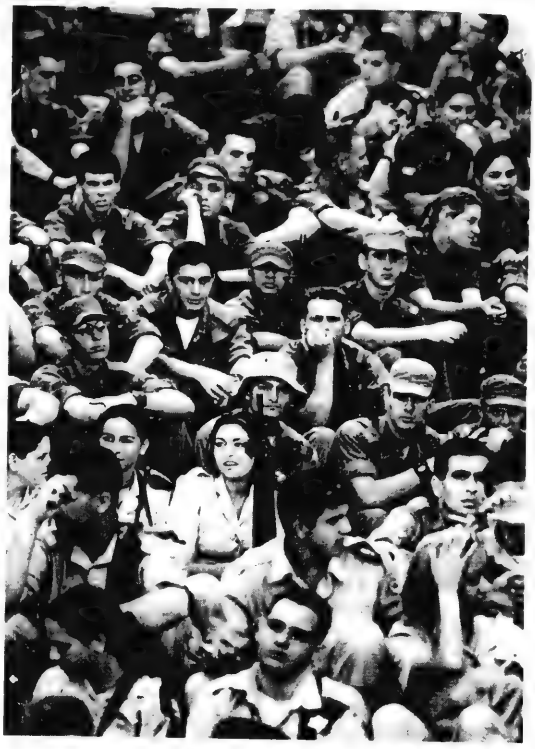
"The opposition – whichever party it is – always gains from terror attacks," says Weimann. "It's an opportunity to accuse the government of failing to protect citizens."

"Waiting for the next terror attack is like waiting for the other shoe to drop. It's terrifying," says new immigrant Ann Weissman, who will be voting for the first time. "It's disturbing that one act may decide the election and there's nothing you can do about it."

It is not only the closeness of the race that makes terror such an ominous threat in this election. "There have been terror attacks in other election campaigns. But never before have they been part of an intentional strategy to defeat a government and influence the outcome of the vote," notes Weimann.

It is no secret that Iran is interested in toppling the Labor government in the hope – perhaps a mistaken one — of halting the peace process. Army intelligence chief Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ayalon reached this conclusion in a report publicized last month. Islamic fundamentalist terror groups have openly declared this as their goal.

Prof. Ze'ev Maoz, director of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, explained Iran's motive at a conference last week. Iran and its terrorist allies share one concern: that a breakthrough in Middle East negotiations will signal their demise as a force in the region, said Maoz.



THE DETAILS OF SECURITY

Thousands of Israeli soldiers wait to be briefed on security matters outside Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium. More than 20,000 police and soldiers are providing security for the general elections. [RNS]

Election too close to call

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security ever, with people afraid to go out of their homes or take buses for fear of a terrorist attack. Peres, he said,"has put the security of our children in Arafat's hands."

"Netanyahu is trying in vain to spread fear," Peres countered. "We are a nation which has fought wars and won them all and we will beat terrorism to achieve peace. There are those of little faith, who are building up hatred of Arabs and fear among Jews. Now there is a chance to obtain peace, and we will triumph over terrorism."

For the first time in the election campaign, the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, which shook the country six months ago, was broached.

"Rabin was murdered before my very eyes," said Peres. "Otherwise, he would have been sitting here instead of me. The messenger was slain, but not his mission: to establish true peace and growth."

He called on the voters "not to let the mission be stopped. Let us continue on with full force and courage, until we reach our destination, for the sake of the whole nation and especially for the younger generation."

Netanyahu said in his closing statement that Peres' way is leading to neither real peace nor security.

"We will ensure security, a free economy and growth, all of which are essential to peace. People keep coming to us all the time, because they believe in our way and because they want to ensure that our children don't live in fear."

He called on all the voters to "join us and, with the help of God, we will triumph."

Moderator Dan Margalit, pointing out that Peres is 73, asked him whether his age is not a liability.

"If we were electing a model rather than a prime minister, the question might be relevant," replied Peres. "My health is excellent and my thinking is that of a young man's ... There are people who are young in years, but their thoughts are old, facing the past and going backwards."

Margalit then asked Netanyahu whether his panicky behavior in the scandal widely known as the video cassette affair did not cast doubt on his ability to display cool judgment, which is required above all by the prime minister.

Without hesitation, Netanyahu admitted that his hasty decision to go public with his marital infidelity had been a mistake. But, he said, his mistake had caused pain to his wife and family, while Peres' mistakes are hurting the entire nation.

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Costa Rica urged to expel alleged war criminal

By BRIAN HARRIS
Jewish Telegrapghic Agency

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, - Calling his presence here a "travesty of justice," 72 members of the Israeli Knesset have called on Costa Rica to expel alleged war criminal Bodhan Koziy.

Joining in a campaign launched earlier this year by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem, members of every party in the Knesset except the Arab Democratic party signed a letter to Costa Rican president Jose Maria Figueres asking that Koziy be declared a persona non grata and deported.

The letter was presented this week to Costa Rica's ambassador to Israel, Manuel Lopez.

Koziy, 73, a Ukrainian police official during World War II, has been accused of war crimes stemming from his collaboration with the Nazi occupation of Ukraine.

In 1982, Koziy, the owner of a Florida motel, was stripped of his U.S. citizenship. The U.S. Justice Department obtained a court order to deport him in 1984, but he fled to Costa Rica.

Officials in the former Soviet Union accused Koziy of killing Jewish children and their parents.

But he was never extradited there by Costa Rica because Soviet officials, saying that they had no influence over Ukrainian courts, could not promise Costa Rica that Koziy would not face the death penalty.

The Knesset letter is the first from Israeli legislators regarding Koziy.

But it is not intended to disrupt the normally cordial relations between Costa Rica and Israel, said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Wiesenthal Centre's Jerusalem office.

"No one is saying Costa Rica is a bad place," he said. "It's just that we have this one problem."

Figueres and Foreign Minister Fernando Naranjo were in Taiwan this week on an official state visit and could not be reached for comment.

Both have said Costa Rica would not unilaterally expel Koziy, but would study an extradition request.

No country has recently expressed an interest in seeking his extradition.

Rep. Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.) personally handed a letter signed by 60 other congressmen to Figueres that said, "Judges in the United States and prosecutors in Germany affirmed that Koziy was a Nazi policeman in Ukraine, where he shot and killed — amongst others — a 4-year-old."

In June 1994, the World Jewish Congress began a campaign to oust Koziy from Costa Rica.

But the campaign subsided after reports from Kiev indicated that the sole surviving witness against Koziy had recanted her story.

Arabs hurt in Jewish riot

By BILL HUTMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Hundreds of Jewish worshippers went on a rampage in the Old City last Friday morning, attacking Arab bystanders and damaging Arab property, following all-night prayers for the Shavuot holiday at the Western Wall.

"The rioting was unprovoked, and we still haven't figured out what motivated it," Jerusalem Police spokesperson Shmuel Ben-Ruby said.

The rioters broke windows and damaged merchandise at stores just inside Damascus Gate. They also turned over vendors' stalls and pushed and shoved Arab bystanders. Many merchants quickly closed the shutters on their stores to avoid damage. Ben-Ruby said no injuries were reported.

The Jewish rioters also threw stones at Arab vehicles on Sultan Suleiman Street, outside Damascus Gate. About 25 complaints were filed with police for damage caused by the rioting, representing only a small number of the actual instances, Ben-Ruby said.

The unrest caught police by surprise, coming after a quiet all-night study-and-prayer service at the Western Wall, attended by thousands.

The vandalism broke out about 8 a.m., as a crowd of worshippers leaving the Western Wall made its way through the Old City.

Dozens of police were called to the scene and clashed with the rioters. There were no arrests.

Police sources said the rioting was apparently provoked by a group of right-wing Jewish extremists in the crowd of worshippers, who began attacking Arab targets.

Hamas leaders meet with Arafat

By JON IMMANUEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM - Hamas officials have resumed the meetings with Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Yasser Arafat that were interrupted by the suicide bombings in February and March, but no reconciliation agreement between Hamas and the PA has been reached, a Hamas spokesperson said last week.

Sayed Abu Musameh, a former newspaper editor, was responding to a report in the daily *Hayat al-Jadida*, which said Hamas and the PA had reached a draft agreement normalizing relations between them.

He confirmed he had been at a recent meeting with Arafat, that was also attended by Hamas officials Sheikh Hassan Shama and Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, who was recently freed from Gaza jail after he was arrested during a PA crackdown in March.

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The paper said that the three, who met earlier with Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who is jailed in Israel, delivered a letter from Yassin to Arafat giving his blessings to the alleged draft agreement.

In an Israel Television interview three weeks ago, Yassin expressed his acceptance of Arafat's leadership. He also accepted the Palestinian National Council's right to amend the Palestinian Covenant, and said he could accept an agreement between Israel and the PA that provided for two states.

"We should live next to Israel," he said. However, he did not condemn violence against Israel.

Since then Zahar has publicly called for ending attacks, at least until Wednesday's elections.

Arafat has left three ministerial posts open, apparently hoping to get Hamas figures to join the Palestinian Authority.

Palestinian sources say that a rift has developed between Hamas figures who favor working within the PA and those who want to keep opposing it. The latter have support from radicals abroad.

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Snoring may indicate more serious health problems

By MELINDA GREENBERG
Baltimore Jewish Times

BALTIMORE, Md. – Beverly Sallese and her husband Carl are sleeping together again.

Sallese, a 47-year-old accountant, drove her husband out of their bedroom with her snoring. "There were times when he would go in the other room and have to close the door to shut out the noise," she said."

For a year, Sallese tried every home remedy and non-invasive treatment suggested by her doctor, Carl Patow, an ear, nose and throat specialist and associate professor of otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, but nothing worked.

Finally, Patow suggested laser-assisted uvulopalatoplasty (LAUP), a surgical technique created in France in the late 1980s that has been used successfully in Baltimore for the last three years.

Despite some discomfort during the two-week recuperation period after her surgery last July at the Johns Hopkins University Sleep Disorder Centre, Sallese is thrilled with the results.

Guy Avellon, 28, a regional sales manager from Roland Park, also tried all possible non-invasive techniques, including a mouth guard, before deciding on LAUP. Despite experiencing "the worst sore throat ever" during his recuperation, Avellon also recommends the procedure.

Avellon was operated on by Dr. Alan Oshinsky, an ear, nose and throat doctor and the director of the Mercy Sleep Diagnostic Centre, in Baltimore's Mercy Medical Centre. "My snoring is relatively gone, even when I sleep on my back," he said.

Snoring occurs when air can't flow freely through the passage in your throat. While you sleep, structures in the throat partially block the air passage, making the passage narrow and hard to breathe through. As the air from the nose or mouth passes around this blockage, the throat structures vibrate, causing the snoring.

In LAUP, doctors enlarge the air passage, using a laser to remove all or part of the uvula, a long flap of tissue that hangs from the soft palate. Some of the soft palate is also removed. The procedure is performed in a doctor's office under local anesthesia. For best results, it is usually done between three and five times, although some people only need it done once.

According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Inc., one out of every four people is a habitual snorer. The problem is more common in men and the overweight and worsens with age. And it has been around for centuries.

"There is mention of the Egyptians poking their king with needles to keep him from snoring," said Brian Emery, assistant professor of surgery in the otolaryngology division at the University of Maryland Hospital, who performs several procedures to treat snoring, including LAUP and UPPP (uvulopalatopharyngoplasty), a more involved surgical procedure.

Besides the nuisance involved, doctors are concerned about other health problems to which snoring may be linked. It is one of the cardinal signs of a more serious health problem, sleep apnea, Oshinsky said.

"Eighty percent of the people who come to me for treatment of snoring have some degree of obstructive sleep apnea," he said. "The snoring may get them in the door, but it's the apnea that can be life-threatening."

Sleep apnea occurs when the throat is completely blocked and air can't flow to the lungs. Since the lungs aren't getting fresh air, the brain tells the body to wake up just enough to tighten the muscles and unblock the air passage. Breathing is restarted with a loud gasp.

The patient may not remember waking up several times each night, but will feel fatigue during the day and can experience related health problems, such as high blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes, Oshinsky said.

Doctors look for problems such as allergies, nasal defects or extra weight to possibly explain the snoring before they decide if surgery is an option. A sleep test might then be performed to determine if the patient has sleep apnea.

If the sleep test reveals sleep apnea, doctors do not perform LAUP. Instead, they recommend one of several available air pressure devices, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), a small blower attached by a flexible hose to a soft, plastic mask. It's placed over the person's nose at bedtime. The blower sends a steady stream of air through the nose into the throat, keeping the throat structures from collapsing and blocking the airways.

Doctors often refer patients to their dentists, who can design oral devices to hold the tongue forward and keep it from blocking the throat, or move the jaw slightly forward, moving the throat structures and unblocking the air passages.

If all else fails, doctors might recommend surgery, such as UPPP, in which the uvula, part of the soft palate and the tonsils are removed.

Doctors report a 50 percent chance of having half as many apnea episodes after this procedure, according to Dr. Joshua Aaron, co-medical director of Sinai's Sleep Lab with Mishkin. UPPP is done in the hospital under general anesthesia and requires a two-day stay.

Doctors recommend trying the non-invasive techniques before even considering surgery. Some of the patients interviewed said they spent several years experimenting with different home remedies and dental devices before opting for the surgical approach.

Diabetes chapter marks 10th year

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Esther Schwartz was diagnosed with diabetes 14 years ago, she found it particularly difficult to stick to her diet during Jewish holidays and at simchahs.

"Pesach was the worst because you're so limited with your starches. You can only have matzah and potatoes," said Schwartz, a kosher food consultant for the Orthodox Division of Canadian Jewish Congress.

She began to realize that other Jewish diabetics were probably experiencing similar problems and she set out to form a Jewish chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA). The first meeting drew 200 people, Schwartz said.

This month, the chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary. About 140 people attended a special meeting which included speeches by some of the founders and CDA staff. Dr. Michael Shea, an ophthalmologist at St. Michael's Hospital, gave a lecture on current treatments for diabetic eye disease.

Schwartz thanked Dorothy Zeifman; Alan Shefman, a former board member of the CDA; and Mary Buchanan, a former executive director of the CDA for their work in establishing the chapter.

Its purpose is to provide a forum and education for the diabetic community as well as to raise funds for diabetes, Schwartz said. Since the establishment of the Jewish chapter, four other Toronto ethnic communities — the Chinese, Portuguese, Polish, and Italian — have started their own chapters.

The chapter invites medical experts from volunteer speakers' bureaus to lecture at the meetings held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue every two months.

Between 75 and 100 people attend, Schwartz said. There are always pamphlets with dietary information and kosher recipes for upcoming holidays. Drug companies usually set up displays of new medical products.

Schwartz acknowledged the efforts of the other members of the chapter executive who include, Zeifman, Shirley Glatt and chapter president Alan Marks.

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Campus news & views

Network confab links students from across Canada

By JOCELYN HEISEL
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It is quite rare, I have found, to have an effective educational program that is also spiritually moving.

During the week of May 1 to 5, however, university students were privileged to experience both, at the National Jewish Student Leadership Convention run by the North American Jewish Student's Network — Canada, a group that unites Jewish student groups from across the country.

The delegates invited to the conference at the B'nai Brith resort in Quebec were student leaders of Hillels and other Jewish Student organizations.

During the conference, many issues were discussed, enabling us to explore ideas for various programs to be implemented in the future. We felt it important to consider both the number of students attending an activity and the quality of each individual program.

At the conference, members of the community who came to speak with the students included motivational speaker Ross Paperman and Jewish educator Arna Poupko, both from Montreal, as well as Jennifer Turack, the Ontario region director of community services and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress; and Yaakov Feig, staff member of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation. Rabbi Benjie Jacoby ran several helpful sessions, such as one titled, Anything and Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Judaism But Were Too Afraid to Ask.

Besides the program-based sessions, we had the opportunity to get to know one another and to grow Jewishly. During Kabalat Shabbat, many students were struck by the beauty of the welcoming, and at the Shabbat meal, the students sang Hebrew songs and danced.

Describing the feeling of most participants, one student said of the conference, "Not only are we bringing something back to our communities, we are also bringing something back to ourselves."

It is possible that Network's funding may end in June. This is viewed as unfortunate both for those students who were part of this conference and for those members of Jewish student groups who can benefit from the programs developed at the conference. For many years, Network has served as a link between the voices of Jewish leaders from campuses around the country.

Rather than mourning the possibility that this link may be destroyed, the students at the conference decided to try to solve the problem on their own. The student leaders broke off into four regions of Canada: Western, Central, Eastern and Atlantic. Within each region, joint programming for the campuses in that area will be established. As well, one person from each region will be chosen as a delegate who will join the delegates in the other regions.

This will make it possible for us to continue to link the voices of Jewish students from across Canada through various means, via newsletters, the Internet and meetings. We will implement parallel programming, such as nation-wide Shabbat dinners and trips to Holocaust memorial centres.

Network representative Lori Binder said this group of students is a "strong cohesive group of great leaders that will continue to be leaders in the Jewish community." Although the work of this national group will not be easy to support without funding, the students are confident that they will make it work.

"Network was never able to do this before," said Network chair, Bena Medjuck, of the changes that the students are hoping to implement. A group of new faces with fresh ideas will alter this national organization and, through them, *kol hastudentim*, the voice of students, will be heard.

Jocelyn Reisel is Hillel president at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

Delegates to the National Jewish Student Network Leadership Convention gathered in Quebec to discuss mutual concerns. [Shai Spetgang Photo]

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With summer coming, you may be thinking about how to keep cool. Among Royal's 70 different models of ceiling fans, are brand names like Casablanca, Canarm and SMC. Prices range from $59.99 - $1,199.99, and these fans are covered by limited warranties ranging from 5 years to lifetime warranties.

Even on hot, humid days ceiling fans add a cooling breeze while helping to lower air conditioning costs. Prior to the invention of air conditioning, ceiling fans helped people feel more comfortable in the summer. Today, ceiling fans can work right along with your air conditioner to create maximum comfort while saving energy.

But - fans are not just for cooling. Because warm air rises, it becomes trapped near the ceiling to become wasted energy. During the winter months, by using the reverse setting on your ceiling fan the warm air on the ceiling is moved down to your living area. Because this evenly disperses the heat you can set your thermostat lower to save on energy costs.

Ceiling fans are definitely a valuable addition to your home.

Royal Lighting offers a wide selection of specialty bulbs, as well as bulbs by the case. This makes it easier for you to economize if you have a large number of pot lights in your home. For example, if you buy the bulbs singly, they cost $5.49 each, but by the case, the price for the same bulb works out to $3.99 each.

Royal carries hundreds of different kinds of lights, from crystal chandeliers for living or dining rooms to exterior lights for the house and garden. There is a vast selection to choose from in all price ranges, sizes, styles and colours: halogen and non-halogen; contemporary and traditional; table, floor, desk, wall, study and reading lamps. Royal's selection is huge enough to have a lamp or fixture to suit every need and taste.

Lampshades are sold separately and are on sale for 20% off at all times. If you have an old lamp that's still in good shape, but the shade has seen better days, bring in the lamp and find a new shade that suits it.

The approach of warm summer evenings may also make you want to look at Royal's selection of outdoor fixtures. Lighting for your yard has 2 benefits: security, safety and convenience at night; and a pleasant atmosphere for garden or lawn entertaining. There are low-voltage outdoor lights, garden lighting sets, and fixtures for your garage and front or back door.

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Royal Lighting offers both track and recessed lighting. Line voltage lights, which take halogen bulbs, are also available. So are low-voltage lights. As a low-voltage halogen bulb is smaller, the fixture itself can be smaller and less obtrusive.

The staff at Royal know the right questions to ask about your lighting needs, so that you go home with the product you want. Suppose you want a reading lamp for your study or home office: the staff will inquire about natural illumination from windows, brightness of wall colour, and other variables which affect the quality of light in the room, as well as your personal tastes in colour and style.

"We are a full-service store, not self-service," Gladstone emphasized. "If people are spending money, they want personal attention, whether their budget is lavish or modest." The staff at Royal are lighting experts, some of whom have worked in the lighting business for 20 years. Many are long-standing employees, some of whom have been with Royal since the store opening in 1981.

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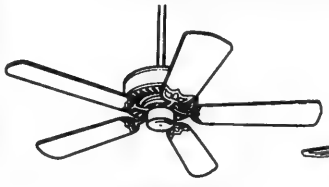

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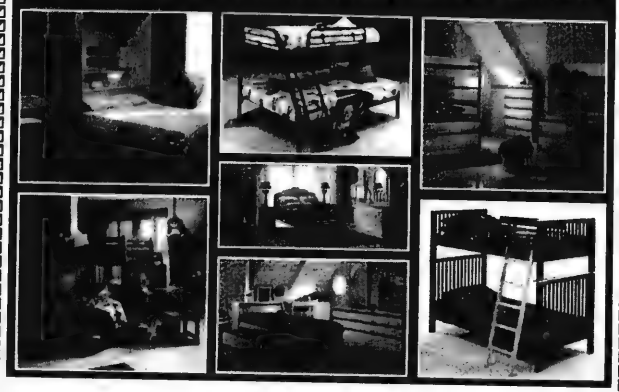

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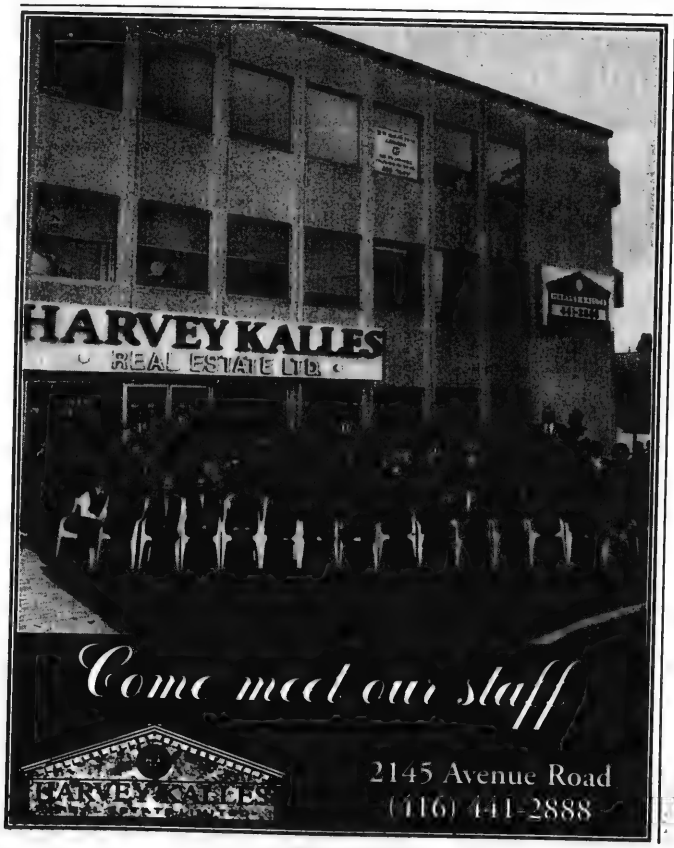

Avenue Road Arts School

Every adult needs to rediscover their creative side. Adults attending classes at the Avenue Road Arts School find it an artistic and spiritual oasis that fills a real need to be calm and to be expressive in a warm, supportive environment. The classes take place in a beautiful restored Victorian home where adults experience the freshness and spontaneity of the children's creations which cover the walls alongside their own work.

The average class size of 10-12 students allows for a great deal of individual attention from highly qualified instructors. The school offers a broad range of both traditional and unusual courses in all the arts including singing Broadway showtunes, home decorating arts, stand-up comedy, tapestry knitting, and journal writing. Students find that whenever they create they 'discover' themselves - the side of themselves they like the best.

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Capital's plant and machines are the latest technology, certified by the Ministry of Environment and Energy; and Del has taken a course on environmentally friendly cleaning. The machines do not allow pollutants to escape into the atmosphere; fluids and residue are removed by environmentally licensed companies.

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Ritché 10 years on Avenue Rd.

It is so hard for Mr. Ritché to believe that it has been 10 years at the beautiful Avenue Rd. store. It seems like just yesterday that the 3 storey fashion boutique was being renovated to replace the previous Eglinton Ave. and Bloor St. locations.

Of course brides from all across Ontario know that Ritché is famous for fabulous wedding gowns and bridal party dresses. However, the residents in the Avenue Rd. district are still getting acquainted with Ritché. Those curious shoppers who just wander in are pleasantly surprised to find that we offer much more than beautiful evening wear. There is a great selection of business clothes, day wear, blouses, pant suits, leggings, jewellery, shoes and purses. The friendly and knowledgeable staff are always eager to show neighbours around the store.

Of course, if you should be fortunate enough to have a special occasion to attend, Ritché should be the first stop for your attire. The main floor has a gorgeous selection of gowns, beaded dresses, and suits in a surprisingly wide range of prices! Be sure to see the exclusive Ritché designs available to be custom designed just for you.

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THE CHOICE IS YOURS

At the **J.S.R.**, there is an implicit understanding of how hard it is to meet interesting people. Your job takes up a lot of time, bar hopping is not your scene, and while the classifieds are great for selling cars, they are not ideal for "steering" you towards a partner. This is where the **Jewish Singles Registry** comes in - an attractive way to meet interesting and exciting people. Here you are given the opportunity to be pro-active, by taking control of your love life, and meeting people that you select. After reviewing detailed and comprehensive biography profiles, complete with photographs one gets a clear and concise picture of what your potential date will be like. You also have the freedom to be the selector, selectee, or both. So whether you are looking for someone to share a cup of coffee and a good conversation, or that special individual to possibly take a walk down the aisle, the **J.S.R.** makes it fun, safe and simple for you to make informed and quality dating choices. What more can you ask for?

THREE MORE ENGAGEMENTS

The **J.S.R.** is delighted to report that three more Registry couples have recently announced their intentions to get married. "When we say we are averaging an engagement every 7-1/2 weeks we are not kidding" reports Singer. "In fact we are expecting that average to improve even more by the end of this year."

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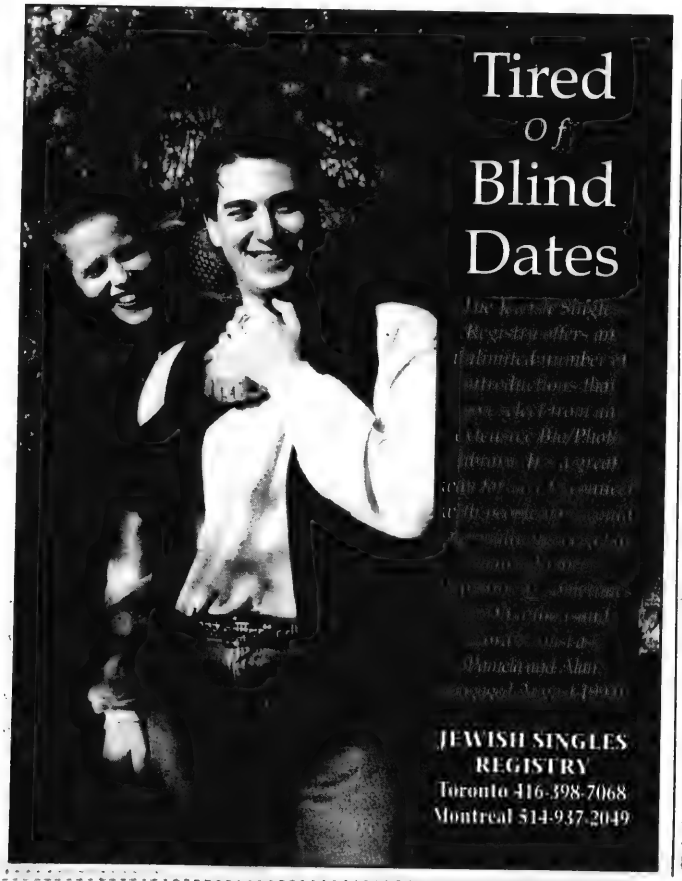
With today's hectic and often unpredictable schedules, the Registry is well aware how important it is to offer its' members long office hours so that registrants can use the service at their own convenience. Members can make appointments six days a week including evenings and Sundays. A professional and dedicated staff is always on hand to offer assistance.

TIME TO REGISTER

At the Registry we know how important it is to find someone to talk and laugh with and share life's ups and downs. We recognize how difficult it is to meet that special individual. Our goal is to make it easy by putting hundreds of eligible Jewish singles at your fingertips and provide the opportunity for you to make the right choice. Don't spend another Saturday night alone when the **Jewish Singles Registry** may have someone right for you. Call today at **416-398-7068.**



Beverly Hills Caterers offers ambience, food and service: "Good things come in threes"

According to Beverly Hills Caterers' Raphy Amar, a premier caterer has three prime assets: ambience, food and service. To provide the best of each, he or she in turn must possess three qualities: honesty, meticulous attention to detail, and generosity.

Generosity means handsome-sized portions: enough food so that your guests can't imagine finishing it all, yet it's so good, it quickly disappears. It also means giving generously of your time, which Raphy gladly does to make every event a resounding success.

Le Parc, where Beverly Hills Caterers' head office is located, has six opulent banquet rooms, each boasting a skylit foyer with greenery, private bar and piano.

Raphy has 20 years' catering experience. Having spent some of these years as a chef, he keeps a constant eye on what's cooking, and imparts reality to the catchphrase "hands on". Le Parc's spotless new state-of-the-art kosher kitchen serves up to 2,000 guests. Raphy got his simcha planning experience hosting Hollywood celebrities for ten years as exclusive Kosher caterer to Beth Jacob, Los Angeles' largest Orthodox congregation.

In three years, Raphy has built Beverly Hills Caterers into a "one stop shop" for catering. Currently, he is offering a special, $55 p.p. for weekdays and $65 p.p. for weekends (plus 15% gratuities and 15% taxes; minimum 125 guests). This covers a five-course meal, including entrée, hors d'oeuvres and sweet table; it also includes open bar, coat check, linens, and parking. Each event has a $350 mashgiach charge.

Raphy's expertise is not confined to Le Parc; as of July 1, Beverly Hills Caterers will also be exclusive kosher caterer to Shaar Shalom Congregation in Thornhill.

Le Parc is currently offering extremely attractive prices to those who reserve Saturday night functions in advance for the period of January through March 1997.

Raphy is also looking forward to hosting the January 1997 Bridal Show at Le Parc. "It will be bigger and better than before," he promises, "with some of the most prestigious names in the business."

Beverly Hills Caterers offers cuisine from traditional Sephardic and Ashkenazi dishes to Italian and Oriental. Raphy is especially proud of his vegetarian and light California-style dishes and his sushi bar. Whatever your taste, Raphy can design a menu to suit your needs.

Beverly Hills Caterers is Glatt Kosher, under strict supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (C.O.R.). As a Shomer Shabbos caterer, Raphy closes Fridays at 2:00 p.m.

Beverly Hills Caterers is located at Le Parc, 8432 Leslie St. in Thornhill at Highway 7. You can reach Raphy at (416) 798-7246.

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Deblins Linens a delight to the senses — and the pocketbook

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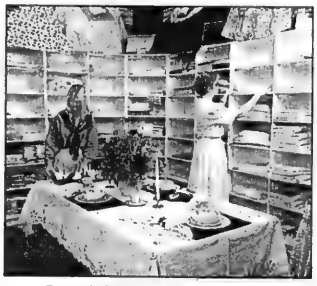
The Chitiz family, with decades of experience in the linen trade, operates Deblins on the principle of maximum quality, variety and service at minimum cost — or, in President Ellis Chitiz' words, "boutique quality at warehouse prices". This policy works well: the Superstore is always busy, even at non-peak hours; at peak hours, customers crowd the aisles. "People like to come into a busy store," says Ellis.



Over 9,000 products in stock

Every Deblins item is a quality product. The throw rugs on the walls by the entrance, for example, with their tapestry-like pictures, are triple-woven 100% cotton. All three stores (in Toronto, Thornhill and Mississauga) carry the same merchandise at the same low prices — so low they don't offer designer discounts. "If you find a better price elsewhere," Ellis urges, "buy it; but nine times out of ten, taking price, quality and service together, no one is better than Deblins."

"Don't take my word for it," he adds. Ellis respects comparison shoppers and their ability to judge for themselves; the harder they are to convince, and the more they refuse to compromise on quality, the better. He asks only that when they search for better deals, they "compare apples with apples". Only for identical products does a price difference mean anything. This policy draws repeat business from customers who comparison shop as far away as Florida.

You can buy all your linens and accessories at Deblins; the selection comprises over 9,000 items. Ellis constantly expands the accessory selection, so that it becomes easier to co-ordinate bed linens with your ensuite bath linens.

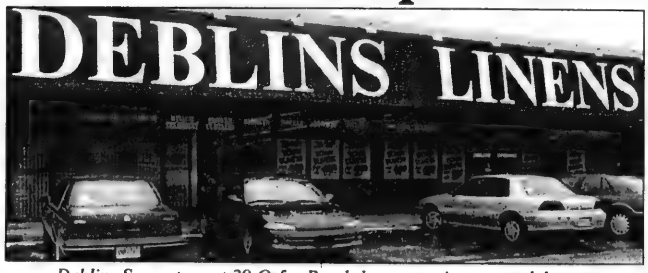
Fieldcrest Regency bath sheets are available for $9.99; so are cabana-striped Bobb bath sheets. All year round, tub mats are on sale for $5.99. There are fibre-reactive velour and terrycloth beach towels in strong reds, blues and greens, combining colorfastness with the contrast of soft and rough textures.

There is a wide assortment of ready-made curtains, valances and draperies to complement sheet designs, and drapery hardware to match, including wrought-iron rods in different colors with a variety of finials. New Kaleidoscope valance creators, which allow you to innovate in shaping the length and hang of draperies, regularly sell for $15.99; Deblins offers them for $6.99.

Deblins carries table linens for every occasion, whether for dinner parties, Shabbos dinner or informal meals; and there are table rounds, napkins, napkin rings, table pads and hundreds of dozens of assorted placemats. Visa no-iron, no-stain tablecloths come in ten sizes and 17 colors.

There are 18 bed settings, each in a vignette with matching bathwear and accessories, in price ranges and styles from simple to opulent — including a child's bunk with bright blue accessories, and huge reversible cushions with printed cartoons. Over the next two months, new sheet designs will be coming in from Revman, Croscill, Crowncraft, Revelle, Veratex, Burlington, Fieldcrest and Dan River. The Veratex, Crowncraft and Revelle lines are printed in Israel. Pillow covers, duvets, duvet covers, shams and bed skirts are well represented; and there are five different duvet styles, nine pillow styles, and sheets for odd-sized length, width or depth of mattress.

Deblins buys and ships all over the world,



Deblins Superstore at 39 Orfus Road: busy even in non-peak hours

but offers boutique-style personal service. Staff answer questions promptly and expertly, on everything from fabric care to color co-ordination. In the unlikely event you don't find exactly what you want, Deblins will order it, or custom-make it at a good price in a few weeks' notice. "No problem" is the by-word here. Deblins also offers you the convenience of a Bridal Registry.

The Superstore at 39 Orfus Road is a few minutes north of Lawrence, west off Dufferin; call (416) 782-2910. The other stores are in the Promenade Mall in Thornhill, (905) 709-0007; and the Mississauga Home and Design Centre at the corner of Winston Churchill and Dundas, (905) 820-1509. All three locations are open seven days a week.

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Nightmares haunt youth in Under the Domim Tree

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

***Under the Domim Tree* opens May 31 at the Carlton Cinema.**

TORONTO – In *Under the Domim Tree*, the Israeli film that opens this week at the Carlton Cinema here, the setting is a youth aliyah village in Israel, circa 1950, whose teenaged residents have a lot more on their minds than the usual social concerns of adolescence.

Like many of the roughly 300,000 children orphaned in the Holocaust or in Arab-Israeli wars who grew up in youth aliyah villages, the young people in *Under the Domim Tree* are haunted by the nightmares of their pasts.

Unable or unwilling to tame their natures, two boys who survived the war by hiding in forests now run wild at night, howling like wolves.

By day, heated debates break out in the dining hall over whether to accept German reparation money: only one girl is in favor, arguing that the money could help her go to college.

After one girl, Yola, finds her missing father still alive, many of the others become obsessed that a similar miracle could bring back their parents. But a girl named Mira has a different problem. Having run away from Israeli parents who desperately claimed her as their own, she is adamant that a case of mistaken identity has been made. Concerning her actual parents, however, her memory is blank.

Each person in *Under the Domim Tree* has their particular source of grief and private pain, and the only place anyone can go to be alone is under the domim tree that stands on a hill, overlooking the village.

The film, which won first prize at last year's International Film Festival in Jerusalem, is based on the novel of the same name by Gila Almagor. Israel's first lady of film, Almagor based the book – as she did her earlier book, *The Summer of Aviyah* – on her own experiences.

Almagor appears in the film as the deluded, institutionalized mother of Aviyah, the only non-orphaned resident of the youth village. Although she was in Palestine during the war, Aviyah's mother has convinced herself that she was in Auschwitz, and obsessively inks numbers onto her arm to prove it.

In Toronto recently to promote the film, director Eli Cohen said that he searched many high schools and drama circles in Israel to find the right cast for *Under the Domim Tree*, as he did for its "prequel," *The Summer of Aviyah*, shot in 1988. Final casting decisions for *Under the Domim Tree* were made right up until one week before shooting began, he said.

"My job as director – apart from the obvious thing of discussing character with each and every actor – was to create an atmosphere that would bind them all together. Everyone came from a different place, a different village. It was really important to create this bond, this sense of togetherness, that you see in the film."

An important scene in the film occurs when a Dutch-born farmer experiments with agricultural techniques of the ancient Nabateans to grow a field of tulips beneath the domim tree.

"Everybody comes to me and says that the scene with the tulips blooming is symbolic," said Cohen. "They say that the delicate flowers from Europe that grow in the harsh desert sand are a symbol for the delicate children from Europe who also come here and bloom.

"When I hear this, I laugh to myself without denying it. I admit that it looks like a symbol, but it wasn't planned that way. The thing is, in films as in other forms of art, sometimes accidents happen and they can give new meaning to the work."

Cohen's other films include *The Quarrel*, which was made in Canada in 1992. *Under The Domim Tree* opens May 31 at the Carlton Cinema (416-598-2309).

Entrepreneur drops hostile take-over bid

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Hi-tech entrepreneur Davidi Gilo has decided to withdraw his hostile take-over bid for Scitex after failing to meet with the company's management and major shareholders to discuss the transaction.

In a letter written last week and addressed to the embattled, Herzliya - based company, Gilo said the group of investors he represents is willing to negotiate a deal, but its offer to buy Scitex stock at $25 (US) per share was no longer valid.

The Scitex-Gilo showdown started approximately seven weeks ago following Gilo's proposal to purchase Scitex at $20 per share.

After failing to receive a positive response, Gilo raised the price to $25, but this was also rejected by the company's major shareholders, who maintained it was not in the best interests of the company and its shareholders.

The company's major shareholders responded by buying more than one million Scitex shares on Wall Street, a move which Gilo said in his letter was coupled by the major owners' indications that they intended to continue purchasing Scitex shares "in order to thwart our proposal."

For its part, Scitex said that Gilo's withdrawal of his proposals, "which we believe were not in the best interests of Scitex and its shareholders," removes a distraction and will allow it "to focus on the important business of running the company."

The day following Gilo's announcement, all 13 nominees recommended by Scitex for its board of directors were elected at the annual shareholders meeting.

Scitex, which specializes in digital communication for graphic designs, completed the first quarter with a profit of $3.3 million (US).

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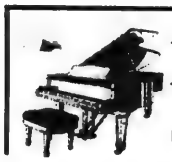

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Sotheby's Sale of Judaica: A wide range of silver, ritual objects, ketubot (marriage contracts), paintings, books and manuscripts are among the goods to be offered in a Judaica sale at Sotheby's New York, set for June 4.

Included in the collection of marriage contracts is an illustrated ketubah from Ragusza, Italy, dated 1781, which is expected to fetch at least $6,000 (US). Also for sale is an assortment of approximately 200 prayerbooks, rabbinic commentaries, codes of law, responsa, and books on philosophy and the Kabbalah from the collection of the late Dr. Israel Mehlman, a foremost collector of Hebrew books.

Among the paintings in the sale is Lazar Krestin's *Im Bethaus*, a fine oil painting depicting two boys, a young man and an elderly man at prayer inside a synagogue. The work is expected to fetch between $70,000 to $100,000 (US).

A painting by British artist Cyril Ross provides a startling contrast to Krestin's vision of religious devotion and dignity. Ross's painting is called *Nazi Persecution and Sacrilege*, and portrays a devastating attack on a synagogue during a pogrom, possibly Kristallnacht.

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Jewish Film: The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents the Yiddish classic *Yidl Mitn Fild (Yidl With His Fiddle)* on June 2, 7:30 p.m., at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W., Toronto.

Molly Picon stars in Joseph Green's 1936 film as a young girl who poses as a boy so she can play her fiddle in her travels through the countryside.

Single tickets go on sale 15 minutes before showtime. Members are asked to show up by 7 p.m. to ensure a seat. Bill Emery, 416-924-6211.

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Russian Dancers, An Update: Remember when a troupe of Russian dancers was stranded in Toronto four years ago? Thanks to their exceptional talent and showmanship, the dancers have been welcomed here by appreciative audiences and have done well for themselves.

Tenor Igor Portnoi has been signed on to the upcoming musical *Ragtime*, while Anna Shafajinskaia won a Pavarotti Voice Competition and is scheduled to sing with Luciano Pavarotti in a performance of *Tosca* in Philadelphia. Dimitri Fried, master gymnast, appeared in *Miss Saigon*, while Tatiana Zoubrilina and Oleg Kantemerov have worked as circus performers in the Moscow Circus and the Cirque du Soleil.

These and other accomplished members of the Russian Dance and Music Company present a gala variety show at the Leah Posluns Theatre, North York, for one night only, June 26, 7.30 p.m. Tickets are $15. 416-222-3758.

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Sherman's Advance: The Factory Theatre of Toronto announced last week that it will present *Hebron*, a new work by playwright Jason Sherman, in its forthcoming season. In *Hebron*, a Toronto Jew engages his celebrity dinner guests (Noam Chomsky, Edward Said and Steven Spielberg) in an "unconventional inquiry" into recent events in the Middle East.

Sherman is the author of *The Retreat*, which enjoyed a sold-out run this past season at Tarragon Theatre. His earlier work, the Governor-General's Award-winning *Three in the Head, Two in the Back*, opened last week at the Manhattan Class Company Theatre in New York City.

Lazar Krestin's Im Bethaus is among the paintings in the sale.

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In Brief: *Pi*, a bronze sculpture in four parts by sculptor Evan Penny, was unveiled last week at 220 Bay St., second floor, Toronto.

• The second annual Toronto Worldwide Short Film Festival unwinds June 4 to 9 at the Famous Players Backstage and other movie theatres around Toronto. The Park Plaza is the host hotel. Festival hotline, 416-535-1457.

Vistas and Vegas highlight visit

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The scenery is awesome, but eight different hotels in 12 days during a 1,100 mile bus tour in California, Utah and Arizona is a bit strenuous for seniors.

At least this writer and his wife, Fanny, found it so, as did some other seniors, but the majority of the 44 passengers took in stride the trip through hot desert climes to the much cooler temperatures of Zion National Park in Utah, and Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon and Oak Creek Canyon in Arizona.

We started out in mid-March from Pasadena, Calif., spent two days in the never-never land of Las Vegas, which included the kind of night club floor show for which it is famous, then on to the canyons and Wild West ghost towns, one day each in the tropicl settings of Scottsdale and Palm Springs, ending with two days of sunning and swimming in San Diego. Then by the scenic Amtrak Sante Fe train to Los Angeles, not part of the tour, and home by air from there, in time for Passover.

It was strictly shorts weather in Las Vegas, Scottsdale, Palm Springs and San Diego, but in Cedar City, Utah, Page and Flagstaff, Ariz., it was time for warm sweaters and jackets. Nestled at the base of Grand Canyon, Flagstaff brings a sharp reminder of that old devil winter.

Our companions included 15 from the British Isles, 10 Canadians, one each from Spain, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the rest from United States. The British types were the most adventursome of all, taking the helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft flights over and into the Grand Canyon.

It was a dramatic change to leave the fleshpots of Las Vegas and come face to face with the towering mountains of Zion National Park where our rustic room in the main lodge had no telephone, TV or radio.

Though Las Vegas and the canyons seem a strange mixture, for two travellers like ourselves who had never seen Las Vegas, it was a worthwhile experience, as we didn't play at the gaming tables. We were certainly close to them —you can't even go to breakfast in your hotel without passing through rows of slot machines and blackjack tables.

It's true that the casino operators are so intent on keeping your mind on gambling that in any public area of the hotels you can't tell whether it's night or day outside. There are no clocks. Gambling goes on 24 hours a day. The price of good meals is ridiculously low.

It was surprising to see how many families with children in their own vehicles were following the same trail as our bus. Evidently March break holidays are a big

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Sigmund Sobolewski (right) is the subject of *Prisoner 88*. [Ottawa Citizen photo]

Film tells Prisoner 88's story

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sigmund Sobolewski, a Canadian Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, says his fight to keep alive the memory of the Jews who died there has wrecked his family life. He says Ramona, his Cuban wife of 30 years, "feels the Jews are stealing me away."

He reveals this in the 48-minute Ark film *Prisoner 88*, directed by David Paperny, being given its TV premiere on TVOntario June 5 and 9 at 10 p.m.

Prisoner 88 is the story of a 73-year-old man dressed in striped pyjamas, who has an Auschwitz number tattoed on his left forearm. He demonstrates in front of Polish embassies and consulates in Canada and the United States, complaining that Auschwitz is being "Christianized."

"The Christians were guilty for what happened at Auschwitz," he says in the film. "We all need to seek redemption. Where was the church, where was the Pope, where was the world when it happened?"

Sobolewski was one of those who raised the alarm about a private developer's plan to build a shopping mall across from the camp. The worldwide revulsion on discovering the plan led the Polish government to halt it.

Though he doesn't agree with some of the methods Sobolewski uses to attract attention, Nathan Leipciger, of Toronto, the Canadian delegate to the Auschwitz International Council, told *The CJN* he agrees with his objectives.

In *Prisoner 88*, Sobolewski says that when he dies, he wants his ashes strewn in the pond near the crematorium at Birkenau (part of Auschwitz) "to be with the ashes of my sisters and brothers of the Hebrew faith."

"I raise my arms to the sky and I hear Jewish souls crying out: 'Sigmund, what are you doing for us? We are forgotten,' " he says in the film's final scene, as he breaks down and weeps.

Prisoner 88 traces the Polish-born Sobolewski's life through 4½ years at Auschwitz; a brief stint in the Polish merchant navy; his time in Cuba, where he married Ramona; their arrival in Canada, where he worked in the Maritimes, in Toronto and out west as an engineer; and finally his purchase of a hotel and pub in Fort Assiniboine, Ata.

They were forced to sell the hotel because of unpaid bills, he says, and they moved to Calgary. Their three grown-up sons, he claims, are alienated from him.

In *Prisoner 88*, Ramona says, "I want my husband back. He is not the man I knew."

One scene, filmed in Auschwitz, shows Sobolewski in striped pyjamas, carrying a sign about Christian guilt, being taunted by a Polish camp visitor.

Sobolewski revisits Birkenau, where he recounts the story of the four Jewish heroic women who smuggled arms to other prisoners, who then rioted and sabotaged one of the crematoriums.

As a member of the camp fire brigade, Soboleski was sent to the scene. He also revisits the room where he saw a Jewish prisoner brutally treated by a Kapo, a Jewish prison guard.

He admits he was suspicious of Jews when, as a Polish officer's son, he was first arrested and sent to Auschwitz. What he saw the Jews endure there transformed his life.

His searing memories of Auschwitz made him a cantankerous tavern keeper who was wont to argue with the drinkers and boot them out, a customer says in the film. Though Sobolewski claims his sons are alienated, one declares: "He taught us how to survive another Auschwitz," and another says, "I'll tatoo 88 on my left forearm. I'm proud of what he did."

A shortcoming in *Prisioner 88* is its failure to connect Sobolewski with the wider context of Holocaust denial he is fighting or his warm reception by the Jewish and Christian groups across Canada who have heard his story.

Vegas, vistas highlight visit

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thing in the United States too. The indoor pools at Page and Flagstaff were as warm with frolicking kids. The walking paths at Montezuma Castle National Monument and at Grand Canyon were busy and crowded.

Here's another tip: If you are counting on a shuttle to get to L.A. airport from downtown L.A. (the Amtrak station for instance) allow extra time because the freeways to the airport can be bumper to bumper. Besides that, the shuttle sometimes make unannounced stops on the way to the airport (at UCLA for example) so remember you must arrive 30 minutes early for an international flight to claim your seats.

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Jewish baseball stars could field their own team

By RICHARD REEDER
Special to The CJN

CHICAGO —If an all-time Jewish major league baseball team were to take to the field today, it could slug it out with the best of 'em.

Of course, the team would have two Hall of Famers in its lineup — Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax — and it would also have Buddy Myer, who, it can be argued, had the statistics to warrant a place in Cooperstown as well.

The team's starting lineup is strong at the plate — it doesn't have a hitter with a career average of less than .281. Four of the eight starting postion players (Greenberg, Toronto's Goody Rosen, Sid Gordon and Morris Arnovich) had their careers shortened by World War II.

The pitching staff's starting five collected four Cy Young Awards, hurled six no-hitters and tossed 130 shutouts in their collective careers. They had a composite 718 wins, 505 losses and a .587 winning percentage.

Taking a trip around the diamond, the first stop is first base, manned by Hank Greenberg. Greenberg amassed 331 homers and 1,276 RBIs while batting .313 in 12 years of play between 1933 and 1947. He wore a Detroit Tigers uniform in all but one of those years, but he closed out his career with a single season playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

A two-time MVP, he led the American League in home runs and RBIs four times. In 1938, he hit 58 homers, reaching the mark with five games left in the season. Try as he might to eclipse Babe Ruth's 1927 record of 60, he didn't hit another that year.

The second baseman is Buddy Myer, who batted .303 in 17 seasons between 1925 and 1941. Myer played 16 of those years with the Washington Senators.

Andy Cohen, who like Myer played both second and short, takes the field as the team's shortstop. Cohen batted .281 over three years with the New York Giants in the late 1920s. He also managed the Philadelphia Phillies for one game in 1960, making him only one of two Jews to have managed in the majors. Norm Sherry was the other.

Al Rosen, a certifiable slugger for the Cleveland Indians from 1947-56, mans third base. Rosen posted strong lifetime numbers as he hit for a .285 average, belted 192 homers and drove in 717 runs.

The left-fielder, Goody Rosen, batted .291 in six seasons for the Dodgers and Giants. Rosen knocked out 11 triples in both the 1938 and 1945 seasons.

Sid Gordon, who played for the Giants, Braves and Pirates from 1941-55, is the team's centre-fielder. This .283 lifetime hitter had considerable pop in his bat as he clouted 202 roundtrippers and 805 ribbies.

Completing the outfield is Morrie Arnovich in right. A career .287 hitter, Arnovich split his playing time with the Phillies, Reds and Giants. His best year was in 1939 with Philadelphia, when he batted .324.

Catching duties go to Harry Danning, a solid .285 hitter for the Giants from 1933-42. A defensive fixture for the New Yorkers, Danning was a favorite receiver for Hall of Famer Carl Hubell.

The starting pitching staff is led by the great Sandy Koufax, who won three Cy Young Awards and threw four no-hitters in his glory days with the Dodgers from 1955-66. Koufax won 165 games while losing 87, a .655 percentage.

He posted a remarkable .95 ERA in 57 World Series innings and became a cause celebre for refusing to pitch the opening game of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur. However, he was the winning pitcher in Game 7 against the Twins.

Ed Reulbach makes an impressive second starter. Reulbach, who pitched in the majors from 1905-17, spent his first nine years with the Cubs. He was a big righty with a lifetime record of 181 wins and 105 losses. Big Ed, who was on four Cub pennant winners, tossed 40 shutouts and had a career ERA of 2.28.

The starting staff also includes southpaw Ken Holtzman, who pitched from 1965-79, mostly with the Cubs and the Oakland A's. In 1969 and 1971, Holtzman hurled no-hit games for the Cubs. Overall, the classy lefty won 174 games while losing 150.

Steve Stone, who threw in the majors from 1971-81, is the fourth starter. A crafty righthander, Stone saw service with the Cubs and White Sox as well as the Giants and Orioles. He recorded a 25-7 season with the Orioles in 1980, which earned him the Cy Young Award.

Erskine Mayer completes the starting rotation. A righthander who pitched in the second decade of the century, Mayer won 21 games in both the 1914 and 1915 seasons for the Phillies. He ended his career in Chicago playing with the 1919 "Black Sox," but was unaffected by the scandal.

The team's reserve players include first basemen Mike Epstein, Ron Blomberg and Phil Weintraub, catchers Moe Berg and Joe Ginsberg and outfielders Cal Abrams and Art Shamsky. Completing the pitching staff are Larry Sherry, Saul Rogovin, Harry Eisenstat, Barry Latman and Bo Belinsky.

Second baseman Myer's statistics should place him in the Hall of Fame. Compare his career numbers to those of Hall of Famer Billy Harman: Mayer played 1,923 games, Harman 1,922; Harman's batting average was .304, Myer's was .303; Myer scored 1,174 runs, Harman 1,163; Myer had 850 RBIs, Harman 839.

Harman did have about 200 more hits, but Myer had about 200 more bases on balls. Harman outpaced Myer in doubles, 486-353, but Myer hit 130 triples to Harman's 82 and Myer's 156 stolen bases far exceeds Harman's 67.

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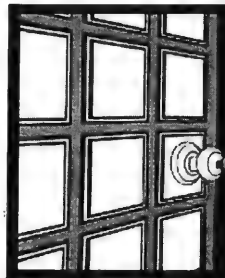

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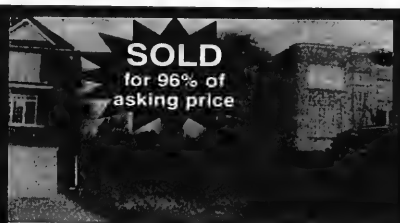

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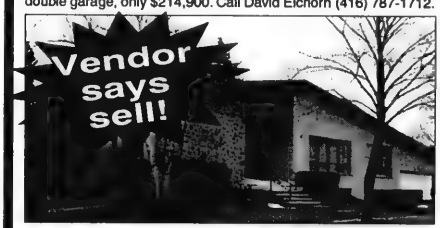

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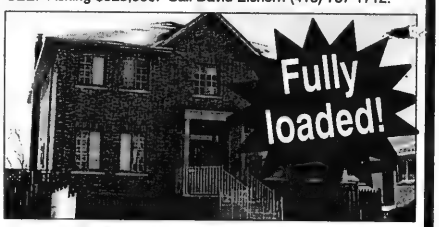

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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of **David Magder** will take place Sunday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, First Moldover Section.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Rose Cohen,** will take place on Sun. June 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Dawes Road Cemetery, Zion Benevolent Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Buckler, Eugene on May 9, 1996, late of 96 Fifeshire Rd.
Katzman, Ethel on May 10, 1996, late of 175 Hilda Ave.
Lazar, Klara on May 12, 1996, late of 155 Marlee
Gross, Helen on May 12, 1996
Gold, Evelyn on May 15, 1996, late of 1035 Eglinton Ave.
Zapolin, Abram on May 15, 1996
Goldberg-Gilis, Yekaterina on May 16, 1996
Wilansky, Samuel B. on May 16, 1996, late of 27 Greenbush Ave.
Rynski, Martin on April 29, 1996, late of 115 Antibes Dr. #1101
Mandel, Morris on May 18, 1996, late of 109 Almore Ave.
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Baumstein, Fanny on May 19, 1996, late of 3056 Bathurst St.
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Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late beloved
STEPHEN LABELL ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 2nd, 1:30 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
(*Dufferin N. of Major Mackenzie*)
Community Section Phase 2
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
BELLE CUTLER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 2 1:00 p.m.
Beth Tzedec Memorial Park
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Louis and Sarah Berman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 2nd, 1996 at 12:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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Pride of Israel Section
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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late

ANNIE FINER ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 2nd, 1996 at 11:30 a.m.

Lambton Park Cemetery
(Royal York Road)
Beth Jacob Section

Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

EVA BINDER ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 2nd, 11:00 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

ALEX PEERY ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 2nd, 12:00 noon

Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Section

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The unveiling of a monument in memory of our beloved

Boruch Krupski ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 2nd, 11:00 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lodzek Section

Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

Max Zeifman ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 2nd, 12:00 noon

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
National Order Hatzofim #11 Section

Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

Wilfred Taraday ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 2nd, 11:15 a.m.

Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Section

Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

Mayer Zylberberg ז"ל

will take place

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About people

Dear Ella,

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No Smoking Please

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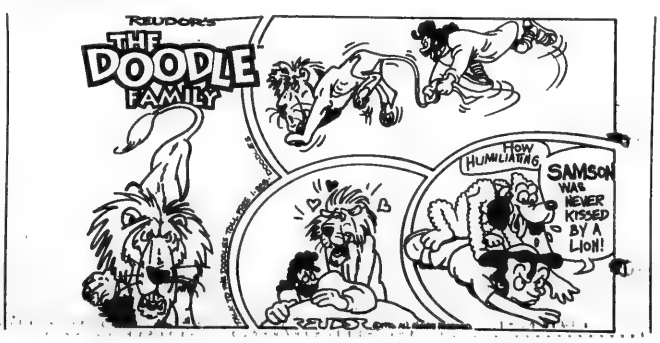

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מאת: יעל זליגר

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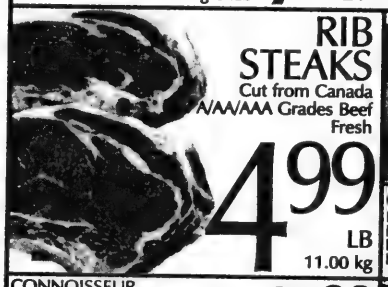

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Netanyahu calls for unity

BY HERB KEINON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — In a gracious victory speech, prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu Sunday night extended a hand of conciliation to the half of the country that voted against him, calling on everyone to bind the wounds.

He extended another hand of conciliation to Arab leaders, calling on them to continue to walk down the path of peace.

"The State of Israel is going forth today on a new path," Netanyahu told a euphoric crowd of thousands of supporters at the Jerusalem International Convention Centre, "a path of hope, a path of unity, a path of security, a path of peace. The first and foremost peace that must be reached is peace at home, peace between us, peace among us."

Netanyahu's 30-minute speech, his first public statement since the election, was interrupted by deafening chants, ranging from "He is great, he is great, he is great," to "Bibi, king of Israel."

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Against a larger-than-life backdrop, Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu addresses his supporters following last week's election victory. *[RNS photo]*

Election was laden with ironies

By SHIRA HERZOG
Special to The CJN

Commentary

As the final votes were being counted, a new era in Israeli politics was already beginning. Direct elections of the prime minister have had far-reaching results that have reshaped the Knesset.

Both large parties – Labor and Likud – have lost considerable strength to the smaller parties on the left and right. These, in turn, benefited from the split vote of many Israelis, who gave their prime ministerial vote to one of the two key candidates while they voted for single-issue parties for the Knesset.

The ironies in the situation are not lost on many Israeli observers. In 1992, when comprehensive electoral reform was brought to a vote in the Knesset, Labor and Likud failed to pass the first half of the bill, which would have changed the system from one of proportional representation to a mixed, proportional and constituency-based system, starting in 1996. This would have eliminated several of the smaller parties and would have reinforced Israelis' tendency to vote for one of the larger parties.

Instead, in order to protect their chances of forming a government in the 1992 election – for which they knew they would still require the support of the small parties in the old system – Labor and Likud passed only direct elections for the prime minister, leaving the Knesset vote in its historic, proportional system.

In last week's election, both large parties paid the price for their short-sightedness of a few years earlier. The split vote decimated Labor and Likud, and transformed the small parties into medium-size parties. The Knesset now offers a representative snapshot of the various solitudes in Israel society.

For Canadians, there was a particular interest in Israel's results.

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Election Results

for Prime Minister
Netanyahu 50.40%, Peres 49.5%

Knesset seats
(Brackets indicate 1992 results)

Labor	34	(44)
Likud	32	(40)
Shas	10	(6)
National Religious Party	9	(6)
Meretz	9	(12)
Israel b'Aliyah	7	(new party)
Hadash	5	(3)
United Torah Judaism	4	(4)
United Arab List	4	(2)
Third Way	4	(new party)
Moledet	2	(3)

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Israel Election '96

Labor, Likud lose seats to smaller parties

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The exit polls showed that both Labor and Likud lost considerable strength in the separate race for the Knesset, as small parties, particularly the religious parties and Israel b'Aliyah, a new immigrant party, gained at their expense, thanks to the new direct election of the prime minister.

According to the Channel 1 exit poll, Labor won 35 seats instead of its current 44 (final result was 34), while the Likud-Gesher-Tsomet list got 31 instead of the 40 the Likud and Tsomet won in 1992 (final result was 32). Neither Shimon Peres nor Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to have trouble cobbling together the 61 MKs needed to form a coalition.

The current blocking majority of Labor, Meretz and the Arab parties together won only 53 seats – eight fewer than they had in the outgoing Knesset. The right-wing bloc of the Likud, the National Religious Party, United Torah Judaism and Moledet was also reduced, garnering six fewer seats than last time, for a total of 47. The three parties that did not endorse any candidate for the premiership, Shas, Israel b'Aliyah and The Third Way, won a projected 20 seats.

Among the big winners were the National Religious Party (NRP) and Shas, which both sharply increased their representation. Shas went from six to 10, while the NRP went from six to nine seats. The Israel b'Aliyah party, led by former prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky, burst its way onto the national political stage by winning a projected seven seats. The Third Way, a new group initiated by hawkish Laborites, also attained three seats (final result was four). Finally, the Arab parties increased their representation from five to eight seats.

Meretz, while falling short of its current 12 seats, reached at least 10, more than than earlier voter surveys had predicted.

Officials said voter turnout was at its traditionally high level. According to Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) officials, 79.7 percent of the 3.9 million eligible voters cast their ballots yesterday. (In 1992, a total of 77.4 percent voted; in 1988, it was 79.7 percent.)

The CBS said 80 percent of the eligible Jewish voters cast their ballots, as did 77.5 percent of the eligible non-Jewish voters.

Labor counted on high Arab turnout

Labor had been counting on a high Arab turnout as integral to a Peres victory. Uzi Baram, No. 2 on Labor's Knesset list after Peres, took the stage at campaign headquarters to thank the Arab voters who backed the party. "We have to coexist. We have to cooperate. We have to have true brotherhood with the Arab citizens," he said to applause.

The 300 Shas supporters gathered at Jerusalem's Panorama Hall erupted in song and prayer as soon as preliminary results were announced showing they had won nine seats.

"Let us say Tehillim [Psalms] and praise God after this great victory," announced party organizer Shimon Maloul over a loudspeaker. "One more and we have a minyan," he joked. Estimates later in the evening in fact pushed the party up to 10 seats.

Supporters of The Third Way opened bottles of Golan Heights champagne and drenched party leader Avigdor Kahalani, as the results of the TV polls were announced.

There was no joy at Agudat Yisrael headquarters in Tel Aviv, neither as a result of the race for prime minister, nor in the vote for the Knesset, in which the party apparently held on to its current four seats.

NRP activists call for united religious bloc

By HERB KEINON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Accompanied by a clarinetist playing klezmer music, National Religious Party (NRP) MKs broke out into a wedding-style dance about 30 minutes after Channel 1 projected that their party had gone from six to nine seats.

But it seemed a rather half-hearted dance, as the MKs waited – with the rest of the country – for the final results of the Peres-Netanyahu race for prime minister.

"Any way you look at it, this is a victory for the NRP," party head Zevulun Hammer said after the projections were broadcast.

Hammer termed the rise of the religious parties from 16 to a projected 22 seats "excellent." He said that the Meretz anti-religious campaign had boomeranged.

The initial hush that fell over the crowd of some 250 NRP activists at Beit Hahayal in Tel Aviv when a slight advantage for Peres was announced turned into applause when it was announced that the NRP had gained three seats.

Another hush, followed by of cries of "Shas!" ensued, when it was announced that that party had also gained three seats.

MK Shaul Yahalom lost no time in calling for Shas, the NRP and United Torah Judaism to form a united religious bloc. "Only that way will we be able to block Meretz," Yahalom said. He expressed concern that Shas may repeat what it did in 1992 and enter a coalition with Labor and Meretz.

The possibility of the religious parties forming a united bloc dominated the conversations of the party activists.

But MK Yigal Bibi disagreed with Yahalom, saying Shas would not dare enter a coalition alone with Meretz and Labor.

"It would lead to a civil war. After what they did last time, they were unable to walk in the street. They would not repeat it," Bibi said.

Hammer, Yahalom and MK Hanan Porat attributed Shas's surprising rise to the amulets they had distributed, blessed by Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri.

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"What do you think of the Israeli election result?"

"I think you'll see only minor differences." **— David Fruitman, 46, accountant.**

"It's okay. Let's see what he [Netanyahu] is going to do." **— Philip Greenspan, executive.**

"I would have gone with Peres. I feel they should make some kind of peace." **— Lilian Ship, 65, BJC employee.**

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"I think the peace process is so far along that he [Netanyahu] can't stop it." **— Gary Bensimon, 33, merchant.**

Satellite links communities exploring election outcome

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In case the coverage in the local media and by international broadcasters like CNN wasn't enough, political junkies with a taste for Israeli politics got a double dose of election analysis thanks to a satellite linkup of Jewish communities around the world.

The Council of Jewish Federations in New York, in conjunction with the National Jewish Community Relations Council and the Israel Democratic Institute, linked Jewish communities in 10 time zones from Tel Aviv to Seattle, to hear the latest results and analyses from Israel.

In Toronto, about 125 people attended the lunchtime event, which was open to the public at no charge.

What they heard was a consensus from Israeli panelists that the new electoral reforms have proven to be a failure and there is a good chance the Knesset will hear proposals to revert back to the old system, with some new modifications.

Meeting in federation offices across North America, members of various Jewish communities were able to get interactive with the Israeli and New York-based panelists, asking them questions about the election.

The panelists fielded queries from federation offices in St. Louis, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Montreal.

In Toronto, Baruch Gur, a *shaliach* for the Jewish Agency and the key architect of Operation Exodus, provided election analysis.

Gur noted that Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, though he led Premier Shimon Peres at the time by only .7 percent, had closer to a nine percent lead among Jewish voters.

As premier-elect, Netanyahu is the only one able to form a government and he has two likely choices, Gur suggested. He could either include Labor in a new unity government or he could look to some or all of the religious parties and/or Natan Sharansky's Israel b'Aliyah party.

Religious parties were big winners in the election, getting about 25 seats in the 120-seat Knesset, while Sharansky's expectations were wildly exceeded by his nine-seat showing, Gur said.

Unknown quantity

Gur noted that Peres had never won an election as Labor leader, while for many Israelis, Netanyahu is an unknown quantity. He's perceived as being an American-like candidate: "He doesn't say a lot, he looks good and he talks in slogans."

However Netanyahu, who served in Israeli diplomatic offices in the United States, knows the U.S. scene well and will try to keep U.S.-Israel relations on a positive note, Gur said.

In Israel, Asher Arian of the University of Haifa said the election has led to the "complete disintegration of the Israeli party structure."

Never in the nation's history has the largest party been so small (at the time, Labor led with only 32 seats), while smaller parties gained strength. That reflects a move away from the party system to one of "sectarianism," Arian said.

Yaron Ezrahi of the Hebrew University said Netanyahu must now balance his promise of pursuing peace with the pull from the opposite direction by opponents of the peace process within Likud.

Chaim Ben Shahar of Tel Aviv University said the Israeli economy has benefited from the peace process in the last four years, with a GNP exceeding those of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon combined.

He said the election news prompted a six percent drop in the Israeli stock market, but it recovered to post a four percent drop. That shows concern among investors and some may re-examine their commitments, he said.

With Likud in government, expect religious groups, settlers and Sharansky's Russian immigrant party to request greater funds, he added.

In New York, journalist J. J. Goldberg suggested that if Likud increases settlements and the peace process slows down, tension may increase between the United States and Israel. Jewish communities will be asked to line up behind Israel.

But with the likelihood that religious parties will press for more influence on issues that concern U.S. Jews, Goldberg suggested U.S. Jews won't be looking to Israel for leadership in reaching out to other Jews and "we will have to fall back on our own resources."

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UJA march, festival draws 5,000 for fun, fundraising

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An estimated 5,000 people participated in the recent community march for Israel sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal (UJA).

Sandra Brown, president of the Jewish Federation of the Greater Toronto Area, a participant in the march, told *The CJN* she was happy to see the number of young people at the march. "It's wonderful to see so many families," she said.

Indeed, there was a large stroller brigade and plenty of kids on roller blades. Children also brought in a significant number of donations.

The most money raised by a child was $790 by Jaime Filer, 8, of Leo Baeck Day School, while Netivot Hatorah students Natanel Philosophe, 9, and his brother Eliezer, 6, raised $500 each. Samuel Hershenhorn raised $1,135, the largest single amount.

The four-kilometre march, which added close to $150,000 to UJA coffers, began at the Promenade Mall in Thornhill and ended at North York Centennial Arena on Finch Avenue, where the Jerusalem 3000 Festival was held, co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation and UJA.

"The turn-out was fantastic," said Tillie Margolis, president of the central region of the Canadian Zionist Federation and chair of the Jerusalem 3000 festival, which drew 7,000 people.

The fun-filled festival had something special for every age group, including live music and dance performances, bingo, chess, storytelling, a petting zoo and pony rides. There was also a *shuk*, with booths selling all kinds of merchandise — Judaica books and ceremonial items, Israeli-made cosmetics and sandals, and munchies like pizza, falafel, snowcones and cotton candy.

Three-year-old Karlyn Knafo feeds a young goat at the petting zoo at the Jerusalem 3000 Festival. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Some 300 people attended the bone marrow clinic held at the arena in memory of Adam Kruger.

At the festival's opening ceremonies, it was announced that former Ontario premier Bob Rae and York Centre MP Art Eggleton were this year's recipients of the Jerusalem Award, which was given to them by the World Zionist Organization for their contribution to the Jewish community.

Rae, also on hand to support the bone marrow clinic, told *The CJN* he was honored to receive the award. Eggleton, who represents one of the largest Jewish ridings in the country, said he was happy to be a part of the birthday celebration for Jerusalem.

Other dignitaries included Jim Peterson, MP, Willowdale; Joe Volpe, MP, Eglinton-Lawrence; Jehudi Kinar, Israeli consul general; Annamarie Castrilli, MPP Downsview; Metro councillors Howard Moscoe and Norm Gardner; Moishe Ronen, chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Kurt Rothschild, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation and Cantor Louis Danto.

The festival's opening ceremonies on the main stage were sandwiched between live concerts by local bands Tree Top Kids, The Simpletones and Original Stars Band with Liberty Silver, and a program of Israeli song and dance. The Hebrew choirs were directed by Ophir Doron with choreography coordinated by Rivka Atzmoni.

Choirs from Bialik Hebrew Day School and Leo Baeck Day School and the Hava Nagila Singers sang, followed by Israeli folkdance performances by Bialik Jr. dance group, Chai Dancers and Born to Freedom Dance.

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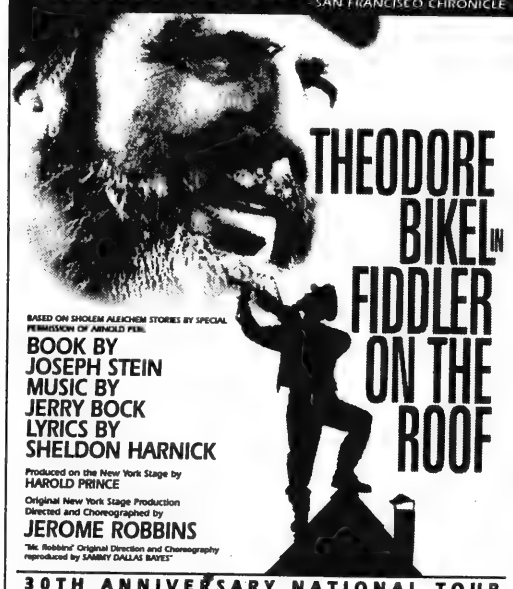
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Former comrade-in-arms identifies Kalejs

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A former senior officer in the Arajs Kommando identifed accused Nazi war criminal Konrads Kalejs as a lieutenant in the notorious Latvian police unit that murdered tens of thousands of Jews.

In videotaped testimony played before Immigration adjudicator Anthony Iozzo, Harijs (Harry) Svikeris said he met Kalejs when he joined the Arajs Kommando in the summer of 1941. He recognized Kalejs because "he was my schoolmate" at a pre-war Latvian military college.

Also tendered into evidence by Immigration lawyer Bonnie Boucher was a document published by the presidium of the Latvian Military College that featured the photos of the 11th graduating class. Both Svikeris and Kalejs appeared.

The evidence confirms other documents and now, oral testimony, that placed Kalejs in the Arajs Kommando, a volunteer unit that, together with German forces, murdered more than 30,000 Latvian Jews.

Kalejs, a citizen of Australia, is facing deportation because of his alleged involvement in the Latvian killing squad. The United States deported Kalejs in 1993 for that involvement.

Following his removal from the United States, Kalejs moved to Toronto and he now resides in an upscale North York condominium building that also has many Jewish residents, including Holocaust survivors.

The videotape evidence was recorded between June and October 1993 by New Scotland Yard as part of its war crimes investigation of Svikeris, who was Kalejs' superior officer in the unit. Svikeris died before he could be brought to trial.

During his interrogation by British police, Svikeris said that after a battle in the village of Nasswa, he left Kalejs in charge while he returned to Riga. Svikeris offered Kalejs' name without any prompting.

In testimony that was replete with contradictions, Svikeris claimed he joined the unit to fight communists and instil military discipline among the recruits and that he never participated in any shootings of Jews.

He denied a statement by the police interrogator that none of the 33 former Arajs Kommando members identified him as a training officer.

At one point in his testimony, he claimed only Germans carried out the shootings and that the Arajs Kommando was involved only in arrests. He later admitted he heard "rumors" that "they were going out somewhere, cleaning and shooting, whatever they do."

When confronted by Scotland Yard interrogators about testimony from other, junior members of the Arajs Kommando who claimed Svikeris participated in the round-up and killing of civilians, he protested, calling them liars and saying he never witnessed any killings.

"They were simply making themselves as angels by telling lies," Svikeris said.

After claiming that the Arajs Kommando was not "officially" involved in any killings, he did acknowledge that members of the unit might have been "unofficially" involved.

Asked about the Nov. 30, 1941 mass killing of Riga Jews, Svikeris said the Arajs Kommando did not participate, but when told Arajs members acknowledged their involvement, Svikeris said "Oh my God, that must be the biggest lie of the century ... How could they [participate] if I didn't know?"

"They identified you" as the senior commander there, the detective inspector told Svikeris, adding that practically the entire unit participated in the killings.

Svikeris stated he did not participate in any killings and that he only heard "rumors" and "hearsay" of shootings.

Following further questioning, Svikeris admitted he accompanied the Kommando on one occasion to forests outside Riga where 12 to 50 civilians were taken to an open pit and shot. He said he did not participate but watched from a distance of 150 to 200 metres.

Despite that distance, Svikeris said he saw the faces of the victims and it seemed "they were more or less accepting of their fate."

A document then presented to Svikeris, signed by him on Jan. 13, 1942 as "acting head of the security command," contradicted his testimony that he was only a training officer and was serving in Russia at the time. "That's a dumb thing what I don't like," Svikeris said.

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Government cuts hurting JF&CS programs

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The full impact of the Ontario government's cutbacks to social service agencies won't be felt until later this year, but they will hurt, the annual meeting of Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) heard last week.

Only weeks after they were elected a year ago, the Tories announced a five percent cut to spending on social services and a 21 percent reduction in social assistance, said JF&CS president Michael Bowman.

The full effect of those cuts will be felt in the coming months, but one early casualty was the closing late last year of the Jerome D. Diamond Centre residence for troubled Jewish teens, Bowman said.

He called the decision to shut the residence "gut-wrenching," but said all its clients were relocated to another Metro-area residence.

Bowman, who was re-elected to a second one-year term as president, said the mission before JF&CS will be to "struggle just to maintain services."

At the least, the agency avoided employee layoffs over the past year, he noted, and ended its fiscal year with just a $59 deficit.

The Conservative government's belief that social assistance discourages people from taking responsibility for themselves "undermines" Jewish values, stated JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe.

Judaism teaches we are all responsible for the other, he said.

Wolfe paid tribute to two employees, Teri Kay and Sheila Walker, for their 25 years of service.

The annual meeting provided a special salute to Jewish foster families, notably to Raymond and Victoria Williams, who have fostered nine children and teens over the past 13 years.

The Williams gave a humorous but heartfelt look at the ups and downs of fostering.

More heartfelt were the personal testimonies of two Crown wards currently in foster care. There were few dry eyes in the house as the teens, a boy and a girl, recounted how foster care likely saved their lives.

Over the past year, the meeting heard, JF&CS carried over 2,800 cases, distributed $1.2 million to the Jewish poor, cared directly for 82 children, investigated 270 allegations of abuse, counselled 300 abused women and served 37 children in foster care.

Completing their terms on the JF&CS board of directors were Cindy Chisvin, Paul Forman, Bob Kanee, Howard Sandys and Jeff Shumacher.

Welcomed as new board members were Marlene Axmith, David Barkin, Paul Braun, Al Dickstein, Robert Furman, Connie Gold, Tova Greenberg and Jack Martell.

Polish newspaper under review

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Polish-language newspaper that consistently devotes numerous articles to attacks on Jews will be studied to determine whether a complaint to law enforcement authorities on hate-related charges is warranted, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC) said last week.

Sol Littman said the SWC's legal committee will examine the *Glos Polski* (Polish Voice) newspaper to see if it has violated Canada's anti-hate laws.

The SWC is also planning to ask federal and provincial ministries to refrain from advertising in or providing any grants to *Glos Polski*, Littman said.

The weekly newspaper is published by the Polish National Union of Canada (PNUC).

In a recent letter to the editor of the paper, Littman states that "week after week, *Glos Polski* obsessively carries lengthy articles describing Jews in the vilest of terms ... The hatred you express in every edition dishonors the thousands of Poles who risked their lives to rescue Jews during the Nazi period."

One example of anti-Semitic material cited by Littman is the Sept. 2, 1995 edition of the paper. It features an article headlined: Do the Jews Rule the World and Poland?

Beneath it is a cartoon of two hook-nosed individuals wearing pointed hats decorated with Stars of David, throwing people into a boiling cauldron. The pot is emblazoned with a devil's face set in the middle of a large Star of David.

The two caricatured figures are wearing robes, one decorated with dollar signs the other with Soviet hammers and sickles.

A translation of the article, provided by the SWC, states that "the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. were part and parcel of the same world-dominating system, sharing common goals and ideology — the system operated by Jewish chauvinists."

Elsewhere, the article claims that "the conditions created for the Slavic nations under Soviet domination were aimed at the extinction of those nations. In the midst of exterminating the Slavic nations, it dawned on the Jews that they no longer needed communism, which was inefficient, underdeveloped and repulsive."

Calls to the paper's editor were not returned, but PNUC president Robert Varin questioned whether the newspaper published any anti-Semitic material.

"The problem is of bigger size," he said. "The problem is that we have a lot of evidence that shows a certain segment of the Jewish people have a lot of prejudice against Poles."

He suggested that some Jews accuse Poles of having built concentration camps and of having collaborated with the Nazis. The movie *Shtetl*, he continued, is an example of "how the Jews talk about the Poles, who are represented in a bad, bad light."

Varin, a professor of engineering at the University of Waterloo, said the article on the Jews ruling Poland and the world was reprinted from another publication and he acknowledged it might not have been in "good taste."

Bernard Wisniewski, secretary-general of the Canadian Polish Congress (CPC) said the PNUC comes under the CPC umbrella but "we don't tell anyone what to write...If they do something extremely wrong or [illegal] then we'd ask them to get out." He said the paper represents an "extreme right" viewpoint.

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Social issues seen as Israel's next challenge

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Israel finally does achieve peace with its neighbors, it will have to concentrate on its own social agenda, says a representative of Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

"It will be wonderful to have peace, but it will also be wonderful for it to have the freedom to deal with its own domestic needs," said Simon Rosenblum.

Rosenblum, along with Meyer Amor, an Israeli studying in Canada, was speaking at a workshop that formed part of the recent Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' 1996 conference.

"The peace agreement has to include a social peace process that involves the people, and one of the fundamental elements should be reciprocal responsibility and mutual recognition. The well-being of one side must be perceived as being the well-being of the other side. For a long time neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians recognized each other's right to exist," Amor said.

Cultural integration is another obstacle to a social peace process, Amor said. "Currently, Israel is too Ashkenazi in its structure and outlook. For the last 50 years, the people who have basically made major decisions have been the Jews from Eastern European countries or their descendants. Sephardis are not represented at the decision making level. A social change should take place that will see some attention paid to the Sephardi Jews."

As well, he added, Israel is too religious in its purpose. "Women, for example, are subjected to religious laws that were formulated 2,000 years ago and they are not equal citizens. Most of these issues can be resolved, however, through discussions that can turn Israel into a state for its citizens."

An important issue that has to be resolved, Rosenblum said, is that of final borders. "We will still have the major problem of settlements — some will have to wind down and some will have to stay under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian state. Israel knows full well that that is an inevitable outcome of the peace process."

On a positive note, Rosenblum said that Israel is undergoing enormous economic growth and some of this has to do with the peace process. "Class and ethnicity, however, are an issue. As Israel enters a knowledge-based economy, it is seeing an unusual distribution of income, and that problem must be addressed.

"The Palestinian economic future is a little more difficult . Any emerging state has its problems, but some of these are intensified by the singular leadership of Yasser Arafat," he said.

Other workshops in the three-day conference included talks on Israel and a Secular Humanistic Jewish Identity, Confronting and Changing Racism and Intolerance Inside the Jewish Community, What and How Should We Teach our Children About Israel and teaching the Secular Humanistic Jewish Way.

Citron launches new suit

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After failing to convince Crown lawyers to proceed on criminal charges, Sabina Citron has launched a libel suit against neo-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel.

The civil suit cites 10 articles posted by Zundel on his Internet computer home page that he calls Zundelsite. Her libel notice alleges the articles "are defamatory of her ... contain false and defamatory statements about her and that the articles were published maliciously."

One article suggests she engages in extortion and that she is "implicated in crimes, rackets, shady deals, extortion or war crimes against Germans," Citron's Libel Notice claims.

Zundel posted Citron's Libel Notice on his Website last week, shortly after it was filed in court.

Citron has attempted to silence Zundel's anti-Semitic propaganda on numerous occasions. She laid charges of publishing "false news" that led to a nine-year legal battle during which Zundel was twice convicted of publishing lies denying the Holocaust. In the end, the Supreme Court of Canada threw out his conviction when it ruled the "false news" law was unconstitutional.

More recently, Citron laid conspiracy to promote hatred and criminal defamation charges against Zundel. Though a Justice of the Peace allowed the charges, they were dropped by Crown lawyers who cited lack of evidence.

The civil suit differs from the previous legal measures employed by Citron. She is not alleging that Zundel committed a crime but that he damaged her reputation by publishing falsehoods about her. If the suit is successful, a court could order Zundel to pay Citron damages and to refrain from publishing such material about her in the future.

Citron was unavailable for comment.

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The seamless change

In democracies, governments change seamlessly. Election campaigns generally become heated, often angry and occasionally even ugly contests. Inflamed partisan passions spawn rhetoric aimed at individuals rather than arguments aimed at ideas. In their aggressive competition for voter loyalties, rival ideologies indignantly push and pull at each other. The social fabric sometimes stretches. But it does not tear.

The just-concluded elections in Israel are eloquent proof of this. As soon as the election results were officially announced, the transition from one government to another began. Having defeated Shimon Peres in the contest for prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu is now assembling his cabinet and is trying to cobble together a coalition from which to govern in the Knesset.

As we wrote in this space before the election, and as subsequent events have confirmed, the country is essentially divided down the middle into two large blocs. This makes coalition-building more important than ever, yet all the more delicate.

The elections were the first ever in which Israelis voted separately for the prime minister and for their preferred political party. Analysts and commentators continue to pour over the outcome to assess its every possible meaning. For example, experts, including some whose opinions appear in this issue of *The CJN*, are presently asking questions such as: What voting patterns emerged? What conclusions do they yield about social and religious matters in Israel? What will be their impact, if any, on Israel's bilateral and multilateral relations with nations in the region? What are the ramifications, if any, for relations with the Diaspora?

All of the answers to all of the possible questions will become apparent in the fullness of time. For this reason we will leave such speculation to others. But because we hold the fact of an election to be as vital as its result, it is important to reflect and comment upon the contributions made by the individuals who are the leaders, political opponents, not political foes. As appropriate as it is to convey our good wishes to the prime minister-elect, it is also important to convey our gratitude to outgoing prime minister Shimon Peres.

Even his detractors will admit that Peres' career has been remarkable, a life lived in dedicated and exhausting service to country.

He was only 24 years old when David Ben-Gurion appointed him in 1947 to be the chief of manpower for the Haganah. Six years later, he became Director General of the Defence Ministry. As the director general, he was widely credited for establishing the military's electronics and aircraft industries and Israel's nuclear capability.

His Knesset career began in 1959 at the age of 36. He has been in the Knesset ever since in various senior portfolios including, of course, the most senior, that of prime minister. In last Sunday's *New York Times*, Thomas Friedman wrote about Peres in conjunction with Yitzhak Rabin: "These two old war horses came together at the end of their long politcial careers to form one of the most unique and creative leadership teams in Jewish history."

To the prime minister-elect, Benjamin Netanyahu, we express our profound wishes of congratulations. There is probably no prime ministership on earth whose responsibilities bear such immediate and far-reaching consequences. Leaders in opposition have always discovered, given the opportunity to govern, that responsibility is both enobling and restraining. Criticism gives way to reasoned and reasonable policies. Rhetoric by the opposition can be dismissed as parliamentary posturing. Statements by a prime minister are a nation's policy. They cannot be dismissed at all.

May God grant the new prime minister of Israel wisdom, courage, insight and strength. And may we all live to see under his guidance, unity among the Jewish people, and peace for Israel and for all.

WISDOM OF THE AGES
"Peace cannot be kept by force, but through understanding."(Einstein)

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I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A SENIOR
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Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History
On June 5th, 1859, the Victoria Hebrew Benevolent Society was founded in Victoria B.C. This was the first Jewish organization in Western Canada. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Corrects the record on astronaut Resnik

Re: "Judith Resnik: Astronaut with a dream," by Linda Ander in Kids News (*CJN* May 2).

Judith Resnik died when the Challenger exploded, at 11:39 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1986, not Jan. 29, 1986 at 11:38 a.m. as stated.

In addition, according to NASA summaries, Resnik was born in Akron, Ohio, not Cleveland, Ohio.

Mark Narwa
Ottawa

Editor's note: Our eagle-eyed correspondent is right, but missed one error. The CJN *misspelled her name as Resnick in the headline.*

Denies charge of anti-Semitism

Rabbi Bernard Baskin's May 23 column, "Religionist's stand proves Puzzling," was unworthy. Associating my name in any way with anti-Semitism is nonsense, as any responsible examination of my life's work in the media and in my books makes clear.

I am greatly astonished to discover that just by quoting Dr. Israel Shahak, a writer, scholar, human rights activist — a Holocaust survivor and an Israeli citizen for 40 years — one can elicit such gross misunderstanding.

Tom Harpur
Toronto

A different view of the Book of Ruth

In *CJN* May 16, Rachael Turkienicz has offered an interpretation of the Book of Ruth. An analogy is made with Job and a distinction drawn between a male and female response to adversity. While Job maintains his integrity Naomi is said to assume the blame. The article closes with the egregious suggestion that this is the result of leaving one's home and taking foreign brides.

It pains me to read such a dreary and convoluted assessment of a wonderful story, a model of literary style with great contemporary social significance.

It is an exaltation of women who, through mutual love and support, are able to turn adverse circumstances to good account. It is also a constructive lesson of tolerance and acceptance.

Irving H. Heller, M.D.
Montreal

Welcomes action to speed up war crimes trials

It is reassuring that Chief Justice Julius Isaac of the Federal Court of Canada has responded to complaints by government lawyers that Associate Chief Justice James Jerome was unable or unwilling to deal with three Nazi war criminal cases quickly.

The request by Ottawa lawyer, Don Bayne, who represents the accused Johanne Dueck, for a stay of all proceedings because of what he calls an improper, private, behind-the-scenes attempt to influence, pressure and interfere with course of the proceeding is entirely without foundation. He is perhaps frustrated that after all these years, his client will finally be brought to justice and he finds it uncomfortable that at last the government is listening to those who have deplored the slow pace of prosecution to date.

One would think, if the alleged Nazis are as innocent as their lawyers protest, that they would want an early resolution of the charges against them.

Bert Raphael
President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada

Guelph's own 'Man of Iron'

I would like to add a comment to the editor's column, "A Man of Iron" (*CJN*, April 18).

For many years, Beth Isaiah Synagogue in Guelph has been honored to have Irving Eisner lead High Holy Day services. His sermons, sprinkled liberally with references taken from the depths of his learning, enrich the sanctity of these days. A walk to the river for Tashlich serves as an occasion to hear Eisner's stories of life before the war. Many tears of sadness have been shed as we approach the river, yet we always leave inspired by his sense of optimism for the future.

While Eisner may have formally retired as an educator, we in Guelph know that this gentle and respected person will continue to teach words of Torah to all whom he meets.

Michael Sobol
Past President, Beth Isaiah Synagogue
Guelph

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Perspectives

The election is over – let the healing begin

By GERALD M. STEINBERG

The election campaign and its outcome have demonstrated that the Israeli public is more divided than ever before. The television and radio advertisements of both major parties ignored the problem, and neither Benjamin Netanyahu nor Shimon Peres mentioned the internal threat to national survival in their key debate.

The emotional words heard after the tragedy of the Yitzhak Rabin assassination on tolerance and the need to develop bridges between left and right and between the religious and secular segments of Jewish society were all forgotten.

With such bitter divisions over critical issues, it will be difficult for either leader to govern effectively with a narrow coalition.

The first priority of the new prime minister should not be directed externally, toward the Palestinians or Syria, but rather inwardly, toward restoring a sense of national unity and overcoming the deep bitterness and distrust.

One possibility that should be considered is the creation of a broad coalition of national unity, for a period of one year.

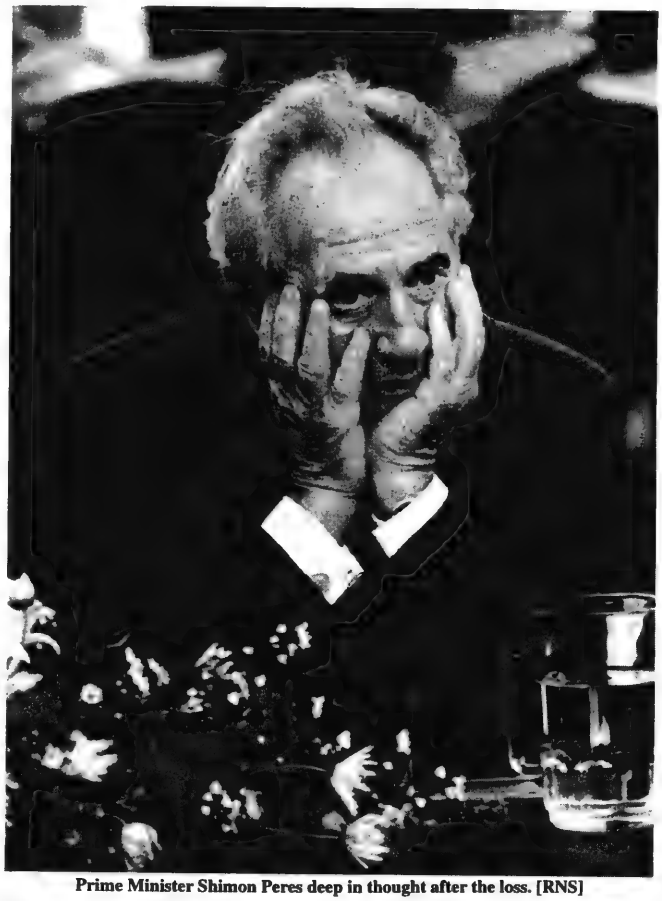
In 1984 and 1988, similarly close election results led to the formation of national unity governments consisting of both major parties and rotation in the position of prime minister. Although they ended in conflict, in many ways these governments accomplished several important objectives.

Difficult decisions regarding the economy were taken and implemented with wide support (in retrospect, more could and should have been done at the time). The government also withdrew the IDF from most of Lebanon, (except for the security zone).

While the splits in society were not healed, further division was avoided. Perhaps the conditions are ripe for another broad coalition.

The political divisions between left and right, and the social and cultural splits between secular and religious pose the greatest threat to national security and survival. The support for the anti-religious Meretz party, on the one hand, and the religious parties, on the other, are manifestations of the growing conflict among Israelis.

A narrow government based on a minimum coalition would leave a very sizable minority bitter and alienated. A government supported by 51 percent of the population cannot be said to have received a mandate for sweeping changes and policies, whether in the political, economic, or social spheres. The problems of a unity government or broad coalition are significant ones.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres deep in thought after the loss. [RNS]

The bitterness of the campaign will make it difficult for the two major parties and leaders to work together.

However, the 1985 and 1988 elections were no less bitter and personal, and yet it did not prevent the party heads from cooperating and, to some degree, working together in areas of agreement.

More significant, such coalitions tend to be frozen by internal division.

In 1990, the crisis that led to the breakup of the unity government followed disagreements over negotiations with the Arab states and the proposal for an international peace conference on the Middle East. (Ironically, while the Likud and prime minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected the proposal, backed by Peres and the Labor party, in October 1991 Shamir led the Israeli delegation at the Madrid conference.)

It is true that a government with both Netanyahu and Peres (or, if Peres retires, perhaps Ehud Barak and Efraim Sneh) would have great difficulty in agreeing on policy with respect to critical issues such as withdrawal from Hebron, the future of settlements, permanent-status agreements with the Palestinians and negotiations over the Golan Heights.

But these difficulties are an accurate reflection of the intense conflicts that divide Israeli society.

Four years after voting to takes risks in the peace process, over half of the Israeli public has found the inaction of the Palestinians to end terrorism to be grossly inadequate.

Under such conditions, any decisions taken by a narrow government with a minimal majority will be fiercely contested by the opposition, and only cause further division. In his election campaign, Peres understood that even with a majority he would need the wider legitimacy provided by a referendum to complete agreement on final status with the Palestinians and over the issue of withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The same policy should be adopted with respect to the radical policies associated with the Likud, such as the expansion of settlements or the construction of new ones.

A broad coalition, including religious and anti- religious, Labor and the Likud, the immigrants under the leadership of Natan Sharansky and the Third Way, would be able to begin tackling the economic and social difficulties over one year. During that year, the primary emphasis would be on reforging the common denominators of Zionism and Israeli national identity.

Then, after some unity has been restored, the external issues of security and borders could be tackled with greater confidence and strength.

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Bibi should learn from Begin and Shamir

By YOSEF GOELL

The most urgent task facing Netanyahu will be that of forming his government coalition. The main problems in this regard are the previous commitments Netanyahu made to ensure his election, and the sheer size and composition of his potential coalition. In order to clear the decks of third and fourth candidates for the premiership to ensure his win over Peres in the first round of voting, Netanyahu agreed to allocate seven seats each on the Likud Knesset list to David Levy's Gesher party and Rafael Eitan's Tsomet, and to ensure those two groups commensurate representation in the cabinet.

Any Netanyahu government will have to include all three religious parties and most likely Rehavam Ze'evi's Moledet. Even if these parties provide a Netanyahu government with a 61-seat majority, it would be desirable to expand the government further by the inclusion of Sharansky's Israel b'Aliyah and the Third Way to ensure a coalition of a minimum of 67 to 68 seats.

Netanyahu would do well to learn from the experience and failures of the Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir governments. They were marked by the abysmal quality of most of the Likud ministers, and especially by the succession of finance ministers who caused, presided over and proved pathetically helpless in the face of over five years of three-digit hyperinflation and the near collapse of the banking system in 1983. If Netanyahu hopes to be re-elected and to establish the Likud as Israel's natural ruling party for the long-term, it is essential that he pay much more attention to the quality of the Likud ministers he plans to appoint to the top posts in his government.

Perhaps the most crucial decision in this regard will be that of naming a deputy prime minister for domestic affairs. One of the lessons of recent Likud and Labor governments is that prime ministers who are deeply involved in crucial security and foreign policy issues and in ensuring the political viability of their governments do themselves and the country a disservice in insisting on being the final arbiters on domestic and economic issues too.

David Ben-Gurion was fortunate in having Levi Eshkol as his domestic-policies czar, and Eshkol in turn was fortunate in having Pinhas Sapir serve in a similar role. Any such appointment admittedly runs the risk of grooming a possible competitor for the premiership, but the advantages for the proper functioning of the government, and the long-term impact of such success on the electorate, far outweigh that risk.

As prime minister, Netanyahu would do well to emulate Begin in his inspired appointment of disaffected Laborite Moshe Dayan as his foreign minister. Netanyahu should look for a disaffected Labor hawk to appoint to his cabinet, both to give substance to his claim to be striving for national unity as opposed to Labor's insistence on further dividing the country and to add internal dissension to an already dispirited Labor which has been defeated at the polls.

Opinions

For the sake of Heaven

Let me say a few words on behalf of the Jewish civil servant.

I've been both — a volunteer and a Jewish civil servant. In both roles there have been rewards and disappointments. I have known the joy of seeing a community organization become stronger, change and grow. I have also seen the bitterness of spirit that comes over the Jewish civil servant when he or she encounters the attitude that treats him, or her, as the servant, forgetting the civil part.

By Jean M. Gerber

Many nights, weekends, early mornings have been spent away from family because, like volunteers, paid staff has a commitment to the community. Why then is it so difficult for people to accept the need for professionals to assure quality of service?

Consider these experiences: canvassing for the Combined Jewish Appeal and being told, "Why should I give money to pay *your* salary? I want the money to go where it will really help someone." Or, while enjoying what was to be a pleasant summer picnic, being berated by a friend for spending the community's money on a junket (professional convention) that would bring no benefit to the community. Or consider being told by a rabbi (a fellow communal professional) that my position was a waste of community money.

Vayikra (Leviticus), as well as other segments of the Torah, deals with duties of the priests. Priests were the first civil servants of the Israelite community. Judges and prophets were the lay leadership of that same Israelite community. While the priests enabled Israel to observe the ritual necessities, judges and prophets were leaders that prodded the king and his advisors, making sure that the community acted in an ethical way. When neither priest nor prophet nor king led, the rabbis took over the position as the civil servants of the Jewish community.

Today, the Jewish community still has its civil servants. A combination of paid staff and volunteer leadership now governs our communities, from pre-teen groups to seniors councils, from preschool to study groups of *chavurot*, from the president and owners of Lender's Bagels (who by collecting $35 million assured the release of Ethiopian Jewry) to Hebrew Assistance Societies, from haredi to the Society for Humanistic Judaism.

Is the Jewish communal worker worth the respect as well as the money? I think so. My mentor, the late Morris Saltzman taught me that being a Jewish civil servant was a position of honor and dignity and that if I aspired to be one, I would have to accept the long hours and short pay cheques that went with the territory. At no time did I feel the community's money was wasted, either on me or on the dozens of teachers, directors, social workers, rabbis, cantors, geriatric nurses, day-care workers and others who make up the thousands who work for our community.

In fact, the book of Pirke Avot has much to say about the work of the community. For instance, Rabban Gamliel said, "Let all those who occupy themselves with the work of the community do so for the sake of heaven, for the merit of their ancestors will sustain them and their devotion to duty, too, will endure forever."

I'll give two important reasons why communities should value their professionals and assure that future communal workers are recruited and trained. First, like the practitioners of any craft or art, Jewish communal servants bring insights, information and expertise on a wide range of topics to any communal task.

Few of us would like to build our own houses, write our own wills, heal ourselves or even do our own tax planning. We hire someone whose training, knowledge of the entire field and coordinating skills help us to get our job done. So too, with our teachers, social workers, federation professionals, Congress directors, rabbis and cantors. We should value the expertise they bring to the job.

Second, volunteers have made our communities the best organized in the world, but volunteers have limited time to devote to a task. Professional staff gives back-up, coordination, and again insight to the task at hand, and is usually at the end of a phone-call day or night, giving the volunteer the scope to do his or her job and maintain a life as well. Professional staff knows the territory across North America, the trends, the places where information can be gleaned and often the pit-falls others have fallen into in similar situations.

In short, volunteers and staff alike both have a share and a duty to perform. Respect for each other's strengths can only make our communities better.

Jewish spirit survived in Soviet Union

In 1948, the Soviet Union was experiencing one of its periodic Stalinist descents into anti-Semitism. This despite the fact that at the United Nations in the previous year, the Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko had delivered a stirring speech on behalf of the Palestine partition resolution and the creation of the State of Israel.

By Arnold Ages

One theory has it that the visit of Israel's foreign minister, Golda Meir, triggered an avalanche of hostility towards Soviet Jews because of the huge turnout of Moscow Jews to welcome her. The Kremlin used its well-known Jewish mascot Ilya Ehrenburg to write a strong piece in *Pravda*, the official organ of the Soviet Communist party, condemning the display of support and affection for Meir and warning Jews that they had only one loyalty — to the Soviet Union.

From 1948 until 1953 and the death of the Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union was a perilous one. Yiddish writers, Jewish doctors, scientists and professors, Jewish students and workers were arrested, imprisoned and in certain instances put to death after hasty show trials. There are reports that just before his death, Stalin was preparing mass transport of Soviet Jews to Siberia.

I have always asked myself the following question. During this terrible period, was there no one in the Soviet Union who actually defended Jews or spoke out against the Stalinist terror? The second part of this question is perhaps a naive one. Speaking out during that period would have been an act of suicide. However, I recently learned that defending Jews can take many forms.

I was at a concert of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at Lincoln Centre in New York City listening to some music by the well-known Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. The New York Philharmonic had brought in Valery Gergiev, the director of the Kirov Opera in St. Petersburg, to direct, among other selections, a 25-minute work — Shostakovich's *From Jewish Folk Poetry*.

Musicologist James Keller points out that Shostakovich was 42 years old in 1948 when he composed his extraordinary musical rendering of 11 folksongs drawn from the Jewish experience. In the Gergiev presentation, three world-class singers, a soprano, a mezzo-soprano and a tenor sang glorious Russian-language versions of Hebrew and Yiddish folk melodies.

The songs in question, dealing with a lament for a dead child, a thoughtful mother, a lullaby, a parting, a warning and an abandoned father, truly captured the warmth, family solidarity and loving atmosphere of Jewish folk melodies. The Russian singers from the Kirov did justice to the musical airs of Russian-Jewish life.

However, the extraordinary thing is not that Shostakovich composed brilliantly, but that he composed at all. In 1948 when he wrote *From Jewish Folk Poetry*, the Soviet Union was undergoing a Stalinist-inspired paroxysm of anti-Semitism. This campaign did not intimidate the great composer, who had shown in the past (as he was to show in the future) that art could not be tailored to suit political agendas. Shostakovich was, however, no fool and chose to perform his tribute to Jewish folk poetry in private. Apparently his composition was widely known among music lovers in the Soviet Union, but it had no official existence. It was not until 1955, after Stalin's death, that it was performed publicly for the first time at the Glinka Hall in Leningrad.

This was not the first time, Keller reminds us, that Shostakovich had used Jewish musical motifs. "By 1948, he had already put overtly Jewish themes to use in several compositions, including his *Violin Concerto No. 1* and his profoundly moving *Piano Trio No. 2*. In 1946, he had served as an examiner for a doctoral thesis on Yiddish folk songs presented at the Moscow Conservatory."

Forty years later, the living musical voice of Dmitri Shostakovich was heard again at the New York City Philharmonic and it showed that even in the dark days of 1948 in Stalinist Russia, one man used his talent to pierce the darkness and celebrate the creativity of the Jewish spirit.

The more things change...

Contrary to your first impression, this column does not deal with the outcome of the recent Israeli elections — especially since it was written a week before. What I will try to show, by illuminating a small corner of Israeli life, is that regardless of how the electorate cast their ballots, good things in Israel will remain good and get even better. As an example, I will choose a subject on which Messrs. Peres and Netanyahu agree. The subject is — children and tennis.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

In most countries, including Canada, tennis represents just another sport. Not so in Israel. There, in 11 centres spread around the country from north to south, it has become an important institution for social and character education. For the game, unlike so much in daily life, requires self-control, etiquette and honesty. It is always — at least in amateur circle — played for the joy of it and not for any personal benefit. Its spectators too are accustomed to the kind of fair play which exists in so few areas of our existence, and certainly in but few sports enterprises. People in the stands may have preferences in favor of one or the other player, but they will heartily applaud the other side for the excellence of a shot. (Golf is similar in this respect, but tennis has always come first for me.)

So what does this have to do with Israel? Tennis has become an opportunity for children of all classes and backgrounds, national origins or political convictions, rich and poor, to come together and learn respect for each other in an atmosphere of total equity and fairness. Those who support the Israel tennis centres have for years not only built facilities, they have often constructed them in poorer sections of town and have thereby attracted the entire cross-section of the juvenile population. Once a year, a talented group of these children, led by their coaches, make tours abroad. Canada is fortunate to be among those chosen to receive, admire and support them.

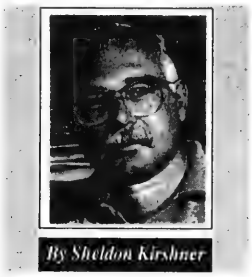
For support is needed again in a very special way. During the recent Operation Grapes of Wrath that Israel launched in order to end the Katyusha rocket attacks in upper and western Galilee, the Kiryat Shmona Tennis Centre was severely hit by the rockets. One of the coaches, Shimon Cohen, was at home with his two children when a missile came crashing through the roof into the family's living room. Fortunately no one was injured and Cohen is now back at work teaching children who lost their homes.

The 11 centres involve some 50,000 children during the year, teaching more than a sport. They are one area in Israeli life where people from the most diverse backgrounds gather together and, in the process, produce young people who are among the best in the world.

If you live in or near Toronto, treat yourself to that special opportunity of seeing some of these youngsters in action. It will provide an hour of wonderful pleasure and instil in you the kind of pride that comes from identifying with the very best that is Israel. The date is June 9, and if you want to come, call 905-660-1999. See you there!

The Kirshner File

Russian Jews fear Communist election victory



On April 21, shortly after his meeting with 12 Russian political figures in Moscow, Bill Clinton, the American president, conferred with a number of Jewish leaders.

One of them, Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, the chief rabbi of Moscow, asked Clinton whether the rights of Russian Jews would be preserved in the event of a Communist party victory in the June 16 presidential election.

"I don't know, I don't know," Clinton replied. "They say one thing and do another."

Less than two weeks before Russians cast their ballots, Jews in Russia are surely wondering what lies in store for them should the Communists, led by Gennadi Zyuganov, topple the incumbent, Boris Yeltsin.

Having finished in first place in last December's parliamentary election, and having taken the lead in the polls, the Communists seem poised to return to office, a prospect the vast majority of Russian Jews dreads.

A minor functionary during the Soviet period, which ended in December 1991, Zyuganov has promoted himself as an innocuous Social Democrat who merely wishes to restore Russia as a great power and to curb the excesses of capitalism.

But to his adversaries, Zyuganov is a dictator in the making, an unabashed admirer of Josef Stalin and an anti-Western nationalist who has linked up with reactionaries in a "red-brown" alliance.

Jews are particularly wary of Zyuganov. They fear that he will dismantle the reforms which are gradually creating a free market economy. And they suspect that he is an anti-Semite who may well resurrect state anti-Semitism, a blemish on Soviet society from the late 1940s onward.

Since the collapse of the Communist system, Jews have played a prominent role in the development of a capitalist economy. The process, however, has had a devastating effect on many Russians, especially pensioners and government employees, who generally support the Communists. The new business class, of which Jews are a major component, abhors communism.

In his travels through the country, Zyuganov has been careful not to spout anti-Semitism. But his books, *I Believe in Russia,* and *Beyond the Horizon,* brim with anti-Jewish innuendos.

For example: writing menacingly of the "perceptible influence of Judaic dispersal," he claims that "the Jewish Diaspora traditionally controlled the financial life of (Europe) and became more and more the owner of the controlling interest in all the stocks of Western civilization ..."

And in an allusion to Stalin, Zyuganov observes that if he had only lived "a few years more," he would have "restored Russia and saved it from the cosmopolitans," a buzzword for Jews.

By all appearances, Zyuganov has fallen under the baneful spell of his ideological mentor and political advisor, Aleksandr Prokhanov, the editor of *Zavtra (Tomorrow),* which advocates Yeltsin's violent removal.

Prokhanov, whose previous newspaper, *Dyen (The Day),* was banned by the authorities in 1993, is an outspoken anti-Semite who laments the "power" of Jews. But Prokhanov is more than just a common rabble-rouser. He is credited with having helped Zyuganov forge an entente with far-right nationalist forces.

By all accounts, most Jews will vote for either Yeltsin or Grigory Yavlinsky (who is half-Jewish), rejecting the likes of Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet president; Aleksandr Lebed, a retired general; and Vladimir Zhirinovsky (Edelsthein), the self-hating Jew who came in second in last year's election.

Yeltsin, however, is a flawed candidate, unpresidential in bearing and prone to pandering to right-wing opinion.

In addition, the loss of the Jewish Agency's accreditation in Russia, which took place recently, could not have happened without Yeltsin's knowledge and approval.

Community surveyed

Much has been written about the Jews of the former Soviet Union. But until quite recently, astonishingly enough, a scientific survey of the community had never been attempted.

To a degree, this gap now has been filled by Robert Brym and Rozalina Ryvkina in their informative book, *The Jews of Moscow, Kiev and Minsk: Identity, Anti-Semitism, Emigration* (McClelland & Stewart). Brym is a professor of sociology at the University of Toronto and his colleague is a department head at the All-Russian Centre for Public Opinion Research in Moscow.

Due to financial considerations, the authors were unable to range too far and wide, forced to confine themselves to Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

Fewer than a fifth of the Jews who responded to their survey had a working knowledge of Hebrew or Yiddish, belonged to or participated in a Jewish organization, had a Jewish upbringing, were raising their children as Jews or celebrated the Sabbath and major Jewish holidays.

Forty-two percent, however, read the Jewish press often or occasionally (compared to 33 percent in the United States and 60 percent in Canada).

According to Brym and Ryvkina, people over the age of 60 are more involved in Jewish life than those under 60, and Jews in the western part of the now-defunct Soviet Union are less assmilated than those in eastern Ukraine and Russia proper.

In summarizing, they report that about 75 percent of the respondents in their sample do not feel connected to the Jewish community and some 66 percent of them do not wish to have any contact with Jews.

Their findings on anti-Semitism are revealing. Older Moscovites tend to believe there is a global Zionist conspiracy against Russia. Private employers, students and white collar workers with a university education are the least anti-Semitic, while retirees and housewives are the most anti-Semitic.

Most Jews they interviewed *do not* intend to leave. As they put it: "While Jews who are planning to emigrate are motivated mainly by economic factors, Jews who do not want to emigrate are motivated primarily by a cultural affinity for their homeland."

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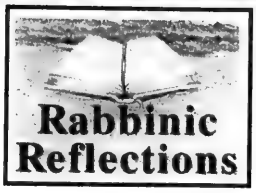

A return to Torah

By RABBI AVRAHAM E. PLOTKIN

Over the last few decades, a massive movement within the Jewish community has been developing: a movement of return to Torah and its observances. Pioneered in the '50s and '60s by Lubavitch, the *tshuvah* movement today is being facilitated by literally hundreds of organizations and yeshivot around the world and most prominently in Israel.

This return to tradition in the face of the Holocaust and the Jewish communities' ongoing battle with assimilation is nothing less than a modern day miracle and a divine sign that despite the "doom and gloom" forecasters and statisticians who predict Judaism's demise, the truth of the matter is that its spirit is indestructible.

With the advent of the *tshuvah* movement has come much debate as to what is the most effective approach in communicating the ancient message of Judaism to a 21st-century audience. It is to this debate that I would like to add my own two cents based on the parshah of this week Behalotchah.

The first notable outreach worker after the receiving of the Torah was Aaron hacohen. Aaron's outreach efforts are beautifully described in Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers 1:12) — "Hillel said: Be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving your fellow creatures and bringing them near to the Torah."

Here we see Aaron described primarily as an outreach worker attracting his fellow Jewish brethren closer to the Torah. We also see Aaron's approach as non-discriminatory. Aaron loves his fellow "creatures" and brings "them" closer to Torah. He is non-judgmental with his fellow Jews. Background, affiliation or educational degree are not his criteria. Even when the only quality of potential returnees is that they were created by HaShem, Aaron is prepared to undertake the challenge with love.

Yet Aaron is very focused. While on the one hand he appears extremely tolerant, he is equally uncompromising in Torah. While Aaron brings the people lovingly near the Torah, he does not bring the Torah down or dilute the Torah to meet the needs of the people. This careful balance of sensitivity and strength, although it may seem paradoxical, is truly the key to successful outreach.

And now we turn to the weekly parshah Behalotchah, where we are introduced to one of the most sacred duties of Aaron the cohen — lighting the seven-branch candelabrum in the Holy Temple. The lamps of the menorah, we are taught, are symbolic of the Jewish people and it was Aaron's duty to "light up" the lamps which are symbolic of the soul. The term that is used to describe the light is *Behalotchah*. Rashi explains that Aaron should light the flames until they become self-sufficient, burning independently.

This again is a very important directive regarding outreach work. It must be done in such a way that returnees are given a sense of self-worth and idependence. They must be given the skills to study on their own, to grow in their Yiddishkeit on their own and not be dependent on the institution that introduced them to their roots in the first place. This often takes greater effort from the institution than from the returnees. The interest must be in lighting the lamps, not in building the institution and adding another member to the membership list.

Tshuvah is not a numbers game. "Whoever saves a single soul is as if an entire world was saved." An entire world must be dealt with accordingly.

We can learn from Aaron's approach what true outreach work is all about. May HaShem very shortly grant us the redemption through Mashiach Tzidkeinu who will complete what Aaron began by gathering each and every Jew out of the exile, speedily in our days. Amen.

Rabbi Plotkin is the spiritual leader of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham.

Exploring Jewish life on campus

By ZAC KAYE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — *The Guide to Jewish Campus Life* provides Jewish students with a comprehensive guide as to what's Jewish on university and college campuses in North America, as well as in Israel and other parts of the world.

Now published by the Princeton review, the guide by Hillel International offers detailed information about whom to contact, the number of Jewish students on each campus, where to get kosher food and the kind of Jewish Studies programs available.

More important than the factual information is the encouragement given to any Jewish student looking for an active involvement in Jewish life on campus, where the student will find it and how such a lifestyle is sustainable.

Using quotes from currently active student leaders, the guide conveys the atmosphere on many campuses, with the suggestion that the greater the number of students, the greater the diversity of the Jewish program.

Hillel International, through its arrangement with the Princeton review, is sending a clear message to potential students that Hillel is worth connecting with. A student is provided with detailed information on "how to do Jewish" on campus (it is important to add from a pluralistic and inclusive perspective), as well as with information on study programs in Israel and opportunities for further study through masters programs in Judaic studies or Jewish communal service.

The reader is encouraged to think positively, not only about connecting with Hillel upon arriving on campus, but also about building an active Jewish life beyond the college years.

The guide is, therefore, more than a list of names and addresses of Hillel foundations. It serves as an indicator of what's possible in Jewish terms on campus. Reflecting the newly found confidence of the Hillel movement, the guide in its latest form becomes an important tool to connect with the over 425,000 Jewish students on university and college campuses in North America.

The casual reader would be surprised by the number of students on many campuses, the diversity of programs and the quality of Jewish life possible. From around the world, Jewish students using this guide can find a place that is welcoming, where the light is always on.

There are, as ever with such a publication, a few disappointments. One is in presentation. The guide is not easy to follow and not as clear in its style as previous volumes. There are also, sadly, many mistakes with regard to personnel, addresses and phone numbers. Hillel is aware of the latter and has promised to correct the errors in a second printing due out in the summer. One of the problems is the constant change in campus staff, which has resulted in many omissions and wrong information being provided, especially about the Toronto campuses.

Despite the problems, the guide is an invaluable resource to any student contemplating going to college and university in Canada and the United States, and even beyond to such countries as Australia, where Sydney now can boast of two Jewish residential houses at its two major universities. The rebirth of Hillel is reflected in the confidence shown in the guide about Jewish life on campus.

The guide is available from Jewish bookstores; further information about the book or campus life in Canada or beyond can be obtained through Jewish Campus Services in Toronto at 416-512-0814.

Zac Kaye is the director of Jewish Campus Services for Greater Toronto.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths by Karen Armstrong, Random House $42

Recently back from a visit to Israel, which included a week in Jerusalem, I turned to this book with understandable anticipation. I admired the author's erudition, her ability to present a multitude of facts in a coherent and popular fashion and her unfailing felicitous prose. But I was disconcerted by the book's final chapters that dealt rather unfairly with modern Israel and its attitude toward Palestinians.

Armstrong traces Jerusalem's physical history and spiritual meaning from its beginnings to its troubled and violent present. In depicting this long saga, she considers its archeology, its ever-changing topography and its hold on the religious imagination of three enduring religious faiths.

There is much to be learned from this astonishing work filled with unusual detail and unfamiliar information. For example, when King Herod extended and renovated the Holy Temple in the first century BCE, he trained a thousand priests as masons. He himself, however, never entered the building by which he would be remembered.

The platform or created mount leading to the Temple took 80 years to complete and involved the labor of 18,000 workers. Some of the stones of the supporting walls weighed between two and five tons. The western supporting wall — the only one now standing — originally measured some 350 yards. From the distance, the Temple Mount was a brilliant spectacle: "It seemed like a mountain covered in snow, for the only part not covered in gold was dazzlingly white."

For Muslims, Jerusalem is holy because of the tradition that Mohammed visited the city, conveyed there miraculously from Mecca by God. Accompanied by the angel Gabriel, Mohammed on his winged horse alighted on the mount, where he ascended through seven heavens to the divine throne.

The book, otherwise brilliant, is marred by its one-sided analysis of current events affecting Jerusalem. In discussing the 1967 war, the author suggests that Jordan was drawn "inevitably" into the conflict. She does not mention that Israel sent messages to King Hussein asking him to stay out of the war, or that during the war, Israel took most of its casualties while taking the Old City because of a decision not to use heavy armor which might damage the holy places.

The author suggests that even Teddy Kollek, longtime mayor of Jerusalem and regarded as liberal and tolerant, did not treat Palestinians fairly in terms of proper housing, fair employment and equal education.

When you look back over time, you discover that only Jews have protected the holy places of Jerusalem. When the Temple was destroyed by the Romans they levelled it and built a Temple to Jupiter. When the Roman Empire became Christian, the emperors levelled the pagan temple and built a church. When the Arabs conquered Jerusalem, they levelled the church and built a mosque. When the Crusaders conquered Jerusalem, they levelled the mosque and built a church. When the Arabs reconquered Jerusalem, they levelled the church and built the El-Aksa Mosque. When the Jews took Jerusalem, they protected the Mosque and the Dome of the Rock and not only guaranteed freedom of access, but also gave the various religious orders sovereignty of their shrines.

The author concludes that peace will not come to Jerusalem until some accommodation is made with the claims of the Palestinians.

Being a mentsh on the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

So far on the Jewish Highway, we have toured the world with ease. But in reality, the information on our voyages has been making one-way trips. All we have done is send out requests and have data returned to us. However, information on the Jewish Highway travels both ways. Not only can you be a recipient, you can make yourself heard, too.

In the coming weeks, we are going to take a look at two of the most powerful and popular ways you can share your own information and opinions – through Newsgroups and through Electronic Mailing Lists.

You will be amazed to find how many people around the world share the same beliefs or passions as you ... and how many others disagree with you vehemently. And that all of them are ready and waiting to talk to you. But before you can seek them out, you need to know the rules of the road. These rules are usually referred to as Internet Etiquette or "Netiquette" – or how to write like a mentsh when 50 million people are listening.

"When thou enter a city abide by its customs" – the Talmud.

Douglas Crispen quotes that piece of advice in his essay on Netiquette **[http://bcn.boulder.co.us/help/Roadmap/msg10.html]**.

There are millions of Internet users out there, many of them cranky, and if you don't want to get burned, know the ground rules. Arlene Rinaldi has compiled one of the best primers called The Net: User Guidelines and Netiquette, with a succinct chapter on Electronic Communications **[http://www.fau.edu/rinaldi/net/elec.html]**.

For example, did you know that it is considered very poor manners to write your message in capital letters BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL THINK YOU'RE SHOUTING!

Another big mistake is wading into the waters of debate or asking questions that have already been answered. To get you up to speed, most newsgroups compile something called an FAQ or Frequently Asked Questions file. Read it.

One of the largest Jewish discussion areas is a newsgroup called **[news:soc.culture.jewish]**. There, almost any issue related to Judaism is fair game. But not if it has already been addressed in its FAQ **[http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/judaism/FAQ/top.html]**. Browse through this FAQ and you'll find brief discussions on such issues as the Conservative view of the role of women in Judaism **[http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/judaism/FAQ/04-Observance/faq-doc-20.html]** or a look at the differences between Sephardim and Ashkenazim **[http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/judaism/FAQ/07-Jews-As-Nation/faq-doc-3.html]**.

So now that you've brushed up on your Netiquette and read all the FAQs, you're finally ready to dash off a message and get that point off your chest.

Not quite. In the disembodied and often combative atmosphere of the Internet, it is very easy to get worked up about a topic and send off an angry message ... which you may soon regret. Earlier this century, Rabbi Yisrael Meyer Kagan, better known as the Chafetz Chaim, grew to prominence because of his focus on the power of words and the hurt they can cause. In his book *Shmirat HaLashon – Guarding Your Tongue* **[http://www.torah.org/learning/gossip/index.html]** the Chafetz Chaim warns not only against gossip and slander but against harmful or negative speech.

In a time when words can travel around the world in seconds, and where the Internet can be used to build bridges or create misunderstandings, the Chafetz Chaim's writings seem more relevant than ever.

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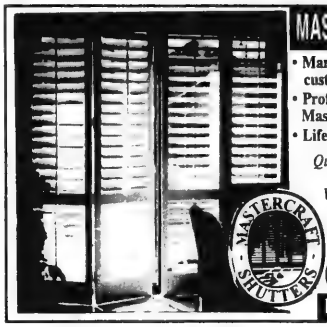

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שלושה סרטים מומלצים, ואם כבר הספקתם להכיר אותי קצת אתם מנחשים שכמעט בטוח שהם לא אמריקניים. ANGLES AND INSECTS הוא סרט בריטי שמותאר את מפגש התרבויות בין זואולוג מתמחה בחרקים, בן העם הפשוט, למשפחת אצולה בריטית. הוא, בעל הדם האדום הפשוט, איש משכיל, רגיש ויפה נפש. והם, בעלי הדם הכחול, אנשים מנוונים, חסרי תרבות, גועניים ובהמות ממש. אני מנוע מלספר לכם יותר, כדי לא להרוס לכם את הכיף, אבל תצטערו שהסרט יסתיים. ANTONIAS LINE הוא הסרט ההולנדי שזכה באוסקר לסרט הזר, סיפור של חמש דורות ששל נשים, במשפחה הולנדית. במרכז העלילה עומדים חייה של אנטוניה, ודרכה מראים את אימה, ביתה, נכדתה וניניתה. כולן נשים חזקות, מיוחדות, עצמאיות, שצריכות את הגברים רק בצורה שולית. יש בסרט הרבה חוש הומור לצד דקות דומעות, ולמרות היותו דובר הולנדית עובר הטקסט בצורה נפלאה, ובעיקר יש בו אמירה מאוד חזקה, שנשים צריכות להיות עצמאיות ולהתחבר לגברים מתוך רצון ולא מכורח. אחרון חביב- הפתעה נעימה, אחרי מלחמת המפרץ קראתי כמו כולם את סיפרה של עירית לינור "שירת הסירנה" והתאכזבתי, אולי מתוך שהיה זה אחד הספרים הראשונים בגל גדול של " רומן רומנטי" תוצרת ישראל. עד אז חשבנו שספר ישראלי צריך איכויות כמו של עמוס עוז, דויד גרוסמן א.ב. יהושע. והינה עכשיו מסתבר שהתנגרמלות של ישראל (הפיכתה לנורמאלית) כוללת גם ספרי "רומן רומנטי" שעד כה היו מתורגמים מאנגלית. חלפו מספר שנים, ויצא הסרט "שירת הסירנה". לאור אכזבתי מהספר ישבתי לראות את הסרט בדחילו וחיכיתי לצפייה של עשרים דקות שאחריהן אסגור עניין. אלא מה - הסרט ממש כיף! כל המגרעות והשטחיות של הספר הפכו ליתרונות בסרט. תסריט אמין, (שנכתב על ידי הסופרת), טקסט עם הרבה חוש הומור ובהחלט משכנע. נראה כמו סרט אמריקני רגיל עם כל מעלותיו ומגרעותיו. ולנו, הישראלים יושבי חוץ (יענו יורדים) מביא הסרט את אווירת האימים של המלחמה עם החיוך של שנים אחר-כך.

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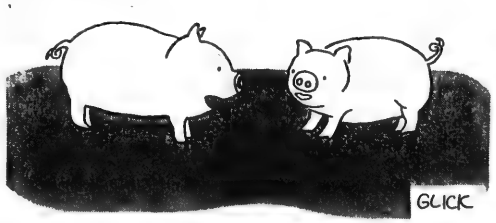

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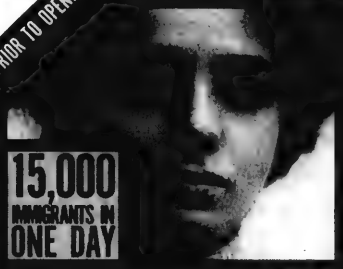

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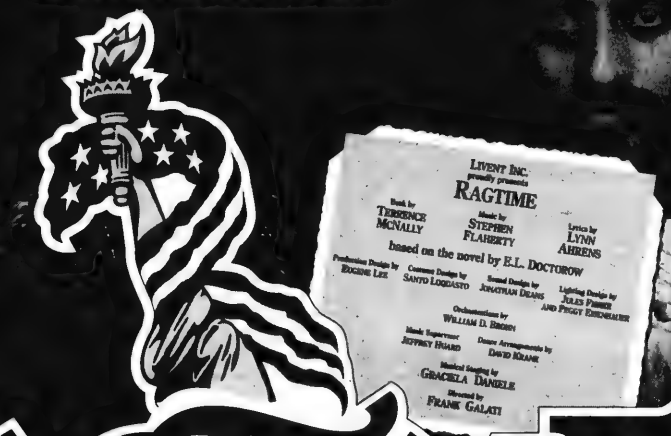

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Ohr Somayach says goodbye to Rabbi Becher

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was a bittersweet evening, as over 300 friends, colleagues and students paid tribute and said goodbye last week to Rabbi Mordechai Becher, the popular senior lecturer of Ohr Somayach.

The social hall of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill reverberated with people swapping stories about his sense of humour, excellence in teaching, and, especially, mentshlechkeit.

Rabbi Becher, originally from Australia, was sent to Toronto from the Ohr Somayach headquarters in Jerusalem four years ago, after the death of Rabbi Uziel Milevsky.

He, his wife Chavi and their children are returning to Jerusalem this summer.

Rabbi Yisroel Rakowsky, lecturer and founding dean of Ohr Somayach in Monsey, N. Y., praised Rabbi Becher as being "great in Torah learning and in the character that goes with that."

He said that the ultimate redemption will come through the merits of the *baalei tshuvah*, those who return to religious observance. Rabbi Becher, who "brought people back to Torah," has thus helped this process.

Chair Howard Sitzer called the rabbi a "special person, who makes every subject fascinating."

When he began studying with Rabbi Becher, he said, "like many others, I knew nothing [about Judaism]. No question was too silly. He was always there to support me."

Calling herself an unabashed "Becher groupie," Chaya Chapley, who is on the office staff of Ohr Somayach, said, "He treats everyone with mentshlechkeit, with dignity. He represents Torah from the inside out."

Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of the host congregation, said that Rabbi Becher "raised us to great heights through his understanding of Torah and his love of HaShem."

There was even a "roast," as Michael Lebovic read fake telegrams from Australia and Israel.

An emotional Rabbi Avram Rothman, executive director of Ohr Somayach, presented Rabbi Becher with a new edition of the Talmud.

The audience exploded in laughter when, before responding, Rabbi Becher had his children pass out printed outlines, which are a usual feature of his lectures.

He received a standing ovation.

The evening concluded with refreshments, music and socializing.

Beth Tzedec project aimed at helping Israeli victims of terror

TORONTO — Beth Tzedec Congregations's Israel action committee is trying to help Israeli victims of terror by sponsoring a program dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The project, committee chair Dr. Rose Geist told *The CJN*, is being directed by Dr. Giora Kreinen, chief psychologist at the University of Tel Aviv and an expert, says Geist, in the treatment of trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Kreinen and his colleagues plan to create training programs to equip mental health professionals to work with adult and child terror victims and their families. He will also hold conferences to help the professional groups who work in crisis situations, such as emergency rescue crews.

"They themselves are often highly traumatized and require support and treatment," Geist said.

She added that the media, in its effort to communicate the drama of terrorism, sometimes creates even more fear and panic among both the victims of terrorism and the general population. Kreinen plans to try to re-educate the media to communicate the news in a less potentially harmful manner.

A program to raise funds for Kreinen's work will be held at the synagogue on June 12, at 7:15. Stephen Berk, a historian at Union College will speak on Terror into Zion: the Hamas, Hezbollah and the Terror Against the Jews.

Supporting Kreinen's work is part of the Beth Tzedec Israel action committee's interest in helping with the psychological support and treatment of victims of terror and their families.

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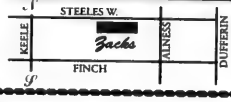

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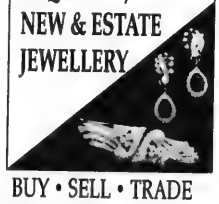

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Associated's Tannenbaum retires after 22 years

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Associated Hebrew Schools just won't look the same.

Arthur Tannenbaum, executive administrator from 1974 to 1975, executive director until 1982 and executive vice-president since then, is retiring at the end of this school year.

Over the years, he has managed to eliminate the deficit the school had accumulated when he arrived; he revised the constitution, was instrumental in building the Danilack branch on Leslie and the Kamin Centre in Thornhill and raised funds, according to an article in a recent school journal, like a "driving juggernaut."

Arthur Tannenbaum

He was deeply involved in working out an arrangement with Vaughan Council, in which land set aside but not being used for schools was assigned to Or Haemet, Leo Baeck, Netivot Haorah and Associated, so that they could build in the new community in Thornhill.

Along the way, he was appointed as a justice of the peace and sits in traffic court three nights a week, so as not to interfere with his work at Associated.

The New York-born Tannenbaum reminisced about coming to Toronto. He had served as an administrator at Yeshiva University and at several synagogues, and as a director of an anti-poverty program, when Sam Shainhouse, one of the most active backers and workers for the school contacted him.

"He asked me if I had ever heard of the school. I said no. Then he asked me if I wanted to work for it. I said no — I was perfectly happy where I was."

Shainhouse persuaded him to come for an interview and the rest, as they say, is history — especially after he noticed a sign in a store window advertising cholent for Shabbat. "That's what sold me on Toronto."

It is Shainhouse's philosophy that drives Tannenbaum. "He told me that a deficit won't bankrupt us. Only no children [attending the school] will. Picture the meaning, the love in those words."

Tannenbaum has a tremendous affection for the school and the people he works with.

"I never felt like an employee. Associated is my life and I cared and worked for it day and night."

He mused that he will "miss Associated desperately. The people here have been so kind to me and my wife Bina. And in return, I hope I've treated people the way I wanted to be treated — with respect."

Tannenbaum said he feels he has had a positive role in the financial, structural and organizational growth of the school.

"That is easy," he said, when "you have a lay body absolutely and totally committed to the survival of the school," as well as a "tremendous professional staff, each one better than the next."

The challenges that the school will face in the next few years, he believes, revolve around the reduction of funds coming from Federation ("I'm not complaining about that — it's just a fact") and a higher rate of subsidized students.

"As more parents are out of work or divorced, as it gets harder and harder to meet personal and educational obligations, the school has to do everything it can to keep tuition low, while still providing the finest education.

"We have an obligation to reach the maximum number of boys and girls and to do everything necessary to ensure that they stay in the day school system."

Tannenbaum doesn't plan to rest on his laurels when he retires.

Besides keeping on with his work as justice of the peace, he plans to work as a volunteer consultant to a Jewish organization.

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Judaism plays a key role in David Frum's world view

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In many of his essays and articles, David Frum loves to employ historical analogies to comment on current situations.

It should therefore come as no surprise that the prolific writer and neo-conservative ideologue should find a World War II parallel to the plight of Jews today.

Jewish organizational life is something like the British defences at Singapore, he said in a recent interview. Expecting an amphibious attack, the British trained their guns seaward, ready to blast their enemy as they approached.

Instead, the Japanese marched their men through a swamp and came up on the British positions from the rear.

Similarly, Jewish communal organizations are poised to react to the dangers posed by rightwing anti-Semitism when the real danger to the community comes from an entirely different direction. Intermarriage rates approaching 50 per cent (in the United States) and the belief that ethnicity alone will protect Jews could, in fact, do them in, he says.

David Frum

Furthermore, it's not the rightwing that poises the greatest threat to Jews. A more serious challenge is likely to come from the left wing, from Quebec and third world intellectuals or from Swedish social democrats who "make a fetish" out of trying to prevent kosher slaughter, he says.

A prolific essayist and political commentator, Frum is author of *What's Right: The New Conservatism and What it Means for Canada*, published by Random House.

The book is a collection of his newspaper and magazine articles from the past several years, focusing on U.S. and Canadian politics and social issues.

While only two of the articles have specifically Jewish themes — one is on Chanukah, the other on Passover — Frum says Judaism premeates his views on current topics, including welfare.

Judaism, he says, is not hostile to work or prosperity as long as people meet their charitable requirements.

"In Maimonides' eight steps of charity, what we now call welfare ranks close to the bottom," he says. "It's hard to make a Jewish case for a system where [people] remain dependant on the state for generation after generation" regardless of economic conditions.

A firm believer in the free market, reducing the powers of government, lowering taxes and strengthening the nuclear family, Frum is for many one of the leading lights of the new conservatism.

One critic, however, in his review of Frum's book referred to him "a mascot" for the "neo-con boy's club of well-fed navel-gazers."

Whichever way he's seen, from his own perspective, Frum contends his political stance is a natural outgrowth of his Jewish heritage. Respect for family life, belief that the search for God requires discipline and effort, as do other worthwhile endeavors, and the sense that life is about making the best available choices derive from his upbringing in a Jewish home, he says.

So what about the widespread perception that Jews have historically favored liberal and leftwing causes, not rightwing ones.

Frum acknowledges that historically that was the case, but adds there was a reason for it. Up to World War II, he says, the enemies of the Jews generally came from the political and clerical right, so it was natural for Jews to gravitate to the left.

But "you cannot say I'm a liberal because Judaism and its ethics require it...When today some Jews advocate statism, welfare dependency, moral relativism, they're not doing it due to Jewish ethics." Judaism, he continues, recognizes that charity must be combined with self-reliance and its ethic is based on personal and sexual morality.

A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, Frum, 36, writes a column in *The Financial Post* and is a contributing editor for *The Weekly Standard*.

He and his wife, Danielle Crittenden, a convert to Judaism, send their two children to a Jewish day school.

Frum was one of the organizers of the recent Winds of Change conference in Calgary in which conservatives discussed policy issues.

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Probe to examine judges over war crimes case

TORONTO — Two judges of the Federal Court of Canada and a senior Justice Department official will be investigated for closed door meetings in a case involving three alleged Nazi war criminals.

Federal Justice Minister Allan Rock appointed former Ontario chief justice Charles Dubin to probe the meeting between Federal Court Chief Justice Julius Isaac and Assistant Deputy Justice Minister Ted Thompson. The Canadian Judicial Council has asked the two judges to explain their conduct.

The controversy arose over a meeting between Thompson and Isaac, in which Thompson complained about the slow pace of proceedings in cases involving alleged war criminals. Isaac then met with James Jerome, the presiding judge in the case.

Jerome withdrew from the case, but lawyers representing the alleged war criminals brought a motion for a stay of proceedings. That motion is still before Federal Court Judge Bud Cullen, who took over from Jerome.

CORRECTION

A photograph in the May 30 issue was identified incorrectly.

The small communities' Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration in the picture took place at Beth Jacob Congregation in Niagara Falls.

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Tremonti keeps head down in action-filled Middle East

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Anna Maria Tremonti

TORONTO — Despite appearances to the contrary (shots of her in a flak jacket, calmly doing a stand-up within the sound of mortarfire), Anna Maria Tremonti insists she's "just a big chicken."

"I don't like gunfire. I like to avoid the frontlines," says CBC television's high-profile Middle East correspondent. "But you go back to these places, like Bosnia and Lebanon, not because of the drama, but because of the people. You feel you have an obligation to them."

Tremonti, who won CBC TV's coveted Mideast post last July, is a regular on *The National*, as well as on Newsworld, the all-news channel, reporting from Israel, Palestinian-administered territories and neighboring countries. With this year's spate of suicide bombings, the breakneck pace of peace negotiations, Israel's incursion into Lebanon, and last week's cliffhanger elections that kept journalists jumping for weeks, the 38-year-old reporter barely has time to take a breath.

"It's a busy place all right," Tremonti told *The CJN* during a recent Toronto stopover. "It was a post I wanted, and I knew what I was in for."

Tremonti had been "in and out" of Israel for five years prior to her posting, occasionally covering for colleague Paul Workman. She had also covered the early days of the Palestinian intifadah. On her first day, she was hit on the head with a rock.

A native of Windsor, Tremonti came to the Mideast after postings in London, Berlin and Bosnia, where she won a Gemini Award for her reporting. She also covered the 1991 coup in Moscow that toppled Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Wherever I go, there's trouble," she chuckles. "But covering conflict is interesting. After Bosnia, Israel is so much more ordered and calm."

What strikes Tremonti most about Israel is the never-ending politics.

"The discussions never end. Politics are such an integral part of life. We live in a country [Canada] where politicians trip over each other to move to the centre. In Israel, they actually take sides. To me, it's fascinating."

But Tremonti fears that last week's elections will polarize Israelis even more, between those who backed Shimon Peres's march to peace and what she calls Benjamin Netanyahu's "more cautious and suspicious" approach.

Tremonti doesn't believe Operation Grapes of Wrath, Israel's recent bombing and strafing of Hezbollah positions inside Lebanon, will cause any lasting damage to its image or to the peace process. [*The CJN*'s interview, however, was conduoted prior to allegations that Israel's bombing of a UN base housing Lebanese refugees, resulting in almost 100 deaths, was likely no error].

"The fighting caused a lot more damage on the Lebanese side than the Israeli side," she notes. "But as soon as [the base] was bombed, we saw a ceasefire. And I don't think that was a coincidence."

Tremonti spends a lot of time speaking to Palestinians on the street, and encounters much "suspicion" of both Peres and Netanyahu. As for average Israelis, "it's not that they trust Yasser Arafat. They trusted Yitzhak Rabin to deal with Yasser Arafat. But Israelis are terribly politically astute. It's an informed electorate."

Unlike a lot of American coverage, the CBC, she says, wants context in its reporting. "Right away, that changes a lot of my coverage. I can do longer pieces," which often go beyond the quick soundbite or bit of sensational footage.

Tremonti lives in Jerusalem and on her rare days off, "I veg out. Sometimes, I just lie in a hammock. It's such an intense place." On the other hand, "I'm in no hurry to leave. For a reporter, there's no better place to be."

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Bialik co-founder honored

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "For my father, Bialik was a mission, the answer for Jewish survival," said Arny Sokoloff, son of Julie Sokoloff, at a gala dinner recently held at Inn on the Park in memory of the co-founder of Bialik Hebrew Day School and in honor of the school's 35th anniversary.

Among the heartfelt tributes to the pharmacist, who died last Aug. 13 at age 74, was one by philanthropist Leslie Dan, president of Novopharm, whose first office was the storage room behind Sokoloff's pharmacy at Euclid Avenue and College Street in 1956. It was from there Dan sent out his first international medical gift packages.

The crowd of 450 listened as Dan recalled that one day a customer asked Sokoloff if a very expensive ulcer remedy would help him.

"I don't know if it will help you, but if I make the sale it will help me," Sokoloff replied.

Another time, Dan recounted, a well-known *kvetch* complained that there was a mistake in the *proshkes* (powdered medication), because her husband had not *shvitzed* (perspired).

"Maybe your husband perspired while you slept," Sokoloff told her. "Don't make jokes with me, young man," she said, to which he responded: "Okay, let's make a deal. I won't tell you how to make borsht soup and you won't tell me how to make *proshkes*."

Other tributes to the man who used his sense of humor to promote Jewish education and lived to see the Bialik enrolment grow from 33 students to 800 came from gala chair Judy Hendler and Bialik president Barry Waltman. The Bialik choir sang some of Sokoloff's favorites.

Dan said Sokoloff went to sleep at night listening to his father read from Yiddish newspapers and early developed a sense of social justice from his teachers, Joshop Altman and Avraham Shkop.

He said Sokoloff was one of three University of Toronto students who confronted then university president Sidney Smith with a charge of bias against Jewish dental applicants because they were said to lack physical dexterity. The university later lifted the ban.

Sokoloff also showed an early dedication to the Labor Zionist cause, Dan said.

Arny Sokoloff said that in the final week of his life, his father told the family — his wife Anne and their children Ellen and Arny — that Bialik's planned northern extension must be realized.

And in fact, among the patrons of the expansion was Julie's wife Anne Sokoloff, the former Anne Willer, who, Arny said, often described Bialik as her third child.

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From coast to coast

Hamilton rabbi retiring after 30 years

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A gala weekend will honor Rabbi Israel Silverman on his retirement after 30 years as spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Congregation.

On June 8, a special Shabbat service to which the entire community is invited will be followed by a kiddush sponsored by past presidents and the congregation. On the evening of June 9, there will be a gala dinner.

Guest speaker on Shabbat will be Rabbi Morton M. Leifman, vice-president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who will present Rabbi Silverman with the Max Arzt Memorial Distinguished Rabbinic Service Award.

"A man of quiet dignity, a dedicated leader and advisor to our congregation," as former Beth Jacob sisterhood president Joy Foster describes him, Rabbi Silverman is known and respected as a theologian, scholar and educator.

In the general community, the rabbi has contributed to the understanding and acceptance of Judaism through lectures to school and church groups.

A native of Montreal, Rabbi Silverman was educated at the Talmud Torah and Baron Byng High School. He graduated from Sir George Williams College with a general arts degree.

A gold medallist and member of the second graduating class of the old Montreal Hebrew Teachers College, he taught at the Shaare Zion Hebrew School and subsequently entered rabbinical studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

He was ordained in 1964 and after a year as assistant rabbi at Temple Beth-El on Long Island, was appointed rabbi of Temple Beth Zion in Brookline, Mass.

Rabbi Silverman has lectured on Judaic Studies and Hebrew literature at the Hebrew Teachers College in Boston. From 1961 to 1964, he served as president of the New England Region Rabbinical Assembly. He is a fellow of the National Beth Din, Jewish Theololgical Seminary, which conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree on him in 1980, and he is a past chair of the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

Rabbi Silverman intends to "stay put and see how things evolve," but part of the summer will be spent as usual at Camp Ramah, with which he and his wife have been associated for many years.

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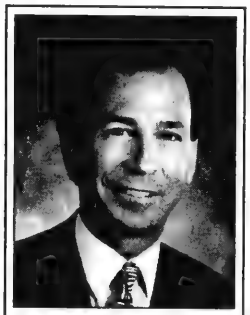

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Passover import agreement pending

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Barring an 11th-hour obstacle, the final wording of a written agreement on future Passover imports was expected to be hammered out early this week between the Jewish community and the Office de la Langue Francaise (OLF).

And if the wording satisfies B'nai Brith (BB), the organization will likely abandon its planned court action to protect future Passover imports, the lawyer for the firm preparing the case said.

The June 3 meeting between Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) and the OLF — the third since the task force was announced April 12 — will guarantee in writing that Passover imports are legally exempted from French-labelling laws, said David Sultan, CJC-Q's community relations director.

"We're ready to sign," he said last week.

"My sense tells me that things will be signed at the next meeting. I'm very confident."

The OLF "has been very, very receptive," Sultan added.

Lawyer and B'nai Brith member Gregory Bordan, whose firm, Ogilvy Renaud, has been laying the groundwork for the court action, said BB would likely drop the case if the signed deal "makes clear that the sale of imported Passover food can continue as a legal activity."

Although the decision to pursue or abandon the case is B'nai Brith's, Bordan said, "clearly, there would be no need for [pursuing] it" if the written agreement resolves the dispute to BB's satisfaction.

Sultan said in "*tachlis*" terms, the joint agreement's wording will explicitly recognize a regulation of Quebec's Language Charter as applying to imported Passover foods on a "long-term" basis, thereby recognizing that the "exception always existed in law."

The regulation, article 5(c), exempts imported products from French-labeling laws if they are in "limited use" — a characterization previously seen by the OLF as not applying to Passover imports.

Moreover, the document will provide for the exemption to apply for a 68-day period — 30 days counted from the time Passover products are stocked on shelves, the eight-day Passover period, and for 30 days following the holiday.

As part of the deal, CJC-Q and Montreal's regulatory body for kashrut, the Vaad Ha'ir (Jewish Community Council), will work together to ensure that local producers of kosher Passover goods use French labelling.

Bordan, for his part, reserved judgement on the deal until he had a chance to scrutinize the promised document.

"We've had 'agreements' before," he said.

"We don't want a situation where we will be 'allowed' to commit an 'illegal' act. Our position has been that it's already legal.

"Right now we have the mandate to go ahead [with the case]," Bordan said.

Bordan felt that if an agreement was reached this week, the threat of a B'nai Brith suit — even if eventually abandoned — may have played a part.

"It it's helped get the OLF to recognize that under current law Passover imports are fully protected and legal, then it's been very useful," he said.

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Winners of the third annual provincial writing contest on the Holocaust were recently honored. Seen (clockwise) are Gary Peires, first place junior division Thornhill; Elad Gafni, first place senior division, Dundas, Ont.; Nir Lipsman, 2nd place junior division, North York; Christine Palmay, third place senior division, Toronto; Jacky Lee, third place, junior division, North York. The contest was sponsored by Holocaust survivor and author Wanda D. Lerek and Holocaust Remembrance Committee. [Eleanor Getzler photo]

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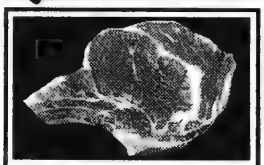

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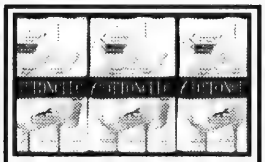

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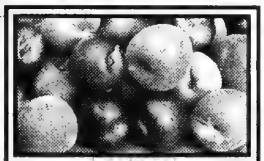

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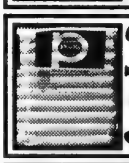

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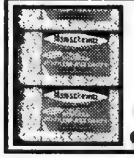

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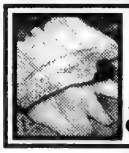

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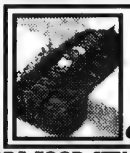

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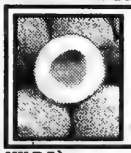

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Singers add special touch to a simchah

By ERIC LAYMAN
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Independent singer Faye Kellerstein (633-6558) and Fern Lindzon of the Fern Lindzon Band (445-9780) agree that a singer adds a special touch to a simchah. Whether you hire an independent singer or a band with vocalists, there are things to look for before making your choice.

With some exceptions, singers are hired with a band. This is usually the case, even with vocalists who work independently. At weddings, for example, a band often works with "floating singers," who are not permanent members. If you hire a singer independently, you will want to know how well he or she will work with other musicians and background vocalists.

There are singers for every kind of song: Yiddish, klezmer, Hebrew, Ladino, jazz, rock, arias, standards. A good singer has a wide repertoire – and stays "fresh" by adding to it, but love of one's work and the ability to respond to the feelings of the guests are just as important.

Singer must adapt

Lindzon holds that singers should be able to project themselves into the room, as if they were guests, in order to get a feel for the ambience. Except for dances, she advises against a set song list; the singer must adapt to shifts of mood, and unpredictable factors like requests and sing-alongs.

The voice is the major vehicle of emotion and always tends to stand out. For this reason, Lindzon says, there is a time and place for different kinds of vocals. Mellow songs are best during a meal, but at cocktail time, when singing might distract from conversation, upbeat, unobtrusive instrumentals are best. Later, lively vocals entice people onto the dance floor.

Kellerstein and Lindzon both emphasize that the only way to evaluate a singer is live, in person. A tape can be edited and does not show what kind of energy the singer projects or how he or she interacts spontaneously with an audience, where there is no chance to edit.

Kellerstein also makes the point that good music and singing have nothing to do with loudness. If music is too loud, no conversation is possible; and guests want to talk without having to shout – especially at an event like a wedding, where people who haven't met in years are renewing acquaintances.

Faye Kellerstein

It may also be useful to check whether your singer has specific abilities, like being able to perform a capella (without instrumental accompaniment) or to train a choir. Kellerstein tells of training friends of a bar mitzvah boy's father to sing a capella, so that they could sing for people to dance to on Shabbat afternoon in an Orthodox shul.

A singer invests in wardrobe, promotions, music and the like; moreover, singing is strenuous, both in performance and rehearsal. Accordingly, says Kellerstein, people should be ready to pay for quality. After all, you pay more for a live play than for a movie.

Three or four months in advance is not too early to book, says Kellerstein. for a Sunday night, eight months to a year is not too early; but for a mid-week event, three months ahead should be safe. Book your singer, advises Lindzon, at the same time you book your band.

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A special invitation for all

Calligraphy is an art

By ERIC LAYMAN
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How will you decide who does the invitations for your party? Probably, you will want a calligrapher – and there are only a few in Toronto.

Terri Kirshenbaum of Invitation House (416-593-0519) points out that, attractive as good handwriting is, it is not the same as calligraphy, any more than being able to carry a tune in your local choir is the same as being a professional singer. Calligraphy is an art in its own right.

Before deciding who will do your invitations, advises Kirshenbaum, get a professional to walk you through your options.

Barbara Mortfield of Barbara Mortfield Invitations (905-738-1232) adds that it is important to look for integrity, experience, artistic talent and up-to-date technical knowledge, and for someone who enjoys the work.

Mortfield also suggests looking at an invitation studio's connection to other aspects of the simchah business. Trade shows for party planners, coordinators and those who work with them have resulted in a great deal of networking, which has tangible benefits, such as better, faster service from suppliers.

Calligraphy and choice of script are not the only factors to consider. Color of ink and type of paper for cards and envelopes are also important. For Mortfield, in fact, calligraphy is part of a larger invitation package. On the technical side, she observes that while there is still a market for engraving, it has lost much of its popularity to thermo-engraving, which looks the same but costs half as much.

Budget is also important. Costs can run from $65 for 100 printed invitations to $500 for the same number of engraved. Few people buy invitations alone, however, says Mortfield. A total package for a wedding or bar mitzvah, which includes invitations, RSVP cards, thank-you cards and seating cards, can cost from $300 to $1,500.

When you choose any professional, you want to be personally looked after. A distinctive invitation sets the mood and tone of the party in advance. Kirshenbaum and Mortfield agree that there is no limit to how much customization is possible.

A good invitation studio will hand address envelopes and custom calligraph place cards for the tables. Personalized paper napkins for the cocktail hour are quite common.

Mortfield sees a current shift to the "less is more" school of thought: the more elegant the wedding, the simpler the invitation. Whether this is a passing vogue or long-term trend, she is not sure.

Wedding invitations, Kirshenbaum says, should be mailed five weeks ahead to people in town, six weeks to those out of town; if your event is a daytime event, or takes place in summer or holidays, allow still more time.

Allow one to six weeks for printing the invitations; if you want a whole package, says Mortfield, speak to the invitation studio about four months before the event, or as soon as you have finalized the details of place, date and time.

Other invitation places are:

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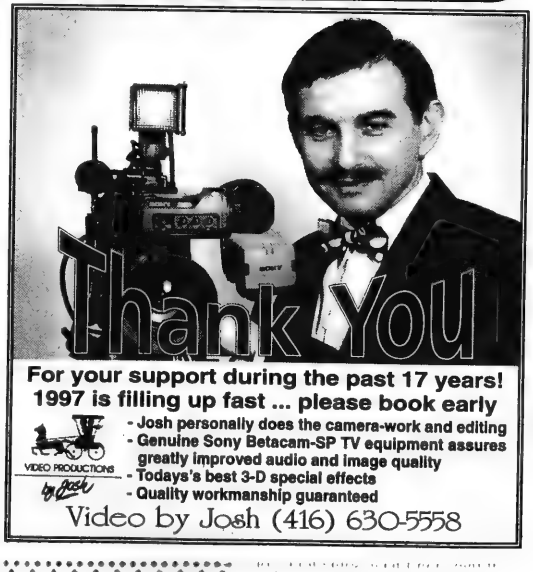

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Pre-wedding spa package offers relaxation & peace

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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What better present to give a bride and groom than a chance to relax and rejuvenate themselves before the big day? With a gift certificate to a spa, you are offering the happy couple a chance to get away from the everyday pace and take a break from it all.

The Spa at Hazelton (922-9226) offers a bride and groom package suitable for every couple and for every budget.

"Here at the spa we make our guests feel relaxed and give them peace of mind," says Suzanne Leduc Aylen, director of marketing and public relations.

One three-hour package, could have the bride enjoying a deep cleansing facial, a French manicure, a hair consultation and a pedicure, while her fiancé is treated to a hydrotherapy bath, an anti-stress massage with essential oils, a shampoo, haircut and style and manicure. In another three-hour session, both the bride and groom could take a hydrotherapy bath, an exfoliating body scrub and wrap and a facial. Spa beverages and snacks are offered during the treatment.

"These treatments make every bride and groom feel special," says Aylen. "At the spa, we have developed a number of techniques such as different body wraps which are effective in the treatment of problems such as cellulite, excess fat, localized fat pockets, water retention and lack of firmness. The applications are based on a combination of essential oils, trace elements and minerals in combination with medicated algae.

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The Spa at Hazelton offers relaxing massages using aromatherapy, shiatsu or acupressure and Swedish massage.

"In aromatherapy we use the essence of Life Force, which is distilled from leaves, fruits, blossoms, seeds or roots and bark of aromatic plants. Shiatsu means finger pressure and is also referred to as acupressure or acupuncture without needles. Therapists using Swedish massage use a variety of therapies and techniques depending on your requirements. These could include hydrotherapy, heat lamps and remedial as well as postural exercises," Aylen explains.

The Uptown Spa (449-4044) also offers pampering packages perfect for the bride or groom. A deluxe spa day includes a sauna, massage, facial and neck treatment, manicure, pedicure and makeup, hair style and lunch. Its Two's Company package treats the bride and groom to a massage, facial, hair style and lunch.

Check rental company's track record

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

When you choose a party rental service, you will want to check the company's track record, as you would with any other business. Who do you know who has used its services? What do they say about it?

Then come more specific questions. Your choice of a rental service affects the atmosphere of your event. Some services specialize in items like drapes and linen, which change the decor of a room. Others are oriented to utility and convenience, offering everything from extension cords to coat racks. There are companies which rent all items, both useful and beautiful – and others which only rent one item, like decorations.

First, you must decide whether you want the decor to be a visible part of the atmosphere or so unobtrusive it is only a background for the event. Next, whatever kind of visual impression you want, it is important that all the equipment, for anything from sound to cooking, functions well. Check out personally everything you want to rent.

David Silverman of D & D Rentals (555-5555) advises: "Look for an agency that offers everything." This makes it easier for you to organize the event and maintain control over things like color coordination, and it leaves you more time to enjoy your simchah. A good agency keeps a large inventory and if they don't have something you want, they know where to find it by networking with colleagues.

There are plenty of agencies, Silverman observes, and while they compete vigorously enough to keep prices reasonable, they also find it in their interest to network. One of his clients, for example, liked the window decorations he had seen at a party; but they were supplied by a niche company which only does window decorations, so it was in Silverman's interest able to give the niche company some business.

Spell out your needs in detail and discuss the logistics of the party with the rental agency. A good agency does not just supply objects, it also handles logistics and timing. Now there are virtual reality simulations which make it almost literally possible to "walk through" the party setting, to get a feel for spacing, access and movement at the different stages of the party.

In addition, make sure that the agency works well with other professionals at your party, like florists or caterers. If your event is outside the home, you will want an agency that has some experience working with halls or hotels. Versatility is yet another factor. For example, does a rental service offer children's furniture? Now that summer is here, can it deal with outdoor events?

More and more people are using rental agencies for their simchahs; Silverman sees this as a lasting trend. The larger the event, the farther in advance you should book, he advises. It is best to to so as soon as you know the date of your party.

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"No matter what season or occasion, Baycrest has the facilities and expert advice to make every event a memorable one," says Sharon Bizouati, manager of hospitality services.

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Over the past 10 years, party videos have gone from novelty to commonplace. As clients grow more aware and more demanding, they want to know more about the equipment, the quality of sound and film – and the videographer. What are some factors to consider in choosing a videographer for your event?

Pick a professional, advises Paul Laszlo of Twins Photo & Video (905-660-7385). Check his work; remember that his equipment and knowledge are more likely to be up-to-date if he is a full-time professional.

As special effects have become more common, says Peter Jestadt of Peter Jestadt Video Productions (416-488-8925), their novelty is wearing off. More and more clients want a video that documents their special event in a way that makes it memorable for its own sake.

The major factor, says Jestadt, is the personal touch. Laszlo and Jestadt agree that the videographer must be unobtrusive, yet well organized and at hand when needed. He is like the good waiter, who never intrudes on your dinner conversation, yet always knows when to refill a glass or top off your coffee.

Make sure the videographer is up to date in his field; check his mike and camera quality. Is he using a three-chip camera, for example, which makes for better definition, color and sound? You do not have to be a technical expert, Laszlo emphasizes, in order to judge results.

Peter Jestadt

Technology, Jestadt points out, now allows good videography without glaring lights. Good lighting makes the guests feel more comfortable; it also makes for a better looking video, with a visual atmosphere in keeping with the event. On the same theme, technology also allows the videographer to dispense with long, tangly cords, using batteries instead.

Good video work allows no mass production. The good videographer, says Jestadt, loves his work, and "gets it right." He listens closely to the client and treats not just each client, but also each event as unique. You are more likely to get this personal touch, he adds, with a smaller operation, where you deal directly with the person who videotapes and edits. The videographer himself should be at your event, even if he brings an assistant.

At the same time, Laszlo observes, the client should listen to the videographer too. Ultimately, the client is in charge; but professional input can only be to the good.

Book your videographer as soon as you know the date of your simchah, advise both Laszlo and Jestadt. Two years ahead is not too early, asserts Laszlo – especially if you want the head of the company rather than an assistant. Allow time to compare two or three videographers, he suggests, adding that comparison shopping and early booking can help cut costs.

Also, Jestadt adds, ascertain when the tape will be ready. If your videographer is conscientious, it should be complete in two to three weeks.

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Bands should be versatile

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

In choosing the band for your simchah, there is more to consider than the obvious essentials – good music and vocals.

Mila Kanev of the Mila Kanev Band (416-665-2450), and Paul Zurin of the Paul Zurin Orchestra (905-770-3084), agree that along with artistry, there must be audience rapport, and that a band has to treat each event as unique.

At events like weddings, says Kanev, a band should offer a repertoire of songs from several decades, to appeal to three or four generations. Audiences with several age groups are tougher, Zurin agrees, but pleasing them is a touchstone for a good band.

As people grow more aware of their heritage, a repertoire in more than one language also helps. You don't have to speak Yiddish to enjoy the music of the language. A wide repertoire makes it easier to honor requests – and keeps the band sounding fresh.

As no two hosts' wishes are alike, says Kanev, versatility is vital. This even includes the length of sets and breaks, which should be tailored to the occasion. Also, as the mood changes, the band should be able to ad lib or switch its mood at a moment's notice – which, Zurin adds, lets the band have more fun as well.

Kanev also observes that if the band feels at ease in a variety of environments, it transmits that feeling to the guests. Rapport with the guests, which almost requires antennae, is as important as working well with you, the host, who, after all, will enjoy the party more if your guests are having fun.

Kanev offers some tactical tips based on common sense and experience. Seat younger people, who usually like more volume, closer to the speakers, and older people farther away. Sometimes, music should stay in the background; and volume should never be overbearing, especially at dinner.

When it's time to dance, the band's role is more interactive, and even more so at request or sing-along time. The band may also help involve guests in games or contests, with announcements being made by the leader, fanfares before announcements and the like.

To gauge talent, referrals are only the beginning. You also need to hear the band live and see them in varying situations. Kanev points out that videocassettes from simchahs a band has played tell a lot about their rapport with other hosts and guests. Zurin recommends that the videos be unedited.

A good band sounds fresh and spontaneous, but that feeling is the result of hard work. The band leader, moreover, is only as good as those who work for him/her; so look for a band with a solid core group who work well together (and of course, with other professionals like videographers).

The number of musicians can be adjusted to your taste and budget – bearing in mind that with synthesizers, an eight-piece band can have the full sound of an orchestra, and that a bigger crowd wants a bigger sound.

Mila Kanev of the Mila Kanev Band

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Flowers turn mundane into festive

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Florist Gordon Dick of Van Bassen Florists (222-6751) cannot think of a more elegant way to decorate a room than with flowers and greenery.

"Take an empty room, add some flowers and instantly it is transformed into a festive hall that suits the mood of any party, whether it be formal or casual — whatever is on the agenda," he says.

Budget need not be a concern, he stresses, because lower cost flowers can brighten up a room as beautifully as their exotic counterparts. "Customers have the option of a number of inexpensive flowers such as carnations, freesia and irises, all in a rainbow of colors. Even using greens and one or two flowers as a table centrepiece can do a lot for a room.

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An infinite variety of flowers

Most brides choose flowers to enhance their color scheme and with an infinite variety of flowers from which to pick, both domestic and imported, there are always blooms available to blend with the decor.

"White flowers add elegance to a black and white wedding and pink or off-white flowers blend in with a purple color scheme. Boutonnieres or corsages made of roses or orchids are a must for every attendant at a wedding and again, the color of the bloom blends with the rest of the room. If members of the bridal party want to keep their corsages as a memory of the occasion they can, with the proper instruction, have them preserved."

Dick urges hosts to select a florist that is longstanding in the community and one "with an excellent reputation. If you are unsure of what you want, go out and see some of the florist's work. Nothing creates ideas better than seeing what other people have done. Even browsing through a florist shop is enough to inspire a lot of people.

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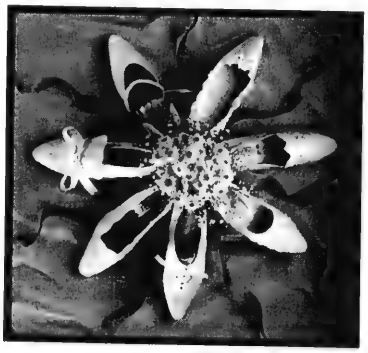

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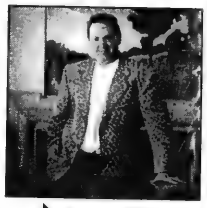

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Long gowns are back in style

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

You twist and you turn and then it all comes back again, says fashion designer Anna Maria Ruberto (416-658-3500) about this year's return to long, elegant, formal gowns.

"We're going to see ankle-length sleeveless dresses draped with lightly beaded or laced chiffon that are complemented by gloves. Short dresses seem to be out of the question this year. Mothers of the bride, mothers of the groom, bridesmaids, even the guests are wearing gowns that are long and sedate."

Ruberto, who specializes in custom design, does work with silks, but only recommends the high-priced elegant fabric for guests or mothers of the bride, because "material that is that pricey does not come in bulk. For bridemaids, we could use Lanaset soiree, a blend between wool and triacetate which can be carried through every season and is not too stiff or too soft.

"We also concentrate on designing dresses that can be worn again, because we all want our dresses to go a long way. We cannot afford to buy a dress for just one occasion. Again, these gowns are formal and traditional — often empire cuts — so we complement the bodice with lace or beading. A little bit of glitz is in, but nothing too busy."

A mother of the bride or groom may want to go with the beaded silk, says Ruberto. "She can choose a simple sleeveless ankle-length dress topped by a lightly beaded mandarin collar and paired with a swinging coat that is trimmed to match the dress. During the ceremony, she wears the coat and then takes it off for the evening party — its stunning."

Ruberto cannot stress enough what a little bit of detail can do to a dress. "Take a simple dress, add some lace or some beading or even some elegant buttons and suddenly you've got an entirely new dress. Dresses already in your closet can often be spruced up. That is a great tip for a woman who needs something new but just cannot find room in her budget."

Mina Pizzitelli, owner of Mina Haute Couture (416-787-7133), designers of high fashioned ladieswear, says that lightly beaded or laced dresses made of taffeta or satin are important for the fall party season.

"Baby colors are coming back — pink, blues, greens and a lot of irredescents which pick up different shades. We seem to have gone away from simplicity and turned towards fancier gowns in more ornate fabrics often accented in gold and silver.

"A bride usually picks the color of the attendants' dresses to blend or coordinate with her own color scheme. Lines are straight with a slight flare and are mostly long — sometimes under-the-knee or mid-calf. Bridal attendants, however, are definitely wearing long gowns."

She says mothers of the bride wear slightly lower-keyed dresses than mothers of the bar or bat mitzvah, because "a bar or bat mitzvah mom is the hostess and should be the centre of attention. That calls for a dramatic, more fun dress. The mother of the bride, however, should not be competing with the bride or the groom's mother for attention."

Ruberto advises clients to try and come in at least five or six months before the big day in order to allow time to find the exact fabric they want.

"Clients can come in with a sketch or picture, but if they have no idea what they would like, we become fashion consultants. We play around with fabrics, designs and colors until we come up with something."

Pizzitelli has a lot of magazines and brochures to browse through for those still unsure of what they're after. "They might have to work within a color scheme, so we start from there. Otherwise, we drape them with fabric to see what works on them. Women can usually tell right away the fabric, color and style that suits them. We often just assure them they've made the proper choice."

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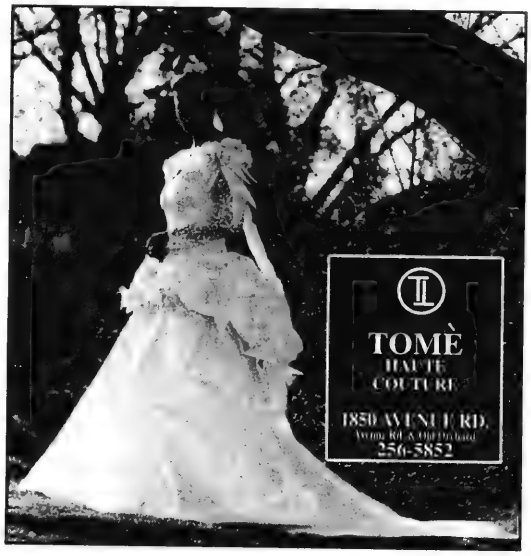

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Nik Manojlovich (left) and Michael Rosen.

An all-occasions party planning partnership, Plan-it Meeting and Special Occasions Planners, has been established by two veterans in the planning, food and catering industries.

Michael Rosen, who worked at the Sheraton Hotel and Park Plaza, teamed up with Nik Manojlovich whom he had worked with for more than eight years in the hotel business. They have had many years of diversified experience — as waiters, cooks, restaurant managers, food and beverage managers, catering managers and directors of catering with experience in kosher catering.

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Because they are aware of religious practices and traditions, Rosen said, they can help the families in these areas as well.

"The many recommendations and letters we receive are a testament to the level of service we deliver," Manojlovich said.

Deena Sigal, whose daughter's marriage was held at the family's country summer home, where many additional items had to be considered for a kosher wedding, said, "All of Plan-it's extra efforts certainly paid off. Everything came together perfectly and everyone agreed that it was indeed a very special day."

"We are both overachievers," Rosen said. "We had immediate mutual respect and we love working together. If we have fun, everyone has fun."

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Good disc jockeys both entertain and organize

BY ERIC LAYMAN
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Tal Meissner of Urban Groove Productions (416-781-7064) and Jamie Starkman of Incredible Party Productions (416-590-9878) are alike in their commitment to quality entertainment.

Yet, each has a unique, unduplicated approach to his work and to what to think about when choosing your DJ.

A good DJ will both entertain and organize. He likes people, he works well with bands and other professionals at a simchah, and networks with others on the entertainment circuit.

Youthfulness, up-to-dateness and ability to innovate count for a lot, but so does experience.

People want something original, spontaneous and creative. They want a memorable event that will call to mind a special feeling years later.

Minor as the expense of hiring a disc jockey may be, the man or woman up there with the tape deck is often the focal point of the party.

Guests no longer tolerate somebody who just plays cassettes and speaks to the audience every 20 minutes, says Meissner. They want to sense that he's having as much fun as they are. A good DJ not only plays the requests and entertains the guests, adds Starkman, he helps them entertain each other.

Meissner, who works a lot at events like school dances and bar mitzvahs, emphasizes projecting the right mix of energy and relaxation, but also picking up on kids' "vibes," which are often easier to read than adults'.

A good entertainer responds to kids' rapid shifts in feeling and their inexhaustible energy, and directs it to positive fun. He channels and controls it, without being a drill sergeant.

Everyone should have a good time

Also, Meissner points out, a bar or bat mitzvah is not just for the children nor is a wedding just for the adults.

Make sure your DJ knows what kinds of guests are coming. "Simchah" means "rejoicing," everyone should have a good time. This includes those who don't try to be the "life of the party," but get much of their joy watching others enjoy themselves.

Interaction is big nowadays, and that's good, says Starkman, but let it be tailored to the simchah. Look at the differences between, say, a wedding and a bar mitzvah, then add the fact that no two weddings are exactly alike either.

Starkman advises hiring a company that keeps its client base low. Competitive as this business is, it's one where you grow, not by turnover, but by service and reputation.

The best DJs, he says, "treat you like a person, not a file number." This means constant open communication between client and disc jockey. If someone other than the head of the company is going to entertain at your party, get to know him or her too.

Don't go for a flat rate or package. Instead, look for a low minimal rate and find out the cost of each item added on. Book your DJ at least four months ahead, urges Starkman, the bigger the event, the farther in advance.

Meissner says six months. Smaller operations are more personal, but can offer the best service if you engage them early. If it's the first big event you've organized or your first with a particular DJ, plenty of lead time is even more essential.

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Gift registries are a favor to both guests and brides

BY ERIC LAYMAN
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Both Ilene Bronsteter of Bronson's China & Gifts (905-881-9930) and Suzanne Savage of The Bay (416-861-6080) see the main advantage of a registry in reducing gift duplication and ensuring that the bride gets what she wants.

(Now with men more involved in the household, it is more accurate to say "bride and groom." Most couples register in both their names.)

In making sure a gift will be wanted, both women agree that registering is as much a favor to the guests as to the bride and her family. It eliminates the agony of second-guessing other people's tastes. It ensures that newlyweds get complete sets, yet it also benefits the buyer on a modest budget, who can afford only part of a dining service.

Savage says that registering takes some of the burden of communicating with the guests off the bride's family, shifting it to the store.

Today, says Bronsteter, there are two types of brides: one who is setting up on her own for the first time and needs everything; and one who has been on her own for some time and wants to avoid duplication of what she already has.

In either case, the presents given at showers, engagement parties or bridal luncheons are going to be used to set up a household.

Therefore, before coming in to register, think carefully about what you want and what your guests can afford. Why register for place settings at $300 each, if no one will buy them? Also, register several weeks before any event like a shower and give yourself time to choose.

In choosing a store to register with, says Bronsteter, consider what kinds of service it offers. They should take an interest in you as a person. Also, they will keep track of what you have registered for and know who has bought what at a given time.

Will you be sure that when you need six place settings, you don't get eight?

When you first come to register, the range of choice may bewilder you, You may want to make more than one visit, to sort out in your mind what's available. Once you grow used to looking, you will probably become more selective and more relaxed. When registering, you should enjoy yourself and feel comfortable with your choices.

Look carefully at what's on the market, says Savage. Most registries are for highly personalized items, like linens, dishes, giftware and silver, though the range has recently broadened to include items like garden tools.

These are important items that you will be seeing every day of your life, be sure to pick exactly what you want.

Finally, set your priorities and make your list carefully. If it's too long, you won't get complete sets. If there are too few items on it, guests will run out of things to buy. Make sure you can change or add to your list and insist on personal service.

A kiddie invasion

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

If the thought of 20 youngsters invading your home for a birthday party makes you want to run the other way, you might want to consider having your next party at an indoor play centre.

At the Fun 'N More Party Centre inside the Promenade Mall (905-764-8955), there are three party rooms full of activities including arts and crafts, video and audio equipment and a playground featuring balls, climbers and slides. As well, there are a large number of toys — trucks, a play kitchen and play house, puzzles, wagons and books.

The computer room for kids between the ages of 5 and 10 include Super Nintendo, Sega Genesis, Sega Saturn, Sony-Playstation and a variety of educational software, while at the arts and crafts centre geared for children of all ages, guests can partake in painting models or puppet making.

"I always stress that we designed the playroom with safety in mind; so parents never need worry about their children. There are no sharp corners and there are mats covering the floor. Children really cannot get hurt."

Party packages include optional food (kosher is available), invitations, popcorn, coffee for the parents and a host to set up and clean up. Parents can choose a private or semi-private party.

Pre-teens are not left out at Fun 'N More and when daylight fades, the play centre changes its name to The Diamond, is emptied of toys and invaded by partiers who dance along with disc jockeys Freedom of Sound.

"We change the name, because kids that age do not want to come to a party at a play centre. We hold weekly evening dances and as well, the room can be booked for a private party.

At Rainbow Playland (905-886-0306), which opened just over two months ago, kids age 1 to 7 have a ball on its climbing structures or in the puppet and movie theatre, the arts and crafts room and toddler area, which includes a ball pit and climbing mountain.

David Sadja, owner of Rainbow Play Systems, manufacturer of residential play systems, said that when he discovered the Richmond Hill location at 30 Fulton Way, Units 5 and 6, he decided it would be perfect as a party centre.

"Parents book the entire room and the 1½-hour party includes paper products, invitations, two jugs of juice and popcorn. Catering is done through the centre and kosher food is available. If desired, parents can hire a private hostess."

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PARTY PLANNER

Consultants are party saviors

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Who is there, on the spot, to mend a bride's ripped wedding gown, administer smelling salts to a faint groom, or convince 30 people that they cannot all sit at the same table even though it says so on their seating card?

"Who else but the party consultant?" says Judy Stein (905-764-7604). "And I've had all those things happen to me. With a little bit of calm, a lot of experience and my Mary Poppins bag full of remedies, however, all the situations were rectified and everything went on smoothly."

Stein compares hiring a party consultant to buying insurance. "Sometimes you need it more than others. They are there, though, through every aspect of the party from the initial planning to the end of the big event, and most people could use a little bit of help, even if there are no minor emergencies."

She says that when clients hire her, she works with them hand in hand, from hiring the professionals to buying the dress to picking the invitations.

"I will accompany them, if they want, or else I can lead them in the right direction. If women want their dress made, I can recommend a dressmaker, or else I can tell them about some wholesale stores. I charge one flat fee and I can get involved as little or as much as my clients wish."

In the business for about 17 years, Stein says that a lot of her experience comes from watching other consultants work.

"After people began asking my advice about their parties, I decided that this was the work for me, and I love it."

On a wedding day, she arrives when the bride gets dressed and remains until the bride throws the bouquet.

"I come with my bag packed with a needle and thread, makeup, makeup remover, headache pills, smelling salts, panty hose — any number of things — and I've used everything one time or another."

Although she cannot bring it in her bag, diplomacy plays a large part in a consultant's job. "When the 30 people all got a card that said they were seated at one particular table, it happened to be one of the best tables, so everyone wanted to sit there. It took a lot of tactful maneuvering to get some of them to sit somewhere else. That is when the hosts knew they had done the right thing by hiring a consultant.

Other bridal consultants are:
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Open Thursday through Saturday evenings, the show features not only Buddy Holly and Elvis, but Tom Jones, Tina Turner, Elton John, The Blues Brothers, Cher and any number of up-beat performers portraying superstars. Not only do they strut their stuff, they often bring up audience members to strut with them. What could be better than dancing with Elvis?

At a recent week-end show featuring such greats as The Blues Brothers, Tina Turner and Buddy Holly, audience members were astonished at the performers' likeness to their superstar counterparts. From Cher's curly, long mop and risque outfit to Buddy Holly's glasses and bow tie to Tom Jones' girating hips, the audience was treated to a evening of their favorite music and their favorite stars.

"Imagine spending my last night as a single woman with Tom Jones," sighed one bride to other members of her bachelorette party.

What really makes the show is that the audience realizes the performers not only look like the stars, they sound just like them. When Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, The Beatles or Nat King Cole get up on the stage, they use their own voices and play their own instruments — no lip synching at all.

The Legends in Concert show has been staged worldwide and has permanent homes in Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach, Hawaii, Atlantic City, Miami — and in Toronto since March. It travels twice yearly to Australia and has appeared in South America, China, Japan and the Soviet Union. Locations are planned this year in Paris and London.

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Centrepieces can be fun and decorative

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Renee Birenbaum, who co-owns Mandell Entertainment Decor (905-886-4000) with Corey Mandell, stumbled into the party decoration business six years ago.

Birenbaum had been painting gift baskets and sweatshirts. One of her customers asked her to make centre-pieces for a bar mitzvah. That led to eight party bookings and was the beginning of her new career in party planning and decor.

She worked out of her home for three years, but was outgrowing that space. At the same time, Mandell was looking to start a decorating division to complement his music/DJ business. The two decided to team up, forming a partnership — the decorating division of Mandell Entertainment Group (27 West Beaver Creek).

"It was a very good match," Birenbaum says. "People need decor and they need music. Now they are able to find it all under one roof. It saves the client a lot of time and effort."

Many people in the party business have been copying the style of centre-pieces Birenbaum originated and she strives to stay a step ahead of the competition by coming up with original centre-piece concepts and designs, she says. "We're trying to come out with a more unique look."

She has an artist who does airbrushing, and the actual pieces are lit up on a special rental unit, she says. For one bar mitzvah with a racing theme, each centre-piece was a different style of race car; each had a three-dimensional look as a result of the airbrushing techniques and special lighting.

Birenbaum stresses that Mandell Entertainment can provide decor to suit a variety of budgets. It offers free consulting and sample centre-pieces are provided at no charge.

Mandell Entertainment can provide everything from props like popcorn and cotton candy makers to balloons, centre-pieces, flowers throw-aways and give-aways and other novelty items. Birenbaum is also doing a lot more floral work, combining the floral arrangements with centre-piece themes.

A headtable at a simchah and (below)a kids' table decorated by Renee Birenbaum.

She says the company has branched out into doing complete party decor, which includes coordinating table cloths and chair covers, for both bar mitzvahs and weddings. In fact, Mandell Entertainment Decor will help plan the party "every step of the way," she says. "We help them [clients] feel more relaxed."

People wanting unusual floral centre-pieces may want to visit one of Kay N Young flower shops.

There two locations: the original store (416-922-5651) at 136 Avenue Rd. near the corner of Davenport Road, and the newer Thornhill store (905-761-1915) at 7000 Bathurst St. at Bathurst and Steeles.

Kay N Young is known for its exotic flowers and reasonable prices, owner Annette Fung says. "We sell flowers retail. We have the best prices in town." The flowers come from all over the world, she adds.

Fung began doing floral centre-pieces 10 years ago. Now she's doing at least one wedding a week. Customers like her selection of high quality exotic flowers like Casablancas (large white lilies), ginger lilies and haliconias.

The centre-pieces start at $25. Two-tier floral arrangements are popular for large affairs, with roses and lilies the flowers most in demand, Fung notes. The arrangements are coordinated with the color and theme of the affair. All white or very bright pallettes are the current trend, she says.

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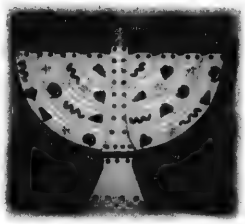

Thrillz, (416-781-7313) a ceramics studio cum gift shop co-owned by three sisters, grew out of a hobby.

Lori Rosenthal, Lisa and Lesley Matthews had taken a ceramics course together three years ago.

Then the women began selling their work and exhibiting in craft shows. Production took place in Lisa's basement with the showroom in Lori's home. But with the growth of the business, they had to move Thrillz to a commercial location.

Today it is located on the second floor of the Lawrence Plaza at 534 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 212.

Thrillz is known for its brightly colored ceramics, and custom and personalized work, says Lesley. Come in with a photograph and Thrillz can create a platter with a full family portrait, she says.

Any size ceramic piece, from mugs and picture frames to platters, can be personalized and it can be done while the customer waits, she says. "I can make the back of the gift the card."

Personalized gifts are common for birthdays and anniversaries, and for the bride and groom to give to their wedding parties. Thrillz also offers a registry service for those brides who want hand-painted dishes in some of the patterns offered. Colors and designs can also be altered to suit individual tastes.

Thrillz also has a large selection of Judaica — menorahs, kiddish cups, Pesach plates and Shabbat candlesticks. Its merchandise is also available at two local gift stores — Bronson's and Millie & Lenny on Avenue Road and Bronson's at Steeles and Yonge. Gifts can also be purchased at the studio in Lawrence Plaza, but appointments are necessary.

People wanting to give original art as a gift may want to visit Affairs of the Art, a gallery and frame shop (905-886-6349) at 100 Steeles Ave. W.

The gallery offers a wide selection of framed original art, original serigraphs and etchings and

limited edition prints and posters. Also available are papier mache sculptures by Judith Lear, who was recently commissioned to do sculptures by McDonald's and the city of Richmond Hill.

Gallery owner Brian Liss, an art consultant and agent, represents several Canadian artists including Jason Alexander, whose works can be found at Affairs of the Art as well as in 30 galleries across North America, and Leventhal, the artist who is giving the Second Cup Cafes their new look.

A quality piece of art is an excellent gift for weddings and special anniversaries, Liss says. "We have all price ranges from $50 and up." He also offers an exchange policy and gift certificates.

Affairs of the Art has many items for house-warming and wedding gifts like framed mirrors and the papier mache sculptures. It also carries a lot of sports art like autographed jerseys and posters of the Maple Leaf and Blue Jays for bar mitzvah gifts, he says.

Liss also does art consulting and custom framing for residential and commercial spaces. He chooses art for private homes and corporate headquarters like the new Mattel Canada head office in Mississauga. He takes care of the installation.

In August, Affairs of the Art will have a new home. It's moving to 978 Eglinton Ave., in the Bathurst-Eglinton area.

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Photos last a lifetime

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Sam Sciarrino of Horvath Photography (416-487-3443) and Joe Lavee of Lavee Studios (416-733-2457) do not differ on the advice they would offer someone deciding how to choose a photographer.

Start out by following your instinct: Do you like his work? Then comes a harder question: Do you have rapport? No matter how great someone's artistic talent, personality is important if you are to work well together. While you want someone who takes pride in his work and maintains high standards, you also want someone who will listen to you, the client.

What's right for someone else, Sciarrino points out, may not be right for you. Like photographers themselves, you have your style preferences, causal or artistic, formal or informal, hard-edged or soft-edged, and while a referral may point you in the right direction, you ultimately have to see for yourself.

Lavee advises you to be sure that at your simchah, you will get what you see in the studio, not something by someone else, whose work you don't know. Try to get your work done by the studio owner or one of his key people whose work you can see in advance.

Insist that the photographer give your work the time it deserves. No matter how good he is at his best, be sure that when he comes to your event, he won't be distracted by over-booking and have to rush off in an hour.

If he's booked in full, a photographer more interested in professional integrity and good name than in short-term gain, may refer you to a colleague. If he's only booking one job a day, Sciarrino says it's a good sign since he's allowing himself time to do good work.

First impressions are a start, but they're not everything. You like someone's style today, how will you feel in 10 years? A photograph should capture the feelings of a moment at your special event, so that you can relive them years or decades later.

Look for work which calls attention to its subject, not to photographic cleverness. Like extra spice dumped into a pot of food, special effects often merely distract from lack of quality.

Also, find out who will be doing the different kinds of shots. One photographer may be good at portraits, for example, but not candid shots, as they are quite different. A portrait captures the lasting essence of a person, as expressed in a face; a candid shot captures an endearing, charming or amusing moment which comes and goes so fast it would otherwise be lost.

Most studios, Sciarrino says, are state-of-the-art and don't cut corners, but expect to pay for quality and be a bit suspicious of prices too far below average. Book as soon as you know the date of your simchah – especially if you want a particular person to take your photos.

Good photographers are much in demand and may be booked in full over a year in advance.

Other photographers are:
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BY ERIC LAYMAN
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In talking about how to choose a travel agent, both Ehud Telem of Payless Travel (905-886-5610) and Avi Rodak of Aufgang Travel (416-789-7117) say that no two agents are alike. At the same time, both stress the importance of integrity in dealing with clients.

Rodak advises choosing a travel agent the same way you would choose any professional.

He also sees one advantage of an agent in the fact that he has some emotional distance from the choice of travel options. He wants you to be satisfied, but he himself is not actually going to make the trip, so it's easier for him to be objective about it.

Look for a reputable, full-time agent, advise both men. This person gives your needs full attention, even for short routine trips. With deregulation and new markets opening, changes are coming so fast you have to be a professional to keep up.

Airlines reserve the right to change rules without notice, so only a professional is likely to know what the changes are.

A good agent tries to save you money and find the best deal, but also offers options. A travel agent doesn't need to get a licence, but Rodak and Telem agree he does need to get experience, develop rapport with clients, treat them as individuals and build up trust.

If a deal looks too good, be careful, says Telem. Both men recommend that you shop around before choosing.

Face to face

Rodak says that before committing yourself, you should meet your prospective agent face to face. While seeing someone in person doesn't guarantee anything, it may give you the extra reassurance you need in evaluating someone.

There are some bad people in the business, Rodak concedes, but it doesn't make sense to buy tickets direct from the airline and avoid all agents, just because of one or a few.

Moreover, if you call the airline, they will try to sell you their product, whereas the travel agent, with you as his client, will try to find you the best product.

Some agents are good for vacation travel, some for corporate, others do both. Most agencies now have some specialty, whether in destinations (i.e. London) or in clients (i.e. seniors). Incentive travel, where companies offer trips as a reward for productivity, is now a specialty in its own right.

A good agent, besides being an information source, takes the trouble to know you and your travel needs and to "click" with you.

If he has some hands-on travel experience, Rodak says, he adds something intangible to the schedules and lists he calls up on his computer, because he has a feeling for what options will satisfy you.

Check out that your agent has insurance, advises Telem. Plan to stay over Saturday night if you can, he says, it cuts flight costs by as much as half or more, making you a "vacationer" instead of a "business traveller." And of course,with airlines continually changing fares and routes, book as far ahead as possible.

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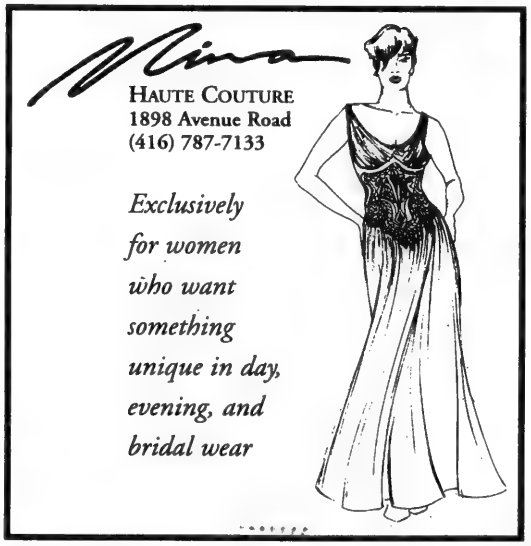
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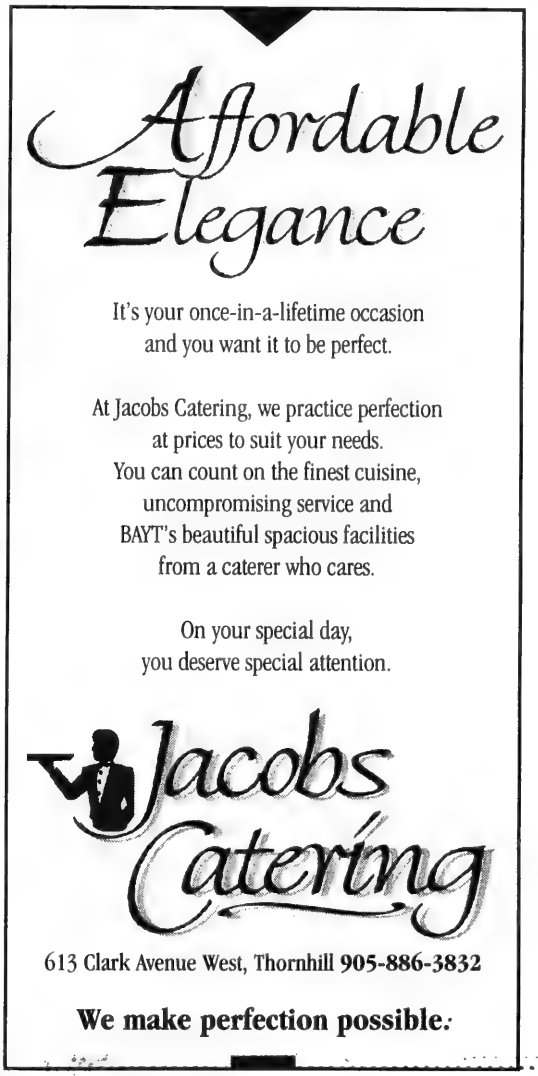
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Hairstyles reflect mood

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

For a bride, choosing the right hair style is as important as choosing the most becoming gown.

Hairdresser John Di Bratto (416-222-hair, 222-4247) specializes in weddings, working with brides and other wedding party members on the day of the big event.

"It's such an exciting day, so highly charged," Di Bratto said. "I enjoy working on location with the photographers and makeup artists."

Di Bratto, a hair stylist and color technician, does about 35 weddings a year, he said. "I get calls from all over Ontario and next summer I'm doing a wedding in Greece."

His services are also in demand by the wedding industry. He creates hair styles for wedding trade shows in Toronto in February and September.

Hair has to reflect the mood of the dress, he said. He usually consults with a bride ahead of time, trying a variety of styles with a head piece "to create a look that's her own."

Brides also bring pictures of their dresses, seeking his advice on headpieces, he said. Today, "veils are smaller and set at the back of the head instead of on top of the crown."

He recommends a classic look with a modern touch, because the style "has to ensure the test of time in the wedding photos."

The most popular style is an updo, Di Bratto noted, but "a special style even down can be beautiful."

In some cases, he adds silk flowers — fresh flowers wilt and discolor — and jewelry for a special touch; he also uses jewelled hair pins for up-dos, he said.

The general trend is for brides to have natural looking color, according to Di Bratto. Brides prefer something as close to their natural color as possible with soft rather than bold highlights, he said.

But those looking for bold color may be interested in some of the current hair trends. "This is the biggest year for color," said color technician Nitza Mangos of Desmos (416-482-4100), "There are new dramatic colors that can't be done at home, [such as] dark burgundy hair with cherry highlights 1½ inches wide."

Another look is created through the use of two new colors. The whole head is dark bronze, with the front hairline died platinum blond, Mangos said.

Multicolors like golden blonds, copper, cherry red all on one head are also being shown; cool ice, a shade close to platinum blond is "all the rage," she added.

Permed hair is not as popular this year because it doesn't go well with the dramatic colors, Mangos said. "It's too much chemical treatment for the hair."

Desmos, a shop with marble, wrought iron and antique fixtures, is a new full service hair dressing salon located at 2063 Yonge St. (three blocks south of Eglinton). Owners Crissa Chilakos, Dia Psimouli and Niki Spano opened Desmos in December.

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It's a ceramic painters feast at Maddie told Hattie

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Some 15 women sit around two long tables painting ceramic pieces and chatting. They're at a party at Maddie told Hattie on the Danny, organized by speech pathologist Joey Shlanger.

Maddie told Hattie (416-778-6469) at 1340 Danforth Ave., just east of the Greenwood subway is a studio gallery where people come to create their own hand-painted dishes, using only lead-free paints.

They choose from the wide variety of greenware stock priced under $10. The cost of $8 per studio hour in addition to the price of the greenware pieces includes four colors of paint or underglaze, as well as brushes, glazing, cleaning and two firings. Seniors and students pay $6 an hour; children under 13, $5.

Customers can drop in during the day to paint, but some evenings and afternoons are reserved for Clay Play parties. You bring your own food and spend time schmoozing and painting with friends.

Studio owner Debye Dorsey, a certified ceramic artist, describes the studio gallery as an "artists' colony for ordinary people," because, she says, "hand-painted ceramics is functional art."

Dorsey guides people as they go through the stages of choosing designing, painting and glazing their ceramic pieces.

"It's a do-it-yourself creative process," she says, and several of their clients drop in on a regular basis.

"But many of the people who come in here are first-timers," she adds. "We give demonstrations and detailed instructions and I advise them."

For parties of 10 or more, there are no restrictions on color selection. Adult rates run at $15 per person for 2½ hours; children's rates are $6 for 1½ hours. These prices do not include the greenware costs, but do cover the ceramic card signed by guests.

Once participants finish painting and glazing, Dorsey fires their creations in a kiln on the premises. The completed work can be picked up five to seven working days later.

The ceramic studio party is an ideal venue for a party Shlanger says. "It's my second time here. You get to have fun and you can be productive."

Her sister, advertising executive Patti Laine, works intently on a brightly colored floral platter. An avowed arts and crafts person, Laine highly recommends Maddie told Hattie.

"Dorsey has a really good selection of inventory and there's lots. So if your friend wants to do a teapot like yours, it's possible."

Indeed the five-tier shelving unit in the studio is filled with bisqued greenware — raw clay that has been fired — in every size and shape. The selection includes tiles, garlic holders, three styles of dinner plates, various sized bowls and platters, mugs, teapots, picture frames and salt shakers.

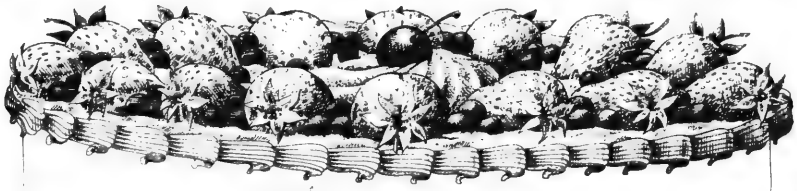
Dorsey says she prides herself on the variety of bisqued pieces, which also include Jewish ceremonial items like menorahs, kiddish cups and candle holders.

Teacher Cindy Zimmerman says the monogrammed plate she's painting is destined to become a family heirloom. "Once you zero in on the process it isn't difficult."

Newlywed Tanya Morita drops into the studio during the party to pick up pieces she made earlier at a wedding shower held for her at Maddie told Hattie.

"It was the best shower I ever went to and it was mine," she says.

Group of women paint dishes at Maddie told Hattie



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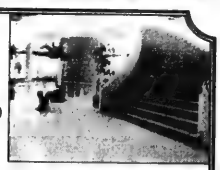

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A WhirlyBall of a time

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Entrepreneurs (from left) Stephen Steinhauer, Arthur Schwartz and Jack Frymer believe WhirlyBall is a fun game for kids of all ages. (Paul Lungen photo)

Kids do it. Adult businessmen do it. Even yeshivah students with *tzizit* do it.

What this motley assortment of fun lovers and thrill seekers love to do is play a brand new contact sport that has already taken several American cities by storm.

It's called WhirlyBall and it combines elements of basketball, hockey, lacrosse and polo. It's a game that can be enjoyed on your first attempt and it allows men and women, grandparents and grandchildren to play the game together on a level playing field.

Here's how it works: 10 participants, five on each side, strap themselves into specially constructed bumper cars and manoeuvre themselves in a squared circle that resembles a basketball court. But instead of gliding over hardwood, the vehicle rolls over a metal, electicity-conducting surface.

Participants use a plastic scooper to pick up a softball-sized whiffle ball, pass it among themselves, advance it down the court and shoot at a target about the size of a basketball backboard.

You get three points for hitting the centre of the target, one for hitting the backboard itself. Simple enough. Oh, and did I mention you can use your bumper cars to block opponents or, setting aside any tactical value, just give your foes a good ramming?

When played by experienced whirlers, the game is fast-paced and features continuous action, with bumping becoming a secondary aspect of the sport, said Stephen Steinhauer, one of four partners in the venture to bring WhirlyBall to Canada.

Together with Arthur Schwartz, Jack Frymer and Ark Tevlin, he has put his money where his enthusiasm is in the hope that WhirlyBall will duplicate its U.S. success north of the border.

The foursome believe there's huge growth potential for the game in the true north, frozen and free.

First-timers almost always come off the court with a big smile on their faces and it's really caught on in U.S. cities, they say.

Kids, needless to say, love it because it's a game and they're kids. Adults love it because it makes them feel like kids again.

It's perfect for high-pressure corporate types to blow off steam, and executives see WhirlyBall as a great way to allow staff to build camaraderie and team spirit, the partners said. Some companies bus in their staff for games, pitting departments against each other.

Interestingly, women really take to WhirlyBall because for many, it's their first exposure to a team sport and the camaraderie that comes with it.

In the few months it's been available in Toronto, a Tuesday night league has formed. On a more casual level, WhirlyBall is making inroads among the bar and bat mitzvah set.

In Detroit, one of a dozen U.S. cities with WhirlyBall, the WhirlyBall facility is located in West Bloomfield in the heart of the Jewish community. Almost half the Saturday nights during the year are rented for bar or bat mitzvah celebrations, Schwartz said.

In Toronto, Mandell Entertainment has agreed to provide DJ service, professional lighting and one or two dancers to keep the bar/bat mitzvah party going on either or both of the two WhirlyBall courts.

One Jewish day school has been negotiating to hold its graduation party there, while Frymer, Steinhauer and Schwartz believe there's also a market among the city's Orthodox.

In Cleveland, a group of rabbis are regulars, and in Toronto, the first person to visit the facility after the sign went up was an ex-yeshivah student from Cleveland, "who insisted on being the first customer," said Schwartz.

On chol hamo'ed Pesach, the place was packed from noon to midnight with yeshivah *bochers* wearing *tzizit*. "In Cleveland, it's their game," Schwartz said, adding that the phone starts ringing off the hook right after Shabbat.

"It's a very competitive game," said Schwartz. "It's a sport with a physical aspect of other sports, but without the danger."

"There's a special thing that happens when you play on a team," Steinhauer said. "You're high fiving ... there's a special magic."

Steinhauer "discovered" WhirlyBall in the early 1980s while attending law school at the University of Miami.

After moving back to Toronto, he played the game occasionally while on vacation and he noticed that women were enjoying the game as much as men.

In the late '80s, he decided to look into it as an investment. He interested his longtime friend, Schwartz, and later Frymer and Tevlin came on board. They figured it was an ideal activity for Canada's long winters.

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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

All eyes are riveted on the bride as she walks down the aisle.

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Buying the bridal gown involves a major decision; so it's important to shop at a reputable salon.

Edith's (416-633-4222) at 245 Wilmington Ave. in North York is known for its large selection and excellent service, says owner Joe Nourani. He has three full-time seamstresses to customize wedding gowns from all over the world.

Edith's is also the only bridal shop with a milliner — hats can be made to match suits.

In addition, dresses can be altered and shoes can be dyed on the premises to match an outfit.

Edith's offers customers 8,000 square feet of retail space, providing everything the bride, mothers of the bride and groom, and bridesmaids will need.

Bridal gowns are priced between $600 and $5,000. Veils can be made on the premises or the bride can choose from an assortment of imported veils.

Gowns for flower-girls range from $170 to $250, while bridesmaids' dresses start at $150.

Bridal gowns made of high quality polyester can be more expensive than silk, Nourani said, and he often recommends the polyester, because it holds up better on the wedding day and is easier to care for and clean than silk.

Straight and period bridal gowns are currently less fashionable, while more traditional flared organza skirts puffed up with crinolines are very popular, he said. Many of the dresses come with detachable trains, so the gowns can be reused.

Nourani also has a large variety of dresses for mothers of bride and groom, he says. "In Canada, we are number one for mothers." He can special-order dresses or change fabrics to suit any mother, he said. "Every mother walks out of here happy."

Ritché (416-789-4378) at 1662 Avenue Rd., one of the best-known bridal-gown companies in Toronto, offers customers a huge selection from 30 bridal wear lines in additon to the Ritché line.

Jack Ritché, who started the company 44 years ago, runs it with his daughter and son-in-law Vivian and Arthur Prussky. A second location (416-504-2349) in the heart of the fashion district at 423 Richmond St. houses the clearance centre and factory where all the custom work is done.

Ritché is showing a lot of sleeve-less and halter-style dresses, with a '60s style crew neck and empire waist line with an A-line skirt, Vivian Prussky said. "It's very Jackie O, very sophisticated and very classy."

For the ceremony, most girls add a matching shawl that comes with the dress or one custom made by Ritché, she said.

Designers are showing fewer sequins and more pearls, with some bugle beads, Prussky said. "Brides are less afraid to show color, like adding gold beading."

Chiffon is popular, as is silk, which is more reasonably priced these days, she said. "It is possible to get a silk bridal gown for under $1,000." Supionne silk (raw silk), which is cream or off-white, is also becoming more common, she added.

Ritché's Avenue Road location carries a large selection of mothers' and bridesmaids' dresses and some daywear. It also carries a line of less formal gowns, which start at $375 for brides getting married at resorts in the Caribbean or for second weddings and luncheons, Prussky said.

She said the store has such a wide spectrum of wedding gowns that a bride should be able to find the right dress. Ritché also offers the convenience of one-stop shopping with bustiers, crinolines, veils, shoes and other bridal items available on the premises.

Prussky spoke enthusiastically about Meadows shoes, a new line of dyable silk shoes with leather soles imported from England. The shoes come in low, medium and high heels; there is also a silk boot embroidered with roses.

"Some of our original brides come in to buy dresses for their daughter's or granddaughter's weddings," Prussky said. They bring in their own wedding pictures from years ago to show Ritché. .

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That's Mr. D.J. to you

BY ERIC LAYMAN
Special toThe CJN

Entertainment coordinating is a new field, but the name says it all. An entertainment coordinator coordinates all the entertainers at a party, bands, DJ's, comics, as members of a single show.

He also works with the other professionals at a party, like caterers, to make sure you and your guests enjoy the way the entertainment meshes with everything else.

How to choose a coordinator?

Peter Jestadt

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Ed McMurtry of Edwin Allen Productions (905-737-8670) highlights the importance of finding someone who treats your simchah as unique, putting together a personalized show for you.

Most of the work must be done beforehand, so find someone with a talent for detail and logistics, who will devote time and care to your event. Even good entertainers' rapport with the guests depends largely on how they work together, this is the coordinator's job.

At any simchah, however well planned, something unpredictable happens, so look for someone who can improvise. Also, the coordinator should be interactive with you, the host, getting feedback in the planning stages and interactive with the guests when the big day comes, drawing them into the entertainment.

Good planning requires a core program, which is on no matter what, but there must be openings for repartee, even chances for the guests to upstage the entertainers.

Look for someone with experience, someone who knows that different guidelines work for different events. At a bar mitzvah, the entertainers can be informal with the kids, as long as they keep a lid on the rambunctiousness, whereas at a wedding, interaction with guests is more reserved and dignified.

Before you talk to an entertainment coordinator, work out what kind of ambience you want. Elegant, understated lighting goes with a wedding dance floor, bar mitzvah kids want disco blips. A good coordinator sees everything, from food to music, as part of one total show and takes care that no one steals anyone else's thunder.

A good coordinator has his staff dress well, even formally. Tuxedos and black ties impart dignity, even at an informal event and coordinators should work in front of their equipment. As much as any entertainer, they are on display.

To ensure that a guest is happy, an entertainment coordinator can find himself doing unexpected things, like finding a strayed child. This is another reason for ties and tuxedos, they show the wearer as someone in authority, who can help when called upon.

Equipment should be high-quality and need minimal attention. CDs are better than tapes, because a request song can be found in seconds. Then there's making optimum use of equipment. For ambient sound, if you have bass speakers on the floor, and medium and high speakers off the ground, you can have big sound without turning up the volume.

Be particular and thorough. The overall feeling must be perfect. Book your entertainment coordinator as soon as possible, McMurtry advises for weddings one year ahead, for bar mitzvahs two. There are only a few experienced people in the field and planning takes time.

PARTY PLANNER

Caterers can satisfy all tastes

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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The bride is a vegetarian, her mother is on a salt-free diet and the groom does not eat chicken. Can everyone at the wedding be satisfied?

"Absolutely," says Joe Elmaleh, owner of Tri-Elm Caterers (416-631-7322). "Caterers should be able to prepare as many specialty dishes as necessary. Even if the rest of the party is eating lemon chicken, that does not mean the few that don't eat it cannot be accommodated."

Elmaleh, who caters at B'nai Torah, the new Royalton Banquet and Convention Centre and the Borochov Centre, as well as at private parties, has prepared an entire vegetarian wedding that included such delicacies as mushroom-vegetable turnovers, hummus and creamy eggplant salads and stir-fried vegetables and rice. "No one could believe how satisfied they could be with a meal that contained no meat," he said.

He concedes that budget is a big concern when planning a simchah but assures clients that money can be saved in certain areas without sacrificing quality.

"Let us know what we're working with and we can always come up with a feasible plan. For starters, wedding parties cost 10 percent less if they're held on week-days and if we serve buffet style, clients also save money because we're saving on serving staff."

David Berk, of Zuchter Berk Creative Caterers (905-738-6880) caters at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and as off-premise caterer in association with GMB Culinary Productions at various other locations, agrees that a strict budget does not restrict the quality of a meal.

"We appreciate the importance of sticking to a budget and we are always ready to suggest ways to work around it. For instance a salmon fillet is a different cost base than pasta but what we can do is make a creative dish out of salmon and pasta.

"I also advise clients to watch the number of guests they are inviting. Bottom-line dollars are always less when there are less people. We encourage people to be mindful of their guest list."

How do you choose a meal that will satisfy all the guests? "What we try to do is satisfy the greatest common denominator," says Berk. "We do not go to one extreme or the other by being too exotic or too traditional. We get a feel for who is coming and try and come up with a meal that most people will like. There are always specialty meals for those who do not eat what we are serving.

"Buffets are a great way to please a large number of people. Not only is there a bigger variety of foods, it can be presented beautifully by using elegant tablecloths, garnishes and fancy platters. We must know who is coming to the party however, because certain crowds do not like buffets," Berk says.

Those who prefer to hold their party at home can leave a lot of details to their caterer. Elmaleh says that he holds a meeting at the place where the party is going to be held, in order to check out the layout.

"We have to know how many tables can be accommodated, how big a tent to order, if necessary — all the logistics of holding a party at home. We can also take care of all the details, such as serving staff, tables and chairs, linens, cutlery and decorations, so that hosts need merely to be there and enjoy."

Tri-Elm cooks prepare most of the food for private parties in its main kitchen and then warm it up in portable ovens and do not have to use the host's kitchen.

Lighter fare is definitely the buzz word these days and in response to clients' requests, Zuchter Berk has introduced a lighter Mediterranean menu that includes salmon, butternut squash and apple soup with thyme and different types of grain salads. "We also use a lot of chicken and less beef," he says.

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One-stop shops have it all for you under one roof

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Busy parents need not fret if they don't have time to plan or run a party. They can just call one of many one-stop shops available in the city.

Loots (416-787-5668) at 1 Old Park Rd. in the Bathurst-Eglinton area is a tiny, 400-square-foot shop decorated with murals of the rain forest. With its wall-to-wall toys, candy and party accessories, it offers complete party services including theme decorating, paper products, balloons, themed cakes and loot with free delivery.

It's a party haven, with children of all ages visiting the shop from as far away as Hamilton and Mississauga, says store owner David Leese.

Loots also does bar/bat mitzvah theme party planning and decorating, which could include centrepieces, balloons, sign-in boards, smash cakes (cakes that break into pieces of chocolate), DJ prizes and give-aways.

"All this creativity is affordable," says Leese. "Most people have a budget and Loots finds ways to do things affordably."

Loots has also just expanded its birthday party services. It sends crews to hold theme birthday parties for children at their homes, he says.

"We can do arts and crafts, read stories, bring the loot and the cake. Such party packages start at $125 and include the ultimate service — clean up.

Loots has a catalogue and offers a toll-free service, so that customers across Canada can order from the wide selection of loot and novelty candy. Delivery for party-sized orders is free.

Loots is known for its ready-made loot packages, unique toys and novelty treats, but people can also "custom build" their own bags, Leese says. "Our concept is unusual. We sell pre-packaged age-appropriate themed loot bags priced from $4.99 to $5.49."

Some of the items Loots carries includes craft packages for older girls, such as decoupage and origami, with science kits and light-up yo-yos for older boys. A typical $5.49 package for a 5-year-old would include a butterfly net, pond-scum foam-in your-mouth candy and a spider squirt gun.

Sliding eye-ball pens, puppies in a pocket, jumbo jaw breakers, candy lipstick and hot dog gum are other popular items given out as prizes or bought by local kids with their own money, Leese says.

"It's the ultimate compliment when kids choose to spend their birthday money or Chanukah gelt in this store."

Bev Bergman, owner of Bags of Fun (416-665-2355) at 61 Russfax Dr. in the Steeles and Bathurst area, designs and manufactures arts and crafts (A&C) kits like fridge magnets to create, mask decorating and jewelry making, which she incorporates into loot bags.

"The fun continues after the party is over," Bergman says.

She was creating A&C kits before she branched out into the party business. People saw the kits and ordered them in bulk for loot bags, she explains. She left a sample kit at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a party centre in Markham, and now she sells them 400 bags a month.

Bagz of Fun is one of many one-stop shops

Party favors are affordable

Bags of Fun craft kits for $3.99 can be found at the Art Gallery of Ontario gift shop, hospital gift shops and the Mad Hatters Tea Party.

Bergman also creates specially wrapped gifts for favors and DJ prizes at bar and bat mitzvahs and hotel welcome bags for out-of-town guests.

Favors start at $5, she says. "I'm really mindful of today's economy. People are on a limited budget. I try to provide unique items people can afford." She also ties in the theme of the simchah with the hotel welcome bags.

Kosher and Natural (789-7173) at 3413 Bathurst St. offers a variety of party services, which include planning and decor, the rental of specialty machines like popcorn and candy floss makers, centrepieces, sign-in boards, candy-filled mugs, novelties, balloons, party supplies, candy sweet tables and candy centre-pieces.

"We'll take care of everything," says Jack Schnoll, owner of Kosher and Natural. "We've got connections everywhere."

His prices are reasonable, service is friendly, and he can deliver, set up and decorate for any event, he adds.

The shop is stocked with all kinds of bulk food candies. Mugs filled with candy and wrapped in cellophane are popular prizes and novelty items, he explains.

Candy is becoming popular for centre-pieces and one of the most colorful party items — usually for bar or bat mitzvahs is a candy sweet table filled with colorful candles like jellybeans, mickey mouse lollipops and taffy apples.

"The kids love it and the adults get to be kids again," Schnoll says.

Kosher and Natural also supplies smash cakes, the latest trend following a bar/bat mitzvah candle lighting ceremony.

The cake comes with a hammer, which the bar/bat mitzvah child uses to smash it into edible chunks. Everybody gets a piece of the chocolate. "The kids love it," Schnoll says.

Kosher and Natural fun-food machines, which include snowy cones, mini-donuts and soft pretzels are rented out with operators. These machines are extremely popular he says. "We're solidly booked until 1997."

Other one-stop party shops are:
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PARTY PLANNER

Decorate with fun and flair – use balloons

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Five years ago Elvy Cohen, co-owner of Balloon Bash, started a home-based business, using her graphics skills to make centre-pieces. She then expanded and began decorating halls, and took courses and seminars in balloon decorating and sculpting.

Cohen moved Balloon Bash (905-707-8177) to a small office, but soon outgrew that space. Six months ago, she and her husband Sam opened a retail store in the Towns Gate Plaza at 7077 Bathurst St. just north of Steeles Avenue.

Balloon Bash now sells party supplies, customized gift baskets and centre-pieces, and she's busier than ever, she says.

Balloon Bash decorates for theme parties.

Her party decorations for theme parties and simchahs usually include elaborate balloon decor, she says. Balloon sculptures of brides and grooms, clowns and storks are very popular, as are the balloon monograms, arches, Stars of David, trees and menorahs. She also does fabric draping behind the head table, using balloons to give a creative touch.

"I'm proud of the work. I put my heart and soul into it," she says. "This is a beautiful business. It's a party all the time."

Tom Steeves, owner of Hullaballoon (416-781-2122), also enjoys being in the party business. "It's a lot of fun, just festive occasions."

Hullaballoon at 399 Old Orchard Grove near Avenue Road offers a variety of party supplies, including custom centre-pieces and hall decor for simchahs — bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings and sweet sixteens — as well as bouquets for a variety of occasions.

Steeves has been working in the party business for seven years. Balloon centre-pieces are an alternative to flowers, he says.

For example, "we do a baseball theme centre-piece with a cap and a hollow bat. The balloons come out of the bat."

All the balloons he uses are biodegradable, he says. "They disintegrate faster than oak leaves." He also treats all the balloons he inflates so they'll last longer, he says.

Balloons offer a variety of color. Jewel tones like ruby red and quartz purple add striking color to the room, while metallic and pastel balloons add elegance to affairs like weddings, he says.

Some of the popular color combinations this year include teal blue, fuscia and purple; black and gold; and hunter green and burgundy, Steeves says.

Hullaballoon also rents out helium tanks. For about $75, you can fill between 200 and 225 balloons.

Hullaballoon can also arrange for a clown for birthday parties and corporate events, sign-in boards, props, novelties and give-aways. The company's balloon decor includes monograms, Stars of David, arches, rainbows and sculptures, Steeves says.

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Mandell gives back to the community

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

DJ Corey Mandell, 26, has achieved remarkable success in a relatively short time.

He has seen the Mandell Entertainment Group, his Richmond Hill-based company, grow from two to 65 DJs in less than five years and this year he established a satellite office in Vancouver.

The entertainment company, a one-stop party conglomerate, books DJs, dancers, lighting technicians and offers party decorating and planning services.

But Mandell's accomplishments goes beyond his business savvy. His success can also be measured by his generosity. He gives a lot of time and money to the community.

He recently sponsored the Mandell Entertainment Group Classic, a golf tournament fundraiser for Associated Hebrew Schools, presented by the Parents Association. He'll be underwriting this event for the next two years because he strongly believes that making a contribution to the community is a necessity, he says.

"The Jewish community has supported my company. I try to find opportunities to return something to the community."

Following the recent community March for Israel, which culminated with the Jerusalem 3000 festival held at North York Centennial Arena, Mandell emceed the main stage program.

He's been performing at the Baycrest Fun Run for the last five years and he appeared at the Adam Kruger Bone Marrow Benefit, held last week at Shark City Bar and Grill.

Other community events Mandell Entertainment supports include the Rena (Foundation) Fun Day and the Israeli Cancer Research Society masquerade ball.

Thornhill residents with children or grandchildren in the Thornhill Soft Ball League may have noticed some of the kids wearing the Mandell Entertainment Group Party Animals team shirts. The company sponsors three teams in three separate divisions and distributes 800 sports bags for all the players in the league.

Every summer Mandell Entertainment tours the summer camps north of Toronto providing free entertainment for the campers. "The kids love it. It's unbelievable," Mandell says.

The summer camp tour, now in its fifth year, is sponsored by Roots. "Michael Budman and Don Green (the owners of Roots) loved the idea from the start when I presented it to them in 1991, Mandell" says.

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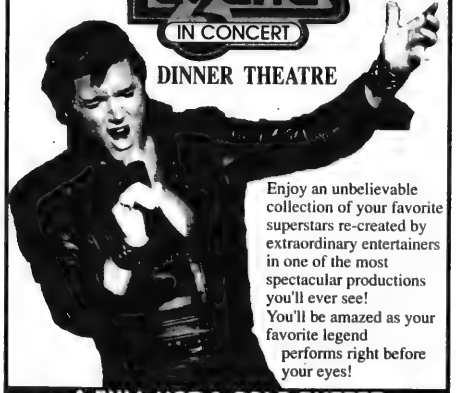

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Babbling Rice

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Selling novelty necklaces was supposed to be a summer business for two York University students. They set out to become street vendors last year.

But they were so successful marketing their product that they had to put their education on hold to run their company Babbling Rice which now employs as many as 35 people full and part time.

Film student Jody Bresgi, 22, and business major Natalie Mamman, 21, both Associated Hebrew Schools alumnae, teamed up with Amir Goldstein, to sell these handcrafted necklaces.

Each has a personalized message hand-painted on a single grain of rice. The rice is then placed in a special liquid preservative which is encapsulated in a glass tube and hung on a black waxed cord. The necklaces cost between $10 to $15.

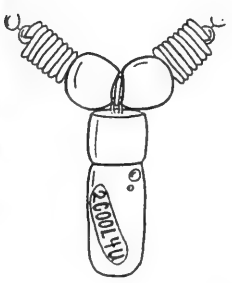
The three friends had heard that these necklaces were being sold by street vendors in Israel and South Africa and decided to bring the product to Canada.

They didn't have a prototype so they had to experiment with different types of rice and inks to find the right combination, Bresgi said. "It took months of research to find the perfect product."

Initially, company headquarters were in Bresgi's bedroom and as sales grew the company expanded into her parents' basement. Today the company is housed in an office at Eglinton and Yonge.

Summer job turns into full-time biz

Jody Bresgi



Bresgi, Mamman and Goldstein first hit the schools approaching graduating students looking for mementos. They expanded to the party and promotional business and have sold approximately 45,000 units since they set up shop. The personalized necklaces are very popular novelty gifts for bar and bat mitzvahs, Bresgi said.

Babbling Rice has added different shaped pendants — heart and dolphin — and it will soon be offering key chains and bracelets. The company is also planning to increase its market base by selling to larger chain stores, Bresgi said.

She and her partners plan to expand their line with new products. At this time Goldstein is in Israel exploring new ideas for development, she said.

Bresgi views the business as a way to develop practical skills for the future, she says. "It's not just a moneymaker. We are investing in our future. We're learning as we go along."

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PARTY PLANNER

Trade show connects you to party professionals

'We're having a party!'

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Planning a party and don't know where to begin? Rick Levine (905-881-6400) and Lynn Cohen (905-889-1007), organizers of We're Having a Party, know just the place to turn.

"We're Having a Party is a trade show with a party atmosphere," says Levine. "The party planning public can taste the food, dance to the music and see the bridal gowns and formal wear on live models. A visit to our event is intended to be an experience, in many ways, much like being at an actual party."

Cohen, a party consultant for more than 20 years, knows that "choosing the right entertainment, photographer, videographer, invitation, makeup artist, to name a few, makes the difference. We're Having a Party is a way of connecting you, the party planner, with qualified professionals who will contribute to your most memorable occasion. The information is brought to your fingertips with the intention that your planning needs will be simplified."

The show was conceived, says Levine, when a group of party planning professionals got together to plan a novel way to promote their talents and expertise.

"Our goal was to bring awareness to the community, of the fine group of professionals that provide services as well as giving people in the show a chance to advertise. Since its inception, the show has grown beyond what we can accommodate in one room so we have expanded in order to give every exhibitor a chance to put their best foot forward," he says.

Levine, an orchestra leader who offers a full entertainment package including disc jockeys, MCs and dancers, says that We're Having a Party is particularly helpful for people who are making a party but do not know where to begin or for those who have made some contacts but have not yet met the professionals.

"This way, they can see them under one roof. Its a great way to introduce themselves to the party planning atmosphere," he says.

Rick Levine & Lynn Cohen, organizers of We're Having A Party. [Hudson Taylor photo]

"We've had four shows and we've always had tremendous feedback from everyone. Exhibitors felt the contact they made with the public was worthwhile and guests were pleased to be able to do all their shopping under one roof. They can make their decisions in one place and not wear themselves out running around," he says.

Levine and Cohen, who are already planning next year's event, coordinated a guide and directory, published by Custom Graphics, that is available to all We're Having a Party guests.

The comprehensive catalogue, perfect for anyone planning an event, is available to the public and offers such advice as how to preserve a wedding gown, choose a band or hire a videographer. As well, it is crammed with information about the chupah and wedding ceremony, gems, makeup and interior design.

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ASTEH VOLUNTEERS

Training sessions for new volunteers for ASTEH, Alternative Short Term Emergency Housing for abused Jewish women and their children, co-sponsored by Jewish Women International of Canada (JWI/C) and Jewish Family & Child Service, take place in June. For information and interview, JWI/C 630-9313.

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CANTORS ASSEMBLY

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For Seniors

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Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; ArtPark for *A Chorus Line* Aug. 1; Catskills Homowack Hotel, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11. **Lena** 485-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

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Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Tuesday, June 11, visit to Gibson House, 5172 Yonge St. Meet there at 11 a.m. $2.; Thursday, June 13, new Israeli comedy video. 661-4689.

Young at Heart Seniors: Catskills trip to Pines Hotel, 10 days including Atlantic City. $1,065. Also Raleigh Hotel, 10 days, may include Atlantic City. **Doreen** 636-7124 after 6 p.m. (no Shabbat calls) or **Helen**, 785-2500, ext. 2724, 9-11:30 a.m., 6-9 p.m.

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Bathurst Jewish Centre and Bernard Betel Centre Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel Aug. 6-12, $870 per person twin occupancy, $1,050 single. **Barbara Zigler**.

at the JCC/BJC

BJC Summer Run, Sunday, June 23, 9 a.m. **Grant Smith** 636-1880, ext. 374.

BJC Athletic Department offers summer membership June 1-Sept. 2, 636-1880, ext. 373.

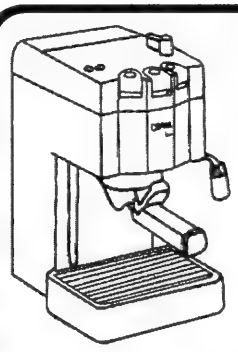
Bloor JCC Good Age Club picnic at Centre Island, Thursday, June 13. Meet at JCC at 10 a.m., bring lunch, go by TTC. No cost. **Judy** 924-6211.

JERUSALEM 3000 ART PROJECT

Students from Mrs. Newman's Room 211 class at Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin campus stand before the class's Jerusalem 3000 art project. From left are Adam Davis, Nadia Buzaglo, Gabriel Csillag, Shira Young, Joshua Halpern and Miriam Ehlerich.

BEN-GURION RECEPTION

At the Ben Gurion University reception introducing Prof. Shrage Segal, dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, held at the home of Debbie and Warren Kimel, standing (from left) Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national president, Canadian Associates of BGU; and Prof. Shrage Segal. Seated (from left) Debbie Kimel, executive committee, Toronto chapter; and Paul Jacobs, president, Toronto chapter.



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Victoria lawyer dissociates himself from Christie, Nazism

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Ten years after he received the George Orwell Free Speech Award from Victoria lawyer Doug Christie's Canadian Free Speech League (on April 20, Hitler's birthday), Gary Botting, another Victoria lawyer, returned it to Christie alleging the League is a front for "anti-Semitic pro-Nazi propaganda."

Botting wanted to return the plaque to Christie in person, but Christie's office in the centre of a downtown parking lot was closed. So Botting dropped it through the mail slot.

It was the second time within a couple of weeks that Botting, who had been a defence witness at one of the Ernst Zundel trials, tried to dissociate himself from the taint of Nazism.

His first attempt was to denounce Zundel for peddling on the Internet an interview Botting had done with Zundel. Botting said he had participated willingly in the interview, because the theme was "culture myth" and censorship.

In his second effort, Botting charged that the Canadian Free Speech League was authoritarian "and not in the least open to free speech ... I sincerely doubt that you know what free speech really is," he told Christie in a letter.

Copies of two of Botting's letters to Christie, both dated April 19, were made available to *The CJN* by the newly organized Victoria lodge of B'nai B'rith.

Botting wrote that free speech is a "marketplace where a variety of opinions are aired without fear of censure." The connection of the League with Nazism is "a travesty of free speech," he continued.

"To link the name of George Orwell with a pro-Nazi agenda is a travesty, for Orwell was as outspoken against Nazism and anti-Semitism as any public voice during World War II."

Botting said he testified at the Zundel trial at Christie's urging because at the time "Ernst Zundel was presented as a publisher who was being censured and censored.

"As an author and professor [at a Red Deer community college] and publisher, and as a founding president of the Alberta Publishers Association, I was very concerned about censorship of this kind."

He said he was formerly a Jehovah's Witness and was concerned about the section of the Criminal Code under which Zundel had been charged — spreading false news — "since news by definition is current." The same law, he said, had been used as a line of attack in Jehovah Witness sedition cases.

Botting said if Zundel persists in promoting the interview "under the rubric and logo of Samisdat (Zundel's publishing firm), he will take action against him on the Internet and elsewhere in the federal court of Canada.

Botting articled under Christie in Victoria when he became a lawyer after leaving teaching.

Winnipeg police investigate hate letter against blacks, Jews

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — This city's police Hate Crimes Unit is investigating a letter, copies of which were mailed to several black members of the community, wishing they were dead.

According to Sgt. Ron Oliver of the unit, the letter contains a photo of the downed ValuJet that crashed in the Florida Everglades recently along with a "replacement list" of Winnipeggers and other people that the writer wishes had been on the doomed flight.

"Most of the names on the list were black people, many from the sports world, and a few names of local Jewish people whom the writer referred to as whitish," Oliver says.

"The writer was not threatening the people on the list directly. Rather, he was saying that this would have been his manifest if he had had his way. We have contacted everyone locally who was on the list."

Michael Lazar, chair of the Midwest region of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, sees this as another example of the "growing intolerance invading our communities." He finds it disturbing that the letter, which he hasn't seen yet, seems to list only members of ethnic and racial communities.

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Holocaust Education symposium held in Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Tears flowed freely as the tragic story of Anne Frank was repeated for 1,200 grades 7 to 12 students from the Greater Victoria area and other points on Vancouver Island who attended the fourth annual Holocaust Education Symposium at the University of Victoria (UVic).

A multi-media presentation, Through the Eyes of a Friend, by Seattle actor Rachel McClinton, related the Anne Frank story. McClinton acted the part of Anne's friend, using videotape of photos of the two girls as young children growing up. Newsreel footage from the war period played behind McClinton and another taped voice played the part of Anne.

Dr. Peter Gary, a Bergen-Belsen survivor, who launched the educational days four years ago, said the reaction of the students was one of the most moving he has witnessed during his years of effort to rekindle memories of the Holocaust. He noted that for the first time, students were asked to pay $5 each to attend the memorial but it was no deterrent to attracting an overflow audience.

Gary said the symposium, sponsored by the Victoria Holocaust Remembrance and Education Society, was designed to acquaint another generation with Holocaust atrocities and to warn of current hate movements.

Students were asked by David Katz, who was in charge of arrangements for the 1996 symposium, "to address racism wherever, whenever they exist, with the spirit of positive action."

Rabbi Victor Reinstein, of Congregation Emanu-El, warned about the sin of keeping silent about acts of racism, and said that "whenever we meet someone who is 'different' we are being tested. The moments we encounter differences are tests for all of us because ultimately the Holocaust starts when good people stand by and do nothing."

Dr. Bill Woodward, a Victoria physician, was in tears when he described what he found in Bergen-Belsen when the camp was liberated by the British. He said he can never erase the scene from his mind, even after 50 years.

A number of survivors living in Victoria and Vancouver told of their experiences in the camps. Bill Gluck, who was at Auschwitz, said young people must know about the Nazi atrocities. Born in Hungary, Gluck said anti-Jewish hate, propaganda and bloodletting was part of daily life. "We didn't know any better; we thought it was normal. Who is to say it can't happen again? When I hear the term ethnic cleansing, I still get goose pimples — and it's back!"

Kaye to lead Saskatchewan kallah

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

SASKATOON — Zac Kaye, director of Toronto's Jewish Campus Services, and his wife, Suzanne, will be the facilitators at the fourth annual kallah for Saskatchewan's Jewish communities.

The kallah is taking place June 7 to 9 at the newly opened Temple Gardens Spa in Moose Jaw, just west of Regina. The theme will be Shabbat — An Island In Time. Sessions will deal with the study of particular texts and with Jewish identity.

"We try to make this experiential," says kallah co-chair June Avivi of Saskatoon. "On Sunday morning, for example, we will have a session we call Doing Jewish. The purpose is to help people develop a 'tool kit' of Jewish rituals they can do in their own home."

Avivi reports that about 50 adults are expected to attend. She notes that although census numbers show the Saskatchewan Jewish community to number about 2,000, community leaders believe the real number is somewhat smaller.

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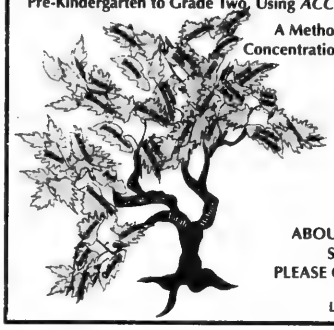

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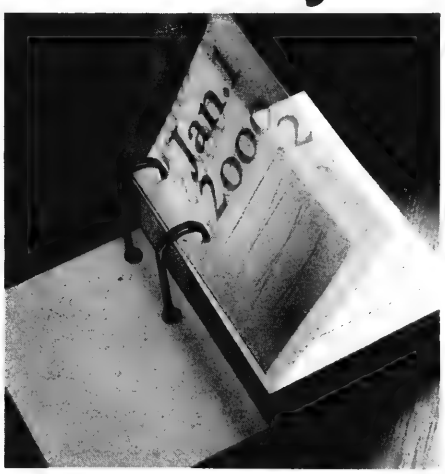

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Photographers sought to document Jewish gravestones for project

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada is looking for 20 to 30 volunteer photographers to participate in a project whose goal is to photograph and document every one of the 16,000 Jewish memorial stones in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba.

The project began in the spring of 1995, when genealogist Bev Rayburn approached Louis Kessler, program chair of the Jewish Historical Society's Genealogical Institute, to suggest that every stone in Jewish cemeteries in Manitoba be transcribed. This type of project, she said, was being undertaken by genealogical societies in many parts of the world.

"The information on the stones is of great value to genealogists," says Kessler. "Jewish gravestones also give the name of the person's father, which gives clues to earlier generations."

Rayburn agreed to lead the project. The team's first idea was to follow the example of the genealogical societies and transcribe the information on the stones — a very time consuming project, made even tougher due to the difficulty of entering Hebrew into a computer.

"We thought that maybe we could take photos instead," says Kessler. "It would take a lot less time and the results would be far more accurate."

In addition to allowing the reconstruction of damaged stones, the advantages of photography include making the information readily available to genealogists and researchers worldwide and preserving tombstones and historical objects. The difficulty was the cost of film, processing and albums.

Rayburn and Kessler contacted the synagogues which operate Winnipeg's four Jewish cemeteries, and found them receptive to the plan.

Last fall, they approached Harry Gutkin, president of the Jewish Historical Society, who offered his and the society's support. They signed on Lee Saidman, the former owner of Sam The Camera Man, to coordinate the photo shoot, and genealogist Lynn Roseman to coordinate the overall project. They also applied to the Manitoba Heritage Grants Foundation and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba for $5,300 each to cover expenses.

Saidman estimates that about 150 hours of photography are required. He would prefer people with some photography experience, but he is prepared to train volunteers.

The project team envisages volunteers working in pairs, with one person taking the pictures and the other keeping track of the photos taken. They hope to have all the photography done over the summer and then spend the fall and winter cataloguing the information.

Winnipegger leaves $1.1 million to kidney research

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG – The late Nathan Block, who lived in Winnipeg all his life, has left $1.1 million to the Manitoba Kidney Foundation.

Block's bequest is the largest single gift the foundation has ever received and is more than double the total endowments received over the last 20 years.

Block died in 1991 at the age of 75. For the last few years, he had been suffering an illness that required dialysis.

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Haifa mayor cancels trip

TORONTO — The mayor of Haifa, Amram Mitzna, has cancelled his scheduled trip to Toronto.

Mitzna was to have attended several functions this week, including the signing of a friendship agreement between Haifa and North York.

He was invited by the Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation.

Mitzna backed out because of concern over the close election in Israel, committee coordinator David Marks said.

Earlier this spring, Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo cancelled visits to Montreal and Toronto.

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Rosalyn Yalow...

By LINDA ANDER
Special to The CJN

Rosalyn Yalow is a scientist who is also a bubbie. She says her idea of fun is to take a problem and analyse it. She has won the highest award for science, the Nobel Prize.

Rosalyn was born on July 19, 1921 in a Jewish section of New York. She was a spunky child. On the first day of school a teacher hit her on the knuckles. Feeling the injustice of this, she grabbed the ruler and hit back.

In addition to being courageous, she was very bright and got excellent marks, especially in math. In public school she told all her friends she was going to be a scientist, get married and have a family.

After high school she went to an all- women's university, where she majored in physics and chemistry. But one university turned her down afterwards for a PhD program. "She's a Jew and a woman, and we can never get her a job," the university staff wrote.

The University of Illinois accepted her as a graduate student — the only woman among 400 men. On the first day of classes she met her future husband Aaron Yalow. Despite her excellent marks, she still faced the prejudice of professors who did not feel women could do science.

Rosalyn had become a scientist when the next part of her dream came true. She married Aaron and their son Benjamin was born in 1952 and their daughter Elanna in 1954.

Rosalyn and Aaron both had busy lives, but they kept a kosher home and observed Shabbat.

Elanna remembers her mother arriving home every day at 5:45 p.m., but by 7:30 p.m. she'd almost always go back to work. Her children went to the lab with her on Sunday afternoons, where they played with the research animals.

Rosalyn worked for nine years with her research partner Sol Berson. They discovered that by using a radioactive element they could measure exact amounts of substances in blood. Using Radio immunoassay (RIA for short) they could check a small amount of blood in a test tube to measure the amount of insulin. This was important because diabetics could be monitored and treated with more accuracy.

When they awarded her the Nobel Prize, the committee said: "Measuring the amount of insulin in a test tube is the same as showing that there is a teaspoon of sugar in a lake 62 miles long and 62 miles wide and 30 feet deep."

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By the 1960s, RIAs were used in blood-banks to check for hepatitis which can harm your liver. Using RIAs, babies could be checked for thyroid problems that if left untreated could cause brain damage. RIA is even used to solve crimes by detecting a small amount of a drug in a body.

When Sol died in 1972, Rosalyn lost both a partner and a friend.

In 1977, Rosalyn won the Nobel Prize and became a celebrity. She went to Norway to accept her prize and was escorted into a grand ballroom by the king. She received a gold medal and a cheque for $72,500. Millions heard her speak about the need for the next generation to do more than the last.

Her message to students is: "You won't all win Nobel Prizes but the important thing is that you set goals for yourself."

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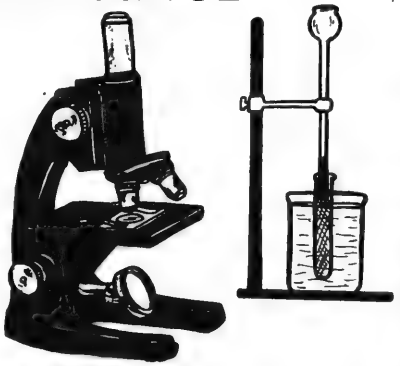

Time Line

- July 19, 1921 — Rosalyn Yalow was born in the Bronx, N.Y.
- 1936 — At age 15, she graduated from high school.
- February 1941 — She was the first woman on staff at University of Illinois.
- June 6, 1943 — She married Aaron Yalow.
- January 1945 — She got her PhD in Nuclear physics.
- 1945 — Hunter College gave her a teaching position.
- December 1947 — Bronx Veterans Hospital hired her.
- January 1950 — She left teaching to do research and met Solomon Berson, her partner for 22 years.
- 1952 — Her son Benjamin was born.
- 1954 — Her daughter Elanna was born.
- 1968 — Sol Berson became head of Mt. Sinai department of medicine.
- 1972 — Sol Berson died.
- 1972-1977 — Rosalyn won 12 medical awards. She was the first woman to win the Albert Lasker Award for medical research.
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Daniel Mittelmann, 2 , presents marigolds to Elisheva Klein, 2, on a chemical-free lawn.

Vaughan parents fight pesticides

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

THORNHILL — A group of concerned parents in Vaughan are not content to just talk about the dangers of pesticide use.

They are not even content to restrict it on their own properties.

They have therefore formed the Pesticide Action Committee and presented a petition to Vaughan Council last month, asking the Parks Department to phase out the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes and in the meantime, to use them only after exploring and exhausting all non-chemical options, to review the pesticides currently being used, to give proper notification when pesticides are used (a hotline was suggested) and to begin a public education campaign which would be endorsed by the city and organized by the Parks Department and the committee.

Terri Mittelmann, media contact for the group, said the Parks Department is expected to respond to their petition in the middle of June.

Dr. David Starr, who made the presentation to council, included in the information given to councillors a report on a similar project undertaken successfully by the town of Waterloo.

Mittelmann emphasized that the choice is not between having a beautiful lawn through the use of disease-causing pesticides or having a lawn full of weeds and dandelions without them.

A number of studies, as well as the practical example of not just Waterloo but also next-door North York, shows the steps that can be taken to produce a healthy lawn: leaving the grass three inches long ("this reduces heat stress and enables deep root growth," Mittelmann said), using sharp blades so as not to damage the grass, using alternate mowing patterns, fertilizing with organic fertilizers, aerating the soil and overseeding.

The group are concerned, because it is not enough to use these precautions on their own lawns, as pesticide residue can drift from one property to another or from a park to nearby homes.

Also, Mittelmann said, even if signs are posted warning children to stay off the grass, the signs are frequently knocked down, stolen of just not noticed.

"Besides, even if it says it is safe to walk on the grass after a day, studies show that the residue remains for a lot longer than that."

The chemicals also get onto toys and garden furniture. "And we all know that toys go into mouths and food goes onto picnic tables and into our bodies."

Besides, Mittleman said, people have to realize that children are smaller and thus are affected faster, by less.

The group is under no illusions that the problem can be solved in one season. "But we should look at least at reducing the use of pesticides."

Speaking pragmatically, Mittelmann noted that there is a fiscal incentive to use more natural methods of gardening.

"The Waterloo study showed a 27 percent increase in the amount of green space, along with a 28 percent reduction in costs."

But mostly, the parents are concerned about the dangers of pesticides indicated in recent studies — more childhood leukemia, perhaps non-Hodgkins lymphoma, and other cancers and illnesses.

Mittelmann likened a pesticide-maintained lawn to an athlete on steroids. "They both look magnificent, but that doesn't mean they are healthy."

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Religious, nationalists win big in Israel vote

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israeli Correspondent

TEL AVIV – On the surface, it was a referendum on the peace process. But at a deeper level, the election in Israel was about another issue: To whom does the country belong?

The losers in this tug of war were the secular liberal Israelis who regard themselves as the rightful heirs of Zionism. And the winners? Religious and nationalistic Israelis who wish to see a return to Jewish tradition, a rejection of Western values and influences, and a new brand of feistier Zionism.

"It's the end of the Zionism that our grandparents stood for," lamented a Labor party stalwart.

The evidence of the battle is everywhere. In the streets of Tel Aviv, bastion of secular liberalism, the same refrain is heard over and over again: "I feel as though I no longer belong in this country."

At a post-election rally of Peres supporters, a large banner read: "Will the last one to leave the country please turn off the light."

"Many of my left-wing friends say that if they were younger they'd leave," said Ike Mizrahi, a Likud supporter who is incensed at this response. Mizrahi published an ad in a Hebrew newspaper offering to drive Leah Rabin to the airport, following an interview in which she said she felt like "packing her bags and leaving."

But let there be no illusions. Had the left won this election, today's winners would be feeling the same sense of alienation. Just ask Karen Banks, an avid Likud supporter who came to symbolize the anguish of defeat for a few moments last Wednesday night. The 20-something campaigner broke down in tears when she heard the result of the exit poll predicting a slim win for Peres. Her tearful face graced the newspapers and television screens of the country. What did she feel at that moment?

"As though I no longer had a country," said Banks. "It was terrible."

But two days later, she was celebrating Bibi's victory at Beit Jabotinsky, the Likud headquarters in Tel Aviv. For Banks, as for many, the election signalled more than a change in Israel's negotiating positions with the Arabs. "I see it as a return to Zionism. And 23 mandates for the religious parties is the best thing that ever happened to this country," said Banks, a secular Tel Aviv University student. "It's going to bring back Judaism to Israel."

Banks is not alone in that view. Many non-religious Israelis are relieved about the religious victory, regarding it as a much-needed return to tradition. This is partly a backlash against four years of Labor-Meretz rule and a reaction to the seeming erosion of values among secular youth.

"I don't like to see youth sitting around aimlessly on Friday nights eating hamburgers at McDonald's. Someone has to bring back tradition and safeguard Judaism," said Avi Sharbit, a secular ex-kibbutznik who lives in Givatayim and voted Likud.

Among poorer Sephardi Jews, the massive return to tradition has different roots.

"The great mistake of the Labor government was ignoring the third and fourth generations of Israelis living in poverty – most of whom are Sephardi," said social critic Iris Mizrachi. "When you take away people's respect and condemn them to poverty, they turn to the one place where they can find dignity – God. The Shas party understood that very well."

To former MK Elyakim Ha'Etzni, a Kiryat Arba lawyer, "the Jewish National Camp ... is attempting to salvage the Jewish soul which may still flicker somewhere inside the new Israeli of Jewish origin."

Ha'Etzni, wrote in the *Jerusalem Post* that he regards the election as a "push forward toward the final showdown ... in a momentous kulturecampf."

The irony is that Netanyahu, the man who staged Israel's most American-style election campaign, has become the savior of Jews who shun Western influence. By peppering his speeches with phrases like "with the Lord's help," and staging visits to the Western Wall, the secular Netanyahu has come to be equated with Judaism and tradition.

"With the Lord's help – Netanyahu," read the bumper stickers on Chabad cars.

"Never before have we seen such a mobilization of the Orthodox for a secular movement," noted Bar-Ilan University professor Menahem Friedman. "Bibi represents right-wing nationalist revisionism which is perceived as more Jewish than the left-wing's Zionism."

Secular liberals view all this with alarm. It is not just because they fear that cinemas will be closed down on Friday nights. What is much more frightening to them is what the religious-right victory says about their country and their image of themselves. They feel disinherited.

"This is the end of the Zionism that our parents and grandparents believed in," said a longtime Labor party supporter, whose family were among the founders of Rosh Pina.

"It's not just a change of government. It's a change in culture, a culture we don't share," said Avi, a Tel Aviv software designer.

The losers in this battle view themselves as the last holdouts of a Western, liberal tradition that espouses rationalism, respect for human rights and openess to the wider world. They believe they have been defeated by representatives of a xenophobic, medieval Jewish culture based on mysticism, ignorance and intolerance.

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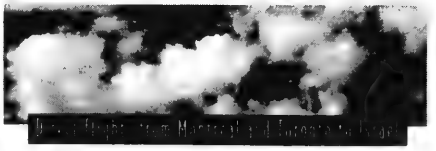

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Political landscape transformed

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

With last week's general election, one of the closest in Israel's history, the political landscape in Israel has been transformed. Israel has lurched to the right, and a new coalition government, spearheaded by Benjamin Netanyahu of the Likud, is on the cusp of governing the country.

In Israel's first direct election, Netanyahu, 46, defeated Shimon Peres, the 72-year-old Labor party incumbent, by less than one percentage point. His victory underscored the fact that Israel is an extremely polarized society, a house divided in terms of religious observance, ethnic background and ideological beliefs.

Netanyahu squeaked through by gaining the overwhelming support of right-wing and religious Jewish voters. Altogether, 55 percent of the Jewish electorate cast their ballots for Netanyahu.

In the Knesset race, the major parties, Labor and Likud, lost considerable strength, while the religious lists, particularly Shas and the National Religious party, won their greatest number of seats since the establishment of the state, a total of 23.

In all, the right-wing/religious bloc amassed a total of 57 seats, while the left, including the Arab lists, captured 52.

This configuration gave two new small parties with totally different agendas — Avigdor Kahalani's The Third Way (four seats) and Natan Sharansky's Israel b'Aliyah (seven seats) — enormous clout, as well as the balance of power. With these parties onside, Netanyahu, a secular nationalist, should have no trouble cobbling together a government which commands a whopping 68 Knesset seats.

The Labor party was never so lucky. The late Yitzhak Rabin, Peres' predecessor, brought Shas into his left-of-centre government and thus enjoyed a fairly comfortable advantage. But after Shas defected, the Labor coalition, with the outside backing of Arab parties, could muster no more than a majority of one in parliament, just enough to ratify Phase II of the Oslo peace accord last year.

Netanyahu, albeit by the slenderest of margins, has been given a mandate to re-evaluate and possibly reinterpret the Oslo accords, which have been bruised by a deadly series of terrorist incidents.

In this sense, the election was a referendum on the entire peace process, which was reinvigorated when Israel and the PLO signed the historic Declaration of Principles in September 1993.

The Oslo agreements, which most Israelis supported, ushered in an unprecedented era of cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians, prompted Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Mauritania, Oman and Qatar to forge official relations with Israel, and ended Israel's diplomatic isolation. But by the same token, Oslo triggered an outbreak of stabbings, shootings and suicide bombings which killed some 200 people and caused many Israelis to wonder whether peace without security was worth pursuing. From this point of view, Peres — who will probably be replaced as leader of the Labor party after a decent interval — failed to convince most Israelis that peace was the answer to terrorism.

Netanyahu and his chief allies, Rafael Eitan of Tsomet and David Levy of Gesher, were against the Oslo agreements from the start, largely because they oppose the Labor party's land-for-peace formula. In practice, however, Netanyahu has grudgingly accepted Oslo as a fait accompli, provided he is free "to reduce the dangers to the future and security of Israel resulting from these agreements."

Last week, in an attempt to burnish his image and to allay fears that he will dismantle the Oslo accords, Netanyahu issued a statement affirming his commitment to the peace process.

Nevertheless, serious questions remain with respect to Netanyahu's policy toward the Palestinians and Syria.

If Netanyahu is true to the Likud's platform, he will rescind the freeze on the construction of new settlements in the territories, drastically reduce the powers of the Palestine Authority (PA), send the army into Palestinian self-rule areas when necessary to combat terrorism, refuse to countenance the creation of a Palestinian state, sit tight in Hebron and close certain Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem.

These moves will doubtless escalate tension between Israel and the PA and probably chill Israel's relatively warm relationship with Jordan. And whether they will diminish terrorism is debatable.

Netanyahu also intends to retain the Golan Heights, which the Labor party was willing to trade in exchange for real peace. If he hews to this position, there will be two probable consequences: Israel's on-again-off-again bilateral talks with Syria will blow up, and the Syrians will step up their operational support of Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. Last week's death of four Israeli soldiers in the town of Maryajoun, the victims of roadside bombs, can be seen as a not-too-subtle message from Damascus that Lebanon is still a killing field.

Canadian leaders congratulate new PM

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has extended its congratulations to Benjamin Netanyahu on his election as prime minister of Israel.

"We congratulate Mr. Netanyahu on becoming the first individual ever directly elected as prime minister of Israel," said CJC president Goldie Hershon. "As Jewish community leaders, we have always supported the democratically elected government of Israel. We do not support particular parties or candidates.

"As the only true democracy in the Middle East, Israel has a vibrant election process which we respect. Its leaders are truly chosen by the people."

Herson also complemented Labor leader Shimon Peres on his campaign. "CJC has had the privilege of meeting with both Mr. Peres and Mr. Netanyahu," she said. "We believe that both individuals share the goal of peace in the Middle East."

OTTAWA — Stephen Victor, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) has extended congratulations to Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister-elect of Israel, on his election victory.

"The overwhelming turnout of eligible voters is testament to the strength and vibrancy of the Israeli political system. We're heartened by your commitment to pursue the peace process with security for the people of Israel and we trust that the promotion of good relations with Israel's Arab neighbors and the Palestinians will continue to grow.

"We wish you well in your efforts, both to form a coalition government and to pursue peace. The Canadian Jewish community looks forward to maintaining close and strong ties with Israel under your leadership."

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada issued the following statement on the results of the Israeli election:

"We congratulate Benjamin Netanyahu on his narrow election victory. After a short but intensive and divisive campaign which clearly demonstrated that there are different visions of the path the government of Israel should pursue to achieve lasting peace, the democratic process has spoken.

"We acknowledge the tireless efforts of outgoing Prime Minister Shimon Peres in service of the State of Israel and in the pursuit of a peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Middle East. He played a major role in launching the current peace process, for which he has been recognized with the Nobel Peace Prize."

Israel Election '96

New PM calls for unity

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"I turn to the whole population of Israel, those who voted for me and those who did not vote for me. I say to you that I intend to be the prime minister of everyone," the Likud leader said.

Turning to the Arab leaders, Netanyahu pledged to continue the peace process, saying, "I said that peace begins at home, but it has to be continued abroad. We intend to further the process of dialogue with all of our neighbors to reach a stable peace, a real peace, a peace with security."

Then, in a reference which brought prolonged shouts of acclamation, Netanyahu quoted from Psalms, "The Lord will give strength to his people, the Lord will bless his people with peace."

The speech, which was delivered while the entire Likud Knesset delegation – plus former Likud prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and Netanyahu's wife, Sara – sat on the podium, was punctuated with religious references.

"Tonight I extend my hand in peace to all the Arab leaders and to our neighbors, the Palestinians," Netanyahu said. "I call upon you to join us, to walk in the path of real peace, in security for all of us, for all peoples of the region.

"The government we will form in a few days, with God's help, will strengthen the peaceful relations that have already been established with the Jordanian kingdom and with Egypt, and will continue the negotiations with the Palestinians," he said.

"And we will also work to further peace deals and coexistence with other Arab states. I call on them also to join the circle of peace," Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu also addressed the fears of the non-religious about the rise of the religious parties. Early in his address, he said the status quo must be preserved, and toward the end of the speech he returned to the theme, saying, "I am committed to the values of law and democracy, just as I am committed to the values of eternal Israel, and there is no contradiction between the two. I am committed to the order of law in our land, just as I am committed to Jewish identity, and there is no contradiction between the two."

After thanking his supporters, and then his wife, Netanyahu turned to Shimon Peres. "I want to express tonight another thank you to a man who has done much for the State of Israel, I want to express tonight appreciation to Shimon Peres."

As he said this, the crowd erupted into a chorus of boos. Netanyahu shook his finger and nodded his head disapprovingly and some of the boos changed to cheers.

"The battle is behind us. Now we are in a different era," Netanyahu continued, "an era of unity for all the people. I want to say something about Mr. Peres. We had our disagreements, we had strong disagreements, but no one among us should forget the important contributions that Mr. Peres has made to the State of Israel."

This time the audience burst into cheers.

Election laden with ironies

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The Israeli vote took place on the same day as the election in British Columbia of a "39 percent premier." That experience demonstrated, yet again, the weaknesses of our own "first past the post" system, in which a minority of the popular vote can grant a party a significant majority in the legislature – prompting the *Globe and Mail* to question whether some form of proportional representation might not be a fairer system for Canada. The democratic process in its various permutations is always imperfect, but its results must be respected.

The vote for Israeli prime minister was, in essence, a referendum on the peace process. But not in the conventional sense. The vote was not for or against the process, but rather on how it should be conducted.

The ground beneath the debate shifted early in the campaign, when in response to polls showing Israelis' support for the Oslo process, Benjamin Netanyahu declared that he would not turn the clock back, but would seek peace with security. He knew that the majority of Israelis supported the disengagement, but that they were also gravely concerned about their personal security and the pace of peace.

From that moment on, both Peres and Netanyahu wooed the centre vote with sometimes almost indistinguishable promises of "peace with security" and "security with peace."

Although Yitzhak Rabin's name was hardly invoked during the election campaign, his legacy was present throughout. If Netanyahu has said repeatedly that he will continue the peace process, it is because Rabin convinced his people that "this is not so easy" but also that "the time for peace has come."

And the tragic circumstances of Rabin's death serve as a constant reminder to Israelis of the fragility of their young democracy in the face of its deep divides – as reflected in the election results.

The task of any new prime minister is to lead his people through the daunting decisions they face in a way that preserves sufficient common ground for the nation to march confidently into the future. Given the fractured nature of Israel's society, its challenge is not how to agree, but rather, how to disagree.

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Hebron redeployment delayed

BY NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – When and how Israeli forces in Hebron will be redeployed will not be decided until prime minister- elect Benjamin Netanyahu takes office.

The outgoing government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday that it would not act on carrying out the redeployment, which was expected to take place by mid-June.

In a statement issued after its weekly meeting, the Cabinet reiterated its commitment to the peace accords with the Palestinians, including the planned redeployment in Hebron, but said that it would let the government being formed by Netanyahu decide how to proceed.

"The matter will be for the incoming government to deal with, based upon Israel's international commitment to the Interim Agreement, and to the status of the understanding reached with the Palestinian Authority," the statement said.

Hebron is the last of seven West Bank population centres to be handed over to Palestinian self-rule under the terms of the agreement signed in September in Washington.

Israel postponed the redeployment, originally scheduled to take place in March, after a series of Hamas suicide bombings in February and March.

The Peres government reached an understanding with the Palestinian Authority to carry out the redeployment from 85 percent of Hebron after Israel's elections. Israeli troops would remain in the districts where some 400 Jewish settlers live.

In preparation for the expected movement of Israel troops, international observers began to arrive in the town in mid-May.

But over the weekend, Likud Knesset member Uzi Landau said it was likely that the new government would delay the redeployment in Hebron.

However, Netanyahu was quoted as saying that only he would decide what would be done there.

Israeli security sources were quoted as warning that any delay in the redeployment could lead to an increase in terror attacks.

Meanwhile, the head of the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security agency, expressed satisfaction with the level of cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces in combating terror.

Reporting to the Cabinet, Ami Ayalon said the cooperation had helped security forces thwart dozens of planned terrorist attacks in recent months.

Such cooperation also was key in last month's capture of Hassan Salameh, the No. 2 man in Hamas' military wing, he said.

Salameh, who helped plan and carry out the Feb. 25 suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Ashkelon and the March 3 bombing in Jerusalem, was apprehended after Israeli soldiers stopped his car at a checkpoint in Hebron.

The soldiers shot and wounded Salameh, but he managed to escape.

Palestinian security forces helped in his capture later at the hospital to which he had fled.

Ayalon said Salameh's interrogation had helped security forces uncover much of the military infrastructure of Hamas in the West Bank. As a result, Israeli forces apprehended eight Hamas terrorists and Palestinian security forces captured six.

Former SS officer sought for war crimes trial

BY RUTH E. GRUBER
Jerusalem Telegraphic Agency

ROME – Revelations by former Nazi SS Capt. Erich Priebke, on trial here for his involvement in a 1944 massacre, have led Italian judges to seek another former SS officer for his alleged role in the affair.

Investigators want to question former SS Maj. Karl Hass, who they believe took part in the murder of 335 civilian men and boys in the Ardeatine Caves near Rome.

After Priebke, 83, gave an interview to an Italian magazine last month, it was discovered that Hass, now in his 80s, has been living near Milan.

Hass, based in Rome from 1943 to 1944, was implicated in the Ardeatine Caves massacre in testimony given after the war by the Rome SS Cmdr. Herbert Kappler, but all traces of him were lost.

Military Judge Giuseppe Mazzi has ordered the investigation against Hass reopened.

In the interview last month, Priebke said he had met with Hass in Rome in 1978.

"Despite an arrest warrant issued in 1946, he never left Italy," Priebke was quoted as saying.

The newspaper *Corriere della Sera* on Sunday published photographs of a residency permit issued to Hass in the town of Albiate, near Milan, and of his house and its doorbell with Hass' name on it.

Reports said police attempted to question Hass at his home 10 days ago, but he apparently left the country.

The Ardeatine Caves massacre was ordered by the Nazi command March 24, 1944, in retaliation for an attack by Italian partisans that killed 33 German soldiers the day before.

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Canada-Israel Business Awards:

Israeli investments are economically sound

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the five Canadian companies honored here recently for their Israel-linked business initiatives, the bottom line is the same.

"It's not a matter of charity, it's a matter of economics," said Alberto Garfunkel of the bank's New York office, when presenting the Bank Hapoalim Award to Claridge Israel Inc., the largest private foreign investor in Israel.

Claridge's initial 1988 investment of $100 million (US) in Israeli business has grown in value to over $400 million, Garfunkel noted. Under the controllership of Charles Bronfman and Jonathon Kolber, Claridge counts among its Israeli investments Teva Pharmaceuticals, Osem (Israel's largest food manufacturer) and the *Jerusalem Report* magazine.

"When you combine strong economic growth with a shortage of investment capital, the returns you can earn are superior," said Claridge's Mark Smith, accepting the award. "We are there solely for profit. It's not in any way a philanthropic activity, and we continue to be there in a big way."

Bank Hapoalim and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry co-sponsored the first annual Canada-Israel Business Excellence awards, held at the Inn on the Park. Over 500 people attended the event.

Other winners were:

• Global Upholstery Co. Inc., which received the Price Waterhouse Award for outstanding achievement by a Canada-Israel joint venture. The Downsview-based manufacturer of office furniture, of which Teknion Furniture Systems is a subsidiary, employs over 200 people in Israel. After 20 years of doing business with Israel, including import and export, Global's Saul Feldberg says, "We have always been profitable."

• Reikh International Limited received the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry Award for outstanding entrepreneurship. The company pioneered the use of Canadian-style building systems in Israel and has recently become active in introducing Canadian marketing concepts into the Israeli retail food sector, in partnership with Israel's Elite Industries.

• Signatel, a provider of data communications products, won the Ambassador's Award for success in importing from Israel. The company has been the exclusive distributor here for Tel Aviv-based RAD Data Communications since 1984.

• Satellite technology company Telespace Ltd. received the Air Canada Award for outstanding achievement in the service industry. Telespace has played a significant role in the development of Israel's space program.

Keynote speakers at the evening reception included Arthur Eggleton, minister of International Trade; Jehudi Kinar, consul general of Israel; Yael Varsano-Barzilay, Israel's economic consul to Canada; and Henri Rothschild, president of the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation.

Eric Slavens, right, presents the Price Waterhouse award to Saul Feldberg of Global Upholstery at the Canada-Israel Business Excellence Awards. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Danforth fundraiser focuses on Sephardi culture

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The place to be on May 26 was the Danforth.

Over 1,200 people crammed into the Danforth Music Hall for a gala evening of film, flamenco dance and a mix of Sephardi, Spanish and French music, a fundraiser for the newly established Riverdale Jewish Community Centre.

The evening focused on Judeo-Spanish history and the intricate ties between Sephardi and Spanish cultures. With equal numbers of Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews in attendance, some audience members commented that Sephardi culture been not previously been showcased in Toronto in such a large venue.

Documentary filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici showed his film, *Expulsion and Memory: Descendants of the Hidden Jews*.

Flamenco dancer Esmeralda Enrique, guitarist Aaron Skitri and Sephardi vocalist Charly Sibony were the featured artists. Media personality Ralph Benmergui, host of CBC Newsworld's noon-time talk show *Benmergui Live*, was the surprise guest host.

Benmergui, a Sephardi Jew of Moroccan descent, cried during a private viewing of *Expulsion and Memory*, he told the audience. "It reminded me of everything I had come from. I am very proud of my Sephardi heritage."

He spoke about coming to Canada at the age of two and growing up within the tightly-knit Sephardi community. He also joked about some of the differences between the Sephardi and Ashkenazi cultures. "How come all your (Ashkenazi) food looks brown?" he quipped. "And all the foods begin with K — kugel, knaidelach, kreplach, kishke, knishes ..."

The audience swayed and clapped during Sibony's vocal numbers — *Los Bilbilicos* in traditional Ladino and *Paris tu m'as pris dans tes bras* by Enrico Macias. Sibony was accompanied by Skitri on guitar and Eric Ifrah on keyboards.

Skitri's four guitar solos reflected virtuosity in style and technique. During his final solo, *Valse Corse* by J. Solano, the audience clapped enthusiastically.

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by Bill Gladstone

A CITY MUSEUM WORTHY OF JERUSALEM

"Whoever did not see Jerusalem in all her glory never saw a beautiful city." (Babylonian Talmud, Succah 51 B)

One of the most popular sites in the Old City of Jerusalem is the Citadel and Tower of David complex which stands just inside the Jaffa Gate, Jerusalem's main entrance.

Trademark elements of the famous cityscape, the Citadel and Tower have a past almost as convoluted and rich as that of the city itself. Like most architectural structures that embody history, they are protean, changing shape regularly down the ages. They go back a long way but not quite as far back as King David; the association arose through a misreading of Josephus.

According to local lore, the Citadel was first constructed by King Herod two millenia ago. This, too, stretches the truth a bit, since the enormous 40-metre-high building that Herod raised was later razed in its entirety and probably had little in common with the present structure.

The Citadel as it exists today owes its form to a succession of medieval tenants – some Crusader Kings, the Muslim warrior Saladin, the Mameluke sultan Malik an-Nasir – and to Suleiman the Magnificent, who made renovations and additions around 1538. The minaret was added in 1655.

Of tremendous strategic importance, the site served successively as a Roman, Muslim, Crusader, Mameluke and Turkish military bastion and barracks.

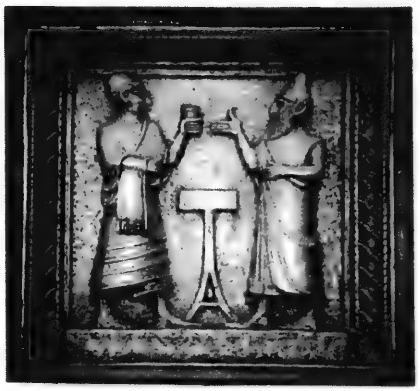
From the days of the 10th Roman Legion until the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, only soldiers and generals had benefit of its commanding views over the Old City.

In December 1917, General Edmund Allenby declared British rule to a crowd at the eastern entrance of the Citadel.

It was the city's most dramatic moment in 400 years. During the British mandate, the Citadel and Tower were restored and for the first time, treated appropriately as sites of tremendous cultural and historic significance. The Citadel became a venue for art shows, concerts and other cultural activities.

The Citadel and Tower again became an army outpost after the Jordanians took over the Old City in 1948. The art shows and concerts ceased as Jordanian Legion snipers manned the turrets. They fled when Israel captured the Old City and reunited Jerusalem in 1967.

Then, under the aegis of the Israeli and municipal governments and many private sponsors, there ensued a massive restoration of the Citadel and Tower, followed by the site's logical transformation into the Museum of the History of Jerusalem.



Plaque depicts the meeting of Abraham & Melchezedik

The Museum, which opened in 1989, offers an assortment of architectural gardens, displays, dioramas, holograms, maps, models and videos that illuminate Jerusalem's fascinating history from the Canaanite period onward. The views of the Old City are breathtaking and unsurpassed within the Old City.

A 14-minute animated film tells the city's story, as it masterfully juxtaposes the images and icons of its turbulent checkered history. One encounters models of the Second Temple, the Dome of the Rock, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the city itself at various periods. Downstairs in some kind of crypt is the 19th-century zinc model of Jerusalem, exact in every detail, that Hungarian artist Stephan Illes rendered in 1873.

A plaque depicts the meeting of Abraham and Melchezedik, the mysterious priest-king of Jerusalem whose private relationship with God, unlike Abraham's, was lost to history.

Illuminated charts explain the city's water system at the time of King Hezekiah, when water was piped in from a spring outside the walls.

As might be expected, the museum contains the likenesses of a passing parade of characters who once walked Jerusalem's streets. From the ancient municipal annals come Hebrew prophets and kings, Hellenistic Jews, Roman emperors and centurians, Christian saints and sages, Byzantine rulers, Knights Templar, Muslim warriors, Mameluke mercenaries, modern Zionists – the list goes on.

The Tower of David Museum of the History of Jerusalem is a logical starting point for exploring and appreciating the Jewish capital. It took nearly 3,000 years, but Jerusalem finally has a museum worthy of itself. A sound and light show is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings in summer.

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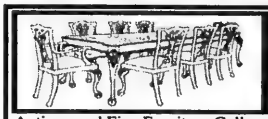
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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Twenty Years On The Air: Zelda Young, the Canadian radio and TV personality who has been producing shows on Jewish themes for the last 20 years, credits her father, Sam Yuchtman, for giving her a direction.

"My father was one of the early pioneers who created a Jewish radio presence in 1948," says Young, whose highly recognizable voice is heard in both Toronto and Vancouver. "He was a visionary who dedicated his life to the preservation and renewal of cultural vibrancy for the Jewish community in Canada. I am proud to continue on with his vision."

Young is producer and host of *Shalom*, a Jewish program heard in Toronto on CHIN FM 100.7 weekdays from 10 to 11 a.m., and on CHIN AM 1540 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Since last September, her Vancouver program has been heard Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. on CHMB 1320 AM.

Young's radio programs combine Israeli, local and international news, interviews with Jewish leaders and prominent rabbis, entertainment news, B'nai Brith reports, various features including health and financial planning and a selection of music from Israeli artists, liturgical and traditional.

Her television show *Tapestry*, which aired for eight years until 1993 on CITY-TV in Toronto, offered a similar mix of programming.

This month marks Young's 20th year on the air.

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Toronto Senior Strings: The TSS is a group of professional musicians, many formerly with the Toronto Symphony, who are committed to presenting classical music at a time and place convenient for seniors, under the baton of Victor Feldbrill.

The final TSS concert of the season takes place June 13 at 2 p.m. with a program including music by Tartini, Schubert, Rossini, Champagne and Vivaldi. Guest soloist is Aaron Brock, a brilliant 21-year- old classical guitarist who will play the guitar concerto in D major by Vivaldi.

Tickets $10. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King and Simcoe streets, Toronto (at St. Andrew subway station).

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Fire Rider: This week, the Toronto publishing house Fire Mountain Press launched *Fire Rider*, a new book of poetry by Toronto publicist Sharon Singer.

"I have discovered that I compartmentalized my life," said Singer. "Most of the people I know never were aware that I wrote poetry. Now, with this book launch, they will get to see other sides of me. I've finally come out of the poetry closet."

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Safire's Rules for Writers: This being a slow week for Jewish arts, we are pleased to bring you this satirical advice on writing from American writer William Safire:

"Remember to never split an infinitive. The passive voice should never be used. Do not put statements in the negative form. Verbs have to agree with their subjects. Proofread carefully to see if you words out. If you reread your work, you can find on rereading a great deal of repetition can be avoided by rereading and editing.

"Don't overuse exclamation marks!! Place pronouns as close as possible, especially in long sentences, as of 10 or more words, to their antecedents.

"Writing carefully, dangling participles must be avoided. If any word is improper at the end of a sentence, a linking verb is. Take the bull by the hand and avoid mixing metaphors. Avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky.

"Everyone should be careful to use a singular pronoun with singular nouns in their writing. Always pick on the correct idiom. The adverb always follows the verb. Last but not least, avoid cliches like the plague; seek viable alternatives."

In Brief: A major exhibition devoted to the work of the famous Belgian surrealist painter Rene Magritte, runs June 20 to Oct. 27 at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

On Stage

TORONTO – Local actress Judy Gans stars in the musical *Ruthless* by Joel Paley and Marvin Laird, running until June 8.

Gans has been involved in the Toronto Community Theatre and Dinner Theatre for over eight years and has played a diverse range of characters in all genres including musical theatre, drama, light comedy and farce.

She has played Anne Shirley (*Anne of Green Gables*), Eliza DooLittle *(My Fair Lady)*, Eve Harrington (*Applause)* and more.

Ruthless is playing at the Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St., one block north west of King and Parliament streets.

For ticket information call 905-427-7442.

Judy Gans

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The Holy Blossom Temple Stagecraft Company will offer three performances of *A Body of Water* by Jenna Zark at 7:30 p.m. on June 6,8 and 9. Each performance will be followed by a discussion.

A Body of Water is three one-act plays that follow the lives of nine people who become involved with sacred Jewish rituals in both humorous and intimate ways.

The performances will be held at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., one block south of Eglinton Ave. For ticket information call Anne LeSarge at 416-789-3291, ext. 238.

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The new North-York-based Youth Theatre Company will be making its debut with the off-Broadway musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* June 11-16 at Solar Stage, 4959 Yonge St.

Rising Star Productions is headed by 20-year-old Thea Award winning performer Lea Garbe who is serving as producer, director and choreographer.

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Business Profile

Deborah Weinstein and Judy Lewis of Strategic Objectives:

Public relations firm wins international acclaim

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At precisely 3:10 the door to Judy Lewis' tastefully decorated office opens quietly, and her assistant lets her know that she (Lewis) has five minutes before she must leave to take her children to an appointment.

"Because I have great staff, I *can* leave," says Lewis, executive vice-president of Strategic Objectives, a 28-person full-service public relations firm whose clients include Consumers Gas, Kraft General Foods Canada Inc., the LCBO, Marks & Spencer and York University.

Lewis' sister, Deborah Weinstein, is president of the organization, and she continues the interview seamlessly.

The two former journalists went into business for themselves in 1983 after working together as television producers for the CTV show *Thrill of a Lifetime*.

They demand the same loyalty, honesty and integrity from their staff that they expect in a family situation.

"We work together, which is how a functional family works," said Weinstein. "In a good family you can discuss problems and bring them to a successful resolution."

The fortysomething heads of the firm have successfully blended family values with perfectionistic professionalism. The reception area of their 7,000-square-foot Front Street East offices stands as testament, with over a dozen prestigious PR awards attractively displayed.

The Geneva, Switzerland-based International Public Relations Association's Golden World Award for marketing a new product was one of two industry awards Strategic Objectives received this year. It recognized the firm's 1995 national program supporting the launch of Black Photo Corp.'s Memories Magic Digital Imaging service.

A 1994 anti-violence campaign for The Body Shop of Toronto earned them four awards, including a United Nations award for which they competed against 142 other entries from 30 countries. Their campaign raised more than $100,000 for violence-prevention programs.

Although they work out of one Toronto-based office, their almost two dozen accounts range in scope from local to international.

Lewis and Weinstein have earned their success. "It was hard starting with no money," recalls Lewis of the early days when she and her sister worked alone in a "teeny-tiny" office on the wrong side of the tracks.

Sisters Deborah Weinstein, left, and Judy Lewis run Strategic Objectives, the award-winning public relations agency they founded in 1983.

Originally from Montreal, the sisters both moved to Toronto in the early 1980s. Their brother, David, works at the firm as account manager.

To build their business, Weinstein and Lewis have always targeted innovative companies whose ideas were in line with their own. Their areas of expertise include video production, trade and fashion shows, news conferences, media training and Internet Web site consultation.

These days most of their business is by referral. "We're careful about what we take on. Our obsession with consistently better results prohibits us from taking on a ton of business," said Weinstein.

The firm is selective not only about the number of its clients (currently just under two dozen), but also about the type of project it will undertake. "We don't take on projects [for which] we can't accomplish clients' objectives," explained Weinstein. "Then we're in a no-win situation. There's always a reality check."

Such checks include research into perceptions of the potential client and its industry.

Over 60 percent of projects involve changing public perception of a company. After signing on as a Strategic Objectives client, Kmart Canada Ltd. was featured in — of all places — the fashion pages of *Chatelaine* magazine.

It was a challenge, admitted Weinstein, to present value-priced discount shopping as a viable alternative in a downsized economy, but the message was one the public "wanted and needed to hear. The actual positioning wasn't that difficult."

Every project is a challenge, Weinstein maintains.

One of the most challenging projects Lewis has worked on was the information letter of the Canadian Drug Manufacturers Association.

"What will people remember me for? It's not for being a size 10," said Lewis with a laugh, "but hopefully it will be for taking some very complex issues and bringing them to people in a way so they can actually understand them and make their own decisions."

The concept of informed consumer decision-making is a relatively new one in the world of public relations. "The old rule would be to force that message down," said Lewis. "We believe the best customer is the most informed customer, and our clients agree with that."

Lewis has begun to get that message out to a younger and younger audience. At a recent public school speaking engagement, she showed teenage students a two-page ad in *Chatelaine* and asked them how much they thought it would cost. To their surprise, she told them the price was in the tens of thousands of dollars.

The students were even more surprised to learn that equivalent editorial space was not only free, it had greater credibility.

Not that advertising doesn't have its place. Certain types of messages don't lend themselves to PR, she said.

And "free" editorial space doesn't come cheap. An annual program by Strategic Objectives will cost a firm $60,000 and up. An individual PR project, such as a local product launch, starts at around $20,000, and "the sky's the limit" says Weinstein.

"If someone said, 'I want you to do PR on the fact we have the cheapest teddy bears for sale,' it would probably be better for advertising," said Lewis, "but if you want to talk about quality ..." Her implication is obvious.

"We have a skeptical, highly intelligent, well-educated cynical consumer," explained Weinstein.

As former journalists, both of whom began their careers at CBC Radio, Lewis and Weinstein know what will pass muster with editors, television and radio producers and ultimately with consumers. Their messages may also target other audiences: stockholders, legislators and, of course, clients themselves.

Although they now have two vice-presidents to round out their management team, Lewis and Weinstein retain the hands-on involvement that is the hallmark of many successful businesses. "Everything that comes out of Strategic has our involvement," said Lewis. "We check and monitor results on all activities on all accounts."

And they love it. "When I was a hard-nosed investigative news reporter on TV, I got a lot of satisfaction out of that, but I get a lot more satisfaction being behind the scenes and communicating strong positive messages that have the potential to influence behavior in a positive way and create jobs," said Weinstein.

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Jiu-Jitsu fighter wins gold at championship scrap

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Joel Gerson loves a good scrap. Not only does he enjoy the competitiveness of butting heads with a like-minded opponent, he also loves the "adrenalin rush you get" when you throw a bigger man to the ground.

So imagine his joy when he handled a fighter almost 15 lbs heavier than him and took home the gold medal in the middleweight division of the recently concluded Canadian Open Jiu-Jitsu championships in Dundas, Ont.

Gerson was so confident he could handle his opponent that he even stretched out the gold-medal match a little, looking for the opportunity to end it with a submission hold. His patience paid off when he applied a painful armlock, part of his repertoire of joint-locks, throws, holds and chokes, that caused his opponent to "tap out" — indicate to the referee he wanted to submit by tapping the ground.

Gerson's been grappling with opponents for about eight years, when he first became interested in the martial arts to improve his ability to defend himself.

Although he first studied karate, he wanted something a little more practical in street situations so he signed up for a course in Israeli commando-style survival techniques taught by Moni Aizik at the Jewish Community Centre.

He followed Aizik when the former Israeli commando set up the Samurai Club Martial Arts & Fitness Centre, first as a student and later as an instructor.

Joel Gerson

Gerson, 21, was one of the Samurai Club's 10 gold medalists at the Canadian Jiu-Jitsu Championships. In addition to Gerson, other Jewish champs included Masha Kazakevich, Alex Tcherniaknovski and Vitaly Papsouev.

Jewish silver medalists were Jordan Fisher and Roland Kogan.

Gerson, a student at the University of Toronto, said he trained four to five times a week prior to the competition and last year, while attending McGill University, worked out with the Canadian Olympic judo team.

Jiu-Jitsu differs from judo by being more aggressive and lethal, Gerson said. Judo evolved from jiu-jitsu and can be considered the sport form of the martial art, he added. Jiu-Jitsu, on the other hand, is more effective in a street fight when you have to get down and dirty.

Even though he oozes with confidence about his ability, Gerson said he has yet to get in a real street scrap where he's had to use jiu-jitsu. He's too worried about a law suit or of hurting someone when he slams them to the pavement, he said.

Still, that didn't dissuade him from considering participating in the Extreme Fighting Championships at a Mohawk Reserve in Quebec recently. But he didn't become aware of the event until it was too late to sign up.

He regrets not having participated since the winner in his weight category earned $5,000 (US). The winner was a third-place finisher in the world kickboxing championships, but Gerson is confident he could have handled him. Kickboxers, he explained, don't know how to fight on the ground.

"I'd take a kick [if I had to], get in close and flip him to the ground," he said. "It's like a predator who takes his prey to the ground."

Once there, the advantage is his and he predicted he'd "finish it" at close quarters.

While down and dirty fighting is his forte, Gerson is looking forward to representing Canada in the more genteel art of judo at next summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Kazakevich, who's closing in on 21 years of age, is another Maccabiah hopeful from the Samurai Club. A native of Grodno, Belarus, Kazakevich won gold in the "up to 52 kg" class. To her credit, she defeated some male athletes to win the medal.

An instructor at the Samurai Club, Kazakevich is modest almost to a fault about her abilities. But Aizik says "she's one of the most talented kids I have. She's very good technically against bigger and stronger opponents."

Fireworks expected at Canada Day tourney

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It may not be the Thrilla' in Manilla or the Rumble in the Jungle, but there should be some pretty good on-the-field fireworks come July 1, Canada Day, when two Canadian softball teams butt heads with the Israeli nationals.

The occasion for the Canada Day celebration is a three-team tournament that will serve as a tune-up for the Israeli national squad as they prepare to represent the Jewish state at the World Softball Championships in Midland, Mich.

Maccabi Canada, winners of the gold medal in softball at the '93 Maccabiah Games in Israel, and a B'nai Brith (BB) all-star team will provide the competition for the Israeli nationals.

First pitch in the tournament, which will be held at Irv Chapley Park at Wilmington and Overbrook, will be at 9:00 a.m., while the championship game is set to begin at 3:00 p.m.

The event is more of a "friendship thing" than a duel-to-the-death baseball championship, said Brian Revin, organizer of the Maccabi team.

Maccabi will provide a pitcher for the BB stars to help make the event more competitive and it is helping to raise funds for the Israeli squad, he said.

While admission is free for the tournament, organizers hope to raise money through other means. Spectators will be offered souvenir tickets, there will be a beer garden, baseball contests, raffles and assorted hoopla to help round out the Canada Day celebration.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Canada is continuing to recruit new ballplayers for its softball team. Tryouts are scheduled for June 15 and 16 at Clanton Park, Bathurst and York Downs, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Revin, who coached the '93 Maccabiah gold medal winners, expects to retain a nucleus of about six players from that squad. That means about nine places are open on the '97 team.

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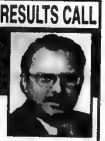

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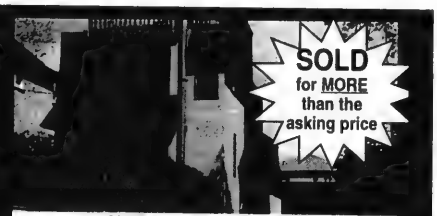

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Allan Lax on May 18, 1996, late of Torresdale Ave., #409
Linda Yudin on May 16, 1996, late of 59 Cobblestone Drive
Ada Sheldon on May 16, 1996, late of 9552 Malden Road
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Betty Brown on May 19, 1996, late of 69 Burnside Drive
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Novak, Michael on May 23, 1996, late of 72-1 Castlebury Cres.
Guttman, Saul on May 25, 1996
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Steeles Memorial Chapel

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Hebrew Men of England Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HINDA DANIELS ז"ל
will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SALLY KANER ז"ל
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lithuanian Farband Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FLORENCE KURTZ ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 11:00 a.m.
Jones Avenue Cemetery
480 Jones Avenue
Chevra Kadisha Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Sarah Oberman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late beloved
WILLIAM KWART ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 9:30 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Farband Labour Zionist Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JACK SKURKA ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 10:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
(Wilson Avenue)
Beth Radom Section
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Leah & Amri Susman
invite their relatives & friends to attend the unveiling of a monument to the memory of their late mother
GITEL ROSNESPIER ז"ל
which will take place on
Sunday, June 9th, 1996 at 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lubliner Section

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
NANCY SILVER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 1996 at 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Torah Emeth Section

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
ROSE ZIMMERMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 1996 at 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Shaarei Tefillah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Renee Steinberg ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 9:45 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Mina Wierzchowski ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9th, 11:00 a.m.
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1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
4 pita breads
1-19 oz can white kidney beans drained & rinsed
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tblsp tahini
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
3 tblsp chopped fresh coriander

Mix together 2 tblsp oil, 1 minced garlic clove, 1/4 tsp ground coriander and pinch of salt and pepper. Cut pitas into half and then into triangles. Place triangles on baking sheet, brush with olive oil mixture. Bake 350° 8-10 mins. or until crisp.

In food processor, mix kidney beans with remaining olive oil, ground coriander and salt & pepper. Add lemon juice, tahini, ground cumin and hot pepper sauce. Stir in fresh coriander. Serve with pita crisps.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

About Seniors

Dear Jesse,

My beloved husband of 53 years passed away six months ago. Until then, I led a very active life. I fulfilled a number of roles (including that of caregiver for three years during his illness). I thought that I was coping rather well with my loss. We had no children; my social supports consist of my friends, who I try not to burden with my feelings.

Lately, I find myself struggling to concentrate on simple tasks. The other day, I went to the supermarket and left without my groceries. I am embarrassed to say this, but at times I am afraid that I am losing my mind. I need some advice on what to do about my situation.

F. W.

Dear F. W.,

Your letter reflects a caring, responsible individual who has experienced the recent death of your lifelong mate and the abrupt termination of your caregiving role. You state that you state that you do not wish to "burden" your friends with your feelings, yet by denying yourself the need to deal with your pain, you may be forfeiting your emotional well-being.

Regarding your concentration and memory problems, consult with your doctor in order to fully assess your health status. Keep in mind that grief reactions can have social, psychological and physical ramifications, including symptoms such as exhaustion, sleep disturbances, disorganization, confusion and lack of concentration. These are natural responses to a very stressful situation, and need not be a source of shame or embarrassment. Check your local social service agency for information concerning support groups for widowed seniors. Talking to others, who are experiencing similar reactions, will assist you to share your feelings, explore coping strategies and help you realize that you are not alone.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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Toy pioneer honored by Canadian association

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Ben Samuels shows off one of Regal Toys' "Collection Dolls" that was popular in the 1970s.

TORONTO — It's as obvious as the blond locks on Barbie's head or the inane smile on Ken's face — toys are a serious business.

Sure, you can jump on them, ride them, pretend with them, dress them up, put 'em in your bath or throw them out a window, but as any walk through Toy 'R Us will prove, there's a huge market for toys and assorted children's playthings.

One of the pioneers of the Canadian toy industry, Ben Samuels, was honored recently by the Canadian Toy Association (CTA), when he and his late brothers Solomon Frank (Sol) and Alexander (Alex) were inducted into the association's Hall of Fame.

The honor recognized their ground-breaking work, innovation, integrity and efforts to promote the Canadian toy industry.

For Samuels, who's closing in on 82 years of age, his start in the toy business was on the ground floor, or more specifically, sweeping up the ground floor. In 1928, at age 14, sweeping up was his first job at Reliable Toy Company, the business his older brothers had turned into a success from the time they founded it in 1920.

No stranger to hard work, Ben began pushing a broom and keeping the factory, then located on Phoebe Street near Queen, clean. Earlier he'd earned extra cash as a "newsie." In those days, you had to stake out a corner and fight for it, if need be. "If you weren't tough enough, you'd get beaten up," he said.

Samuels grew up on the family farm in Ponty Pool, "a Jewish Miami Beach" about 85 miles northeast of Toronto. To supplement its income, the family took in borders and convinced many that a blanket and a bed of straw would make for a real rustic experience, he recalled.

As a youth, Samuels was sent to Toronto to live with his older brother Sol and attend Harbord Collegiate. At the same time, he began to work in the company.

Sol was known for his salesmanship and he globetrotted the world looking for new markets, making inroads in Britain, South Africa, Australia and continental Europe.

Alex was the technical wiz, devising new and innovative ways of making the company's popular dolls.

From sweeping up, Ben made his way to assembly work and was eventually given a department to run. His first task was a difficult one — manufacturing a "crier" (the device that simulates a baby's crying).

"It was tough," Samuels recalled. "How do you start making criers? I got some help from my brothers and eventually set up a department as efficient as any in the operation. I put someone in charge of it and moved on."

In the 1930s, Reliable continued to expand despite the depression. People still wanted to get toys for their kids, Samuels said. Reliable continued as an innovator, foregoing the wood pulp composition commonly used in British-made dolls for a resin and starch mix that was put in a mould.

In 1941, it became the first company in Canada to use injection moulding technique. It also expanded its business to supply the military with bullet tips, bayonet scabbards and oil bottles.

Expanding its operations, it moved into a 100,000-square-foot space on Carlaw Avenue. Large retailers like Eaton's, the Bay, Metropolitan Stores and Woodwards were customers, as were small Jewish-owned chains in Quebec, Samuels said.

After the war, they continued to sell abroad. Reliable improved on others' products by making their dolls and toys lighter and more durable. Reliable was a pioneer in children's sand pails and in "Photo Squirts" — "cameras" that squirted water.

The 1950s were very successful — they cashed in on the hula hoop craze — but in 1959, Samuels left the firm and started his own business, Regal Toy. The company specialized in using rotational casting to make squeeze toys and employed nylon "hair" for dolls, that kept its curl and could be brushed and combed.

In 1979, Samuels, then 65, decided to sell the business at what turned out to be its peak value.

Alex died in 1966 and Sol in 1973.

Reliable and Regal were successful because "we stayed a step ahead of the competition," Ben said.

Not all their products were winners, however. He recalls one fiasco involving a water gun that used a steel spring. It worked at first but eventually rusted and made the guns useless. We should have used stainless steel, he said, adding about 25,000 guns had to be trashed.

At the end of Samuel's tenure, Regal's product line included "Canadiana dolls," plush toys that resembled Inuit, as well as northern wildlife like grizzly bears, foxes and beavers.

Dressable dolls were popular, as were "Wendy Walker," a musical clown (turn its nose and it's a music box), and a rideable duck and horse.

During his tenure in the business, Samuels served as president of the CTA and was involved in creating a safety code for toys.

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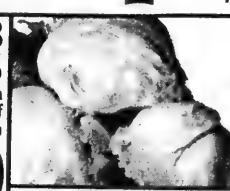

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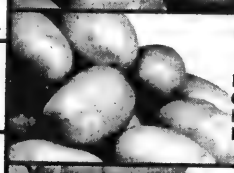

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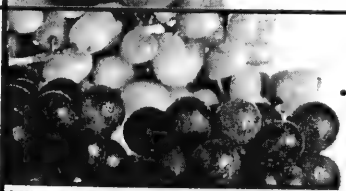

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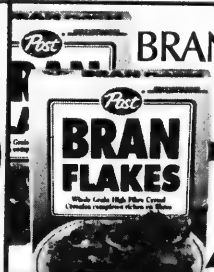

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Arabs warn of violence

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Arab leaders warned Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu this week that tension and violence would ensue in the region if the new Israeli government deviates from the "principles of the peace process."

But Israeli officials said the Arab leaders were prejudging the new government before it was formed and that they were disregarding repeated statements Netanyahu has made pledging his commitment to the process.

"It is unacceptable that the Arab leaders form an opinion and issue such a statement before the new government has even taken power," Israeli President Ezer Weizman said in remarks broadcast on Israel Radio.

After their weekend summit in Damascus, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah issued a joint statement calling on Israel to withdraw from all occupied territories.

The three warned that any departure by Israel from the land- for-peace principles of the peace process pursued by the outgoing Labor government would be considered a threat to return the region to "tension and violence."

They also called on Turkey to re-evaluate the military pact it signed with Israel in February.

That agreement, which provided for joint manoeuvres and Israeli training flights over Turkey, drew sharp criticism from several Muslim countries, including Egypt.

In another development, Assad met last Sunday with the Qatari foreign minister and asked that the Persian Gulf state freeze the low-level economic ties it forged with Israel in April.

Mubarak phoned Arab leaders, including representatives of Jordan, and the Gulf states, this week to invite them to a meeting June 21 to 23, where they will attempt to develop a unified stance regarding the new Israeli government.

Netanyahu refused to comment on the weekend Arab summit.

Netanyahu's cabinet appointments will also indicate the path his government will take to the peace process.

David Levy, head of the Gesher party, which merged with Likud in the Knesset race, was reported by Israel Television to be the likely candidate for foreign minister, a position he held in the Likud government led by Yitzhak Shamir. Likud Knesset member Yitzhak Mordechai, the recently retired head of the northern command who is the No. 2 person on the Likud Knesset list, is considered the lead candidate for defence minister, Israel Television reported.

TENDING TO THE WOUNDED
Israeli army medics tend to a wounded soldier near the Lebanese border earlier this week. Five soldiers were killed and seven were wounded in the Hezbollah ambush. *[RNS*

Canada-Israel free trade delayed

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Implementation of the long-awaited Canada-Israel free trade deal, originally scheduled for July 1, will be delayed to Jan. 1, 1997, at the earliest, federal International Trade Minister Art Eggleton says.

Bureaucratic delays, mainly in Canada, and the Israeli election have combined to delay the pact, but Eggleton is hopeful it will be signed, sealed and delivered by next New Year's Day.

In Israel last January, Canadian and Israeli negotiators hammered out the final details of the pact, capping over a year of talks.

The foundation for the deal was laid in November 1994, when the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Prime Minister Jean Chrétien shook hands on the agreement.

Art Eggleton

But that agreement still has to be signed by both countries, Eggleton says, and then the cumbersome Canadian legislative process will begin. First, the minister will put a bill before Parliament in this fall's session. Debates and hearings will follow and then the matter goes to the Senate, with royal assent as the final touch.

"I'm told the Knesset can do it in two weeks, so they're far more efficient," Eggleton chuckled in a wide-ranging interview at his York Centre constituency office recently.

Eggleton expects no change of heart from the new government of Benjamin Netanyahu. "All the signals we're getting from Israel are that there is wide support [for the deal]. It's just a matter of setting a date for the signing.

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Jewish Continuity

TORONTO – To advance the goal of understanding the problems of Jewish continuity and to further the search for solutions, the York University Centre for Jewish Studies is planning a conference – Creating the Jewish Future – to be held at York next fall.

Honorary Degrees

TORONTO – Philanthropists Anne Tanenbaum and Marvelle Koffler will be among seven distinguished women receiving honorary degrees from the University of Toronto at its spring convocation ceremonies this month. The two will be awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees.

ISRAEL

Azrieli Honored

TEL AVIV – Montreal architect and developer David Azrieli recently received an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University in recognition of his "exceptional vision and achievements in the field of urban planning."

Azrieli has created office buildings, high-rise residences and shopping centres throught the United States, Canada and Israel.

Yatom takes over Mossad

JERUSALEM – Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, who until recently served as Prime Minister Shimon Peres' military secretary, took over last week as head of the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency.

Yatom, 51, replaces Shabtai Shavit, who headed the agency for seven years.

Jewish Agency Renewal

JERUSALEM – Russia has promised to renew by mid-June the Jewish Agency for Israel's accreditation, signalling an end to the tension since the agency's license to operate was suspended in April and several of its offices were shut down.

Political sources said it was still unclear what kind of new mandate would be granted to the agency and whether this would include emigration activities.

Peace Talks on Hold?

JERUSALEM – Syrian President Hafez al-Assad reportedly refused to commit to peace talks with Israel until he learns more about the positions of Prime Minister-elect, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Apprehension has gripped the Arab world since Netanyahu's victory, particularly over his campaign promises to take a harder line in negotiations with the Palestinians and Syria.

WORLD

Auschwitz Mall Restarted

NEW YORK – Poland has ordered the police to stop the renewed construction of a controversial mini-mall across the street from the Auschwitz death camp.

Both Jewish and Polish officials were "shocked" to learn last week that construction had started up again on the project, said Israel Singer, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress.

Rabbinic Ordination

NEW YORK – David Wise and Sara Pausche-Orlow, both of Toronto, were recently ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Upon graduation, Wise assumed the pulpit at Temple Beth El in Somerset, N.J. Pausche-Orlow is following in the footsteps of her great-grandfather, Rabbi David Levine.

Syrian Gas Factory

WASHINGTON – The United States is investigating reports that Syria has begun construction on a poison gas factory less than 350 miles from Jerusalem.

According to the German newsmagazine *Stern*, the facility in the northwestern city of Aleppo is similar to the massive underground Libyan plant in Tarhunah.

Olympics Controversy

WASHINGTON – With the opening ceremonies for the Summer Olympics less than six weeks away, the controversy over an officially recognized team from "Palestine" has sparked new protests.

A delegation of athletes from "Palestine," as the team is designated in the Atlanta Committee on the Olympic Games' official publications, is competing in the summer games.

The Anti-Defamation League has protested the choice of nomenclature to the International Olympic Committee.

Teacher Disciplined

PARIS – A French high school teacher is facing disciplinary proceedings for giving her students a physics test in which she asked them to calculate the amount of carbon monoxide needed to kill Jews during the Holocaust.

The teacher, who is reportedly Jewish, told the principal of the College des Sept Mares near Versailles that she had been giving the exercise to students for several years and that her intention was to denounce the Holocaust and fight those who deny that it took place.

Israel's Diplomatic Corps To Shift

JERUSALEM – Some members of Israel's diplomatic corps, including Israel's ambassador to the United States, have announced their intention to step down when the new Likud government comes to power.

Ambassador to the United States Itamar Rabinovich was among those who said he would end his tenure as a result of Benjamin Netanyahu's victory. Among the potential candidates for his post are Zalman Shoval and Moshe Arens.

Foreign Ministry sources said they expected Israel's consul general in New York, Colette Avital, to leave. Israel's ambassador to Jordan, Shimon Shamir, denied that he planned to leave his post.

Ora Namir, who resigned from the Knesset to be appointed ambassador to Beijing, said she had considered a scenario of serving under a Likud-led government before accepting the position.

Elazar Granot, a Meretz appointment to the top diplomatic post in South Africa, said he expected to leave.

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Federation promises 'new and bold' campaign

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though the grandchildren of Jewish immigrants are at the top of their professions and Jews have more influence now, Toronto Jews still feel "fragile" and worry about Jewish continuity.

That was the message from Jack Chisvin in accepting the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit at last week's annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, held at the Koffler Centre.

Chisvin, a former president of the federation, recalled how he found his mother prostrate on the floor with grief after she learned that her remaining family in Belarus (then Byelorussia) had died in the Holocaust.

"That was the defining moment of my Judaism," he said.

Under pressure from his peers in Grade 3, Chisvin said, he joined in harassing a black boy and called him "Snowball."

"I realized that I, a target of racism, had become a racist."

Chisvin, who worked in 41 consecutive United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaigns and was one of the founders of Project Renewal, concluded: "We will endure as Jews because we have a soul."

One of the winners of the federation's Shem Tov Awards was his daughter, Karen Chisvin, immediate past president of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre.

Sandra Brown was re-elected to her second term as Federation president and outlined a busy year ahead with emphasis on integrated fundraising.

A meeting highlight was the presentation of the Leadership Development Awards to two young people with widely contrasting backgrounds.

Heather Milstein, a social worker, spoke of the importance of Shabbat dinners in her traditional family and her summers at Jewish Camp Council locations. Chartered accountant Robert Furman spoke of the oppression he endured as a Jew in Odessa, his gratitude to the Toronto rabbi who welcomed him at a Passover seder when he arrived in Toronto at age 17, and to Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), which met him at the train. Furman last week completed his term as president of JIAS Toronto.

Other Shem Tov winners were David Herlick from Senior Care; Harold Hertzman from Toronto Free Loan Casa; Jessica Pelt from Jewish Campus Services; and Dorothy Shoichet of the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

A new, six-minute video on the history and prospects of the Toronto Jewish community to be used in the UJA campaign won applause from the audience.

"It will be a new and bold campaign with the message of 'we believe' and community pride," said Howard English, communications director.

Toronto is one of the top five cities in North America in raising money for Jewish causes, said English. "The 'needs' appeal won't work any more, guilt won't work, and today's donors want to know how they benefit from the money they give."

Rabbi Irwin Witty, Jewish Board of Education director, who is retiring this year, gave a d'var Torah to open the meeting.

A series of spirited numbers by the Bialik Day School Choir marked the final appearance of Doron Ophir as the choir's director. Ophir is returning to Israel.

Pearl Babins is retiring after 15 years as executive secretary of the federation. Her service was acknowledged by Brown.

Baumel fights for MiAs' release

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As might be expected, Miriam Baumel gets very touchy when details about her son Zachary come up.

Although she's been keeping his cause alive for 14 years, ever since he and other Israeli soldiers were captured during the war in Lebanon, she steers interviewers to new topics when they probe too close.

He was captured 14 years ago so that would make him 36 now? she's asked.

She winces at the thought and says it's too painful to contemplate.

"I operate at a certain even level. I just try to keep going. It's hard," she explains, as she changes the subject by drawing a biblical comparison to her son's fate.

Like the ancient Philistines, she says, Israel's Arab neighbors sometimes hold captives for years before exacting a price for their release. Syria has been known to hold captured Israeli Palestinians for between 12 and 20 years, she adds.

Miriam Baumel holds up one of her son Zachary's (inset) dogtags, which was returned by Yasser Arafat. [Ron Csillag photo]

Although her son was captured in a military operation that went wrong and is now one of six Israeli MiAs (Missing in Action), Baumel is confident he's still alive, although the evidence she presents for that belief is sketchy.

Recent Lebanese Christian emigres say they've heard of Israeli

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Greater Toronto Area

Journalists renew fellowship at conference

The American Jewish Press Association (AJPA) has existed for more than half a century. As its name suggests, it is the professional association of the English-language Jewish media in the United States. Its membership consists of over 175 newspapers and magazines, in addition to individual journalists in the United States and Canada. *The CJN* is a member of the AJPA.

Its mandate is twofold: "to improve and upgrade the status of American Jewish journalism and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and cooperative activities among the American Jewish press."

Two weeks ago in San Francisco, the AJPA held its 52nd annual conference. I attended the conference on behalf of this newspaper. Approximately 80 people were there.

Like most conferences, its agenda was packed with both substantive and social gatherings. I attended five lectures/discussions. Space does not permit a comprehensive retelling or assessment of each. Therefore, I will provide the briefest of summaries.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin spoke to the group on the subject Words That Hurt, Words That Heal. Not coincidentally, this happens also to be the title of his most recent book. It was a fitting presentation to a room full of journalists. He underscored for us the moral and ethical dimensions of our work.

Martin Kraar, the executive vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Gary Tobin, director of the Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Centre for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis, headlined a session provocatively and somewhat rhetorically entitled: Is Jewish Communal Life Redundant? If I properly understood their presentations, the short answer to the rather large question of their title is yes, given the manner in which Jewish communal life is presently organized.

Kraar began his presentation by saying there are now, in 1996, "more Jews outside the loop than inside." By "loop" he meant affiliated Jewish life. The organizational structure which had served American Jewry so well for the past 100 years, namely, the federation system, must now adjust to the times and radically change.

Tobin spoke of a "re-visioning process" in which the very concept of Jewish community is redefined. But he did not, indeed could not, define it. And throughout his discussion, not even once, did he mention the word Judaism.

A panel of three experts, Nimrod Barkan, Israeli consul in San Francisco, Ori Nir, *Ha'aretz* correspondent on Palestinian affairs, and Prof. William Zev Brinner, chair, Middle East Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, provided an assessment of the still-then-unofficial results of the Israeli elections.

All three speakers agreed that Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu will want to maintain good relations with the United States. Thus, he would not act precipitously, despite some of the campaign rhetoric, to stymie the peace process. We must await to see his actual policies.

Nir observed, poignantly, that the elections exposed as a melancholy "misconception that the national trauma of the Rabin assassination would pull the people together. The belief that the peace process would be Rabin's legacy was proved to be wrong."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, spoke to the gathering on a subject which he cryptically called the meaning of Jewish destiny and Jewish memory. He called on us to be faithful to Jewish memory lest we be unable to hear "the sounds of the trains which took the Jews to the death camps."

Jews must never become complacent, he said. "Evil is bold and enthusiastic; as opposed to Good, which is hesitating and slow." During his presentation, he let it be known that King Hussein is a member in good standing of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre Museum of Tolerance.

Finally, Todd Oppenheimer of *Newsweek Interactive* spoke to us about the print media's panic to establish a presence on the Internet. He acknowledged publicly what many in the print media privately fear. Due to the influence of the computer, the younger generation is less inclined towards newspapers and magazines. As a result, many print media organizations are taking steps to find an approach to the younger reader by means of the Internet. He told us about *Newsweek's* recent efforts in this regard which he is spearheading.

The substantive sessions were instructive, informative and in varying degrees, both relevant and directly applicable to my work as editor. So too were the social sessions.

The professional peer network is a vital complex of friendships and fellowships which in the case of the AJPA, stretches literally, from coast to coast. We share information, exchange ideas and assist one another to take our respective publications to higher levels. All publications benefit as individual publications improve.

Moreover, and most important, the Jewish community as a whole benefits when Jewish newspapers are better able to serve their readers, to be more proficient in providing the news, to have wider choice in acquiring thoughtful analyses, commentaries or opinion pieces, and to have access to a professional sounding board of colleagues and friends against which questions are welcomed and advice is generously offered.

The most memorable of the social gatherings for me was the gala dinner at which the winners of the Rockower Awards for 1995 were announced. (Please refer to the news story about the awards elsewhere on this page.) The awards presentation has been a regular feature of the AJPA conference for the past 15 years. They are a statement of recognition by one's peers that good things are being done at the publication.

The CJN received awards in three categories out of a possible eight in which we were entered. The awards are a public acknowledgement of the dedication and commitment to excellence of the entire *CJN* team: our business, sales and editorial staffs in Montreal and Toronto, our outstanding correspondents across Canada, our award-winning correspondent in Israel, and our hard-working and creative production staff in Toronto.

I was very happy and very proud to "step up to the podium" on their behalf. And I was happier and prouder still, to be part of that team whose first commitment is to newspaper excellence and to the community which we serve as best as we can, on your behalf. MBD

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CJN wins three Rockower Awards

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – *The CJN* was recently awarded three Simon Rockower Awards for Excellence in Jewish Journalism.

The awards night for the 15th annual competition was featured at the American Jewish Press Association's Annual Conference held May 28 to 31 in San Fransico. *The CJN* was the sole Canadian Jewish newspaper to receive an award.

Leora Frucht won first place in the Boris Smolar Award for Excellence in International News or Feature Reporting for her article "Call us if you need help." Frucht's article featured the AVNET organization which helps victims of terrorist attacks and their families.

The Smolar Award was established in 1972 in honor of the late Boris Smolar, longtime editor-in-chief emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mordechai Ben-Dat, editor of *The CJN*, was awarded an Honorable Mention for Excellence in Editorial Writing. His winning piece was entitled "One of Us."

The CJN also received an Honorable Mention in the Excellence in Special Sections or Supplements category for its annual "L'Shana Tova" or Rosh Hashanah fall supplement.

The Simon Rockower Awards are sponsored by the American Jewish Press Association as an incentive for its members to continually improve the quality of their journalism. They were established by the endowment fund of I. Budd Rockower on the 100th anniversary of the birth of his late father, Simon Rockower. The awards honor articles, cartoons, features and graphic designs in Jewish journalism.

There were 14 different categories in which both a first and second place award were given. Honorable Mentions were awarded at the discretion of the judges. As well, some categories were divided into subsections for newspapers with a circulation over and under 15,000, and magazines.

The 1996 conference hosted over 80 participants. During the four days, editors, writers, publishers and advertising staffers attended workshops and general sessions dealing with a broad range of issues such as the Israeli election, free speech and the Internet.

Greater Toronto Area

Leach seeks more construction investment

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – The Ontario government plans to remove some taxes for first-time home buyers, eliminate some ineffective restrictions of the building code and revise the Landlord and Tenant Act, Al Leach, provincial minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, told construction industry bigwigs at an Israel Bonds luncheon here recently.

"It's time to restore the crane as Ontario's official bird," he said, referring to the mechanized lifting machine common at construction sites.

Leach congratulated his audience of about 500 people from the Construction & Development Division of the State of Israel Bonds for financing so much new construction in Israel. "I'm also going to ask you to keep a few shekels in your pockets to invest in Ontario," he said, acknowledging that builders "have an integral part to play in our economic recovery."

Tax cuts instituted by the Harris government will stimulate the economy, create jobs and put more spending money into the hands of consumers, the former TTC boss said. "It would be nice to see people use it as down payments for new homes."

Ontario is cancelling the land transfer tax on new homes for first-time buyers and conducting a "red-tape review" of the building code to eliminate regulations that increase building costs without increasing health or safety. "Any restrictions to development that can't be justified are out," the minister said.

As well, the province is now completing a review to the Landlord and Tenant Act. "We've got some extremely good news coming and we're taking it on the streets this summer."

While still providing tenants with protection against stiff rent increases, the revised act will provide more incentives for new construction, he said. "The current system is just not working, not for landlords and not for tenants. Buildings are crumbling, no one is building new buildings and there's no incentive for landlords to invest because you can't get a reasonable return."

Leach used a biblical parable to persuade his listeners to have faith in the government's so-called common sense revolution, its blueprint for bringing the province back to prosperity.

"There's an old legend about Moses, that when he threw his wand into the Red Sea, there was no miracle, there was no parting of the water," he said. "Not until the first man jumped into the sea did the waters part. That's trust.

"While our government doesn't claim any divine inspiration, we need you to stand beside us. What we're looking for is the investor's vote of confidence. The Ontario government can and will deliver, so I can tell you, ladies and gentlemen, 'Jump in, the water's fine.'"

Besides Leach, head table guests included Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick and Yael Varsano-Barzilay, Israel's consul for Economic Affairs.

JERUSALEM OF GOLD

Corrine Baruch, Jamie Alter, Lori Green and Nicole Libfeld, students at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus, put the finishing touches on one of the walls of Jerusalem built as part of school wide celebrations.

JIAS Toronto faces more cuts

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As with other Jewish organizations, funding to the busiest branch of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS) will likely be reduced just when more is expected of the agency.

That was the sombre message delivered last week to employees and leaders of JIAS's Toronto operations, at its annual meeting.

JIAS Toronto has adjusted to funding cuts and restructuring over the past two years, said retiring president Robert Furman. The agency saw its 1995-96 budget reduced by more than $140,000 over the previous year, but still balanced its $1.5-million budget, Furman noted.

And there's "no doubt" that funding to JIAS Toronto will be cut back even more in the coming year due to a "difficult" United Jewish Appeal campaign, he warned.

That comes just as the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is shifting more of its programs for immigrants to JIAS, Furman said.

Ultimately, it may lead to JIAS becoming a "one-stop shopping" agency for Jewish emigres, "but there will be no new budget for it."

Furman noted that JIAS Toronto's caseload this past year — 1,500 newcomers — increased by 20 percent over the previous 12 months.

But the number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union was down "considerably," likely a result of a tougher Canadian point system and higher application costs.

Nevertheless, Russians made up the largest part of the agency's caseload — 43 percent. They were followed by Jews from Ukraine (40 percent); Belarus (three percent); the Baltic states (three percent); Israel (two percent — most of them originally ex-Soviets); and the remainder from other ex-Soviet republics, South Africa and Eastern Europe.

Furman said JIAS Toronto has paid particular attention to the reunification of Bosnian Jewish families. The first Jews from Bosnia arrived in the city three years ago.

JIAS Toronto awarded its Jack Shindman Scholarship and Lou Poch Memorial Award to Inna Goldschmidt, a single mother originally from Russia, who graduated recently from Seneca College's accounting program.

Another Shindman scholarship went to Ruben Kamhi, a Sarajevo-born York University business student.

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Greater Toronto Area

Kalejs questioned on reason for visiting Canada

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Alleged Nazi war criminal Konrads Kalejs took the stand at his immigration hearing last week but he was not asked to testify about his wartime activities in the notorious Arajs Kommando.

Instead the 83-year-old Australian citizen was questioned about his status as a visitor to Canada. Kalejs said he came to Canada to be close to his common-law wife and stepdaughter, who live in Chicago, and to be in proximity to the United States where he intends to reopen his immigration case.

He said he would like to remain in Canada indefinitely until he is ready to clear his name.

Kalejs was deported from the United States because of his membership in the Latvian Auxiliary Security Police, more commonly known as the Arajs Kommando, which participated in the murder of more than 30,000 Latvian Jews.

After being deported from the United States in April 1994 and spending a short time in Australia, Kalejs moved to Canada in June 1994. The Canadian Immigration Department is attempting to deport Kalejs on two grounds: that he is not a legitimate visitor to Canada and that he was involved in war crimes as a member of the Arajs Kommando.

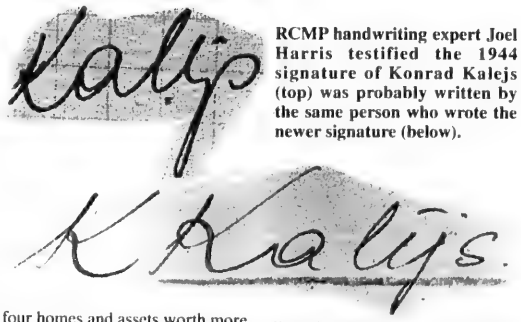
When asked last week by case presenting officer Vince Greco how long he intended to remain in Canada, Kalejs responded, "I may want to stay for a lifetime ... But I know it's impossible."

Under further questioning, Kalejs said he had not yet retained a U.S. lawyer to fight his case and that he is still searching for witnesses and documents that would clear him.

Justice Department lawyers Donald McIntosh and Bonnie Boucher explained that Kalejs was questioned only on his visitor status because they did not want his testimony on his involvement in alleged war crimes to go in as part of the government case. They said they would have more latitude to question him in cross-examination if he testifies later in his own behalf.

Kalejs' counsel, Win Thompson and Lloyd MaqIlquham, said they expected to call Kalejs as a witness later in the proceedings.

Meanwhile, government counsel continue to present their case. When confronted with statements from the record of his 1993 U.S. appeal case that suggested he had four homes and assets worth more than $1 million, Kalejs called that "a fantasy." He denied he paid a $750,000 cash bond to free himself during his legal battles, saying a friend posted the bond.



RCMP handwriting expert Joel Harris testified the 1944 signature of Konrad Kalejs (top) was probably written by the same person who wrote the newer signature (below).

When asked how much he was worth, Kalejs responded: "I never counted my money."

Questioned further on his wealth, Kalejs said he was part owner of an apartment building in Illinois but that he had "no idea" how much his share was worth or how much revenue he received from it.

He said he didn't remember how much money he brought with him to Canada and he denied he returned to the United States under an assumed identity during his legal battles to dispose of his assets. He also denied suggestions by Greco that his U.S. assets had been frozen or that he had eluded capture by U.S. agents for six months.

In other evidence, RCMP handwriting expert Joel Harris said he examined specimen signatures from documents signed by Kalejs from the late 1950s through the '90s and compared them to questioned documents from 1944 that purport to be Kalejs' signature.

"I concluded there was some evidence that the writer of the known signatures wrote the signatures in the questioned signature list," he said. "There is some evidence to suggest common authorship."

The questioned signatures came from three lists compiled in February, March and April 1944 when members of the Latvian Security Police Battalion (which incorporated the Arajs Kommando) signed for cigarette rations. The known signatures were taken from Canadian and American immigration documents and Kalejs' Australian passport.

Harris pointed out similarities in the relative proportions of the letters in Kalejs' name, the strokes that connect letters, spacing, horizontal alignment and pen pressure.

He said there were some elements of difference in some of the signatures but that the similarities suggest they were written by the same person "even if I can't account for every variation."

Earlier, a 70-year-old Latvian woman, who did not want her identity revealed and was referred to as "Jane Doe," testified on videotape that as a teenage girl she met Kalejs in the small town of Talsi.

"He was just a normal man," the woman said. "Good looking at that time ... Normal, just normal."

The hearing continues on June 24.

Stay sought in Nemsila case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The fallout from a letter sent to the Chief Justice of the Federal Court by a senior Justice Department official continues to spread.

Last week, lawyers representing alleged Nazi war criminal Josef Nemsila filed a court motion requesting a stay of proceedings in his deportation case.

The move came as Federal Court Judge Bud Cullen was in the midst of considering a stay motion in a case involving three other alleged Nazi war criminals — Johanne Dueck, Helmut Oberlander and Erichs Tobiass.

Both stay motions, which if successful would bring the cases to a close, arose out of a letter sent by Ted Thompson, assistant deputy justice minister, to Federal Chief Justice Julius Isaac complaining about the slow pace of proceedings in the Dueck/Oberlander/Tobiass case. Associate Chief Justice James Jerome was the presiding judge in that case as well as in the Nemsila case.

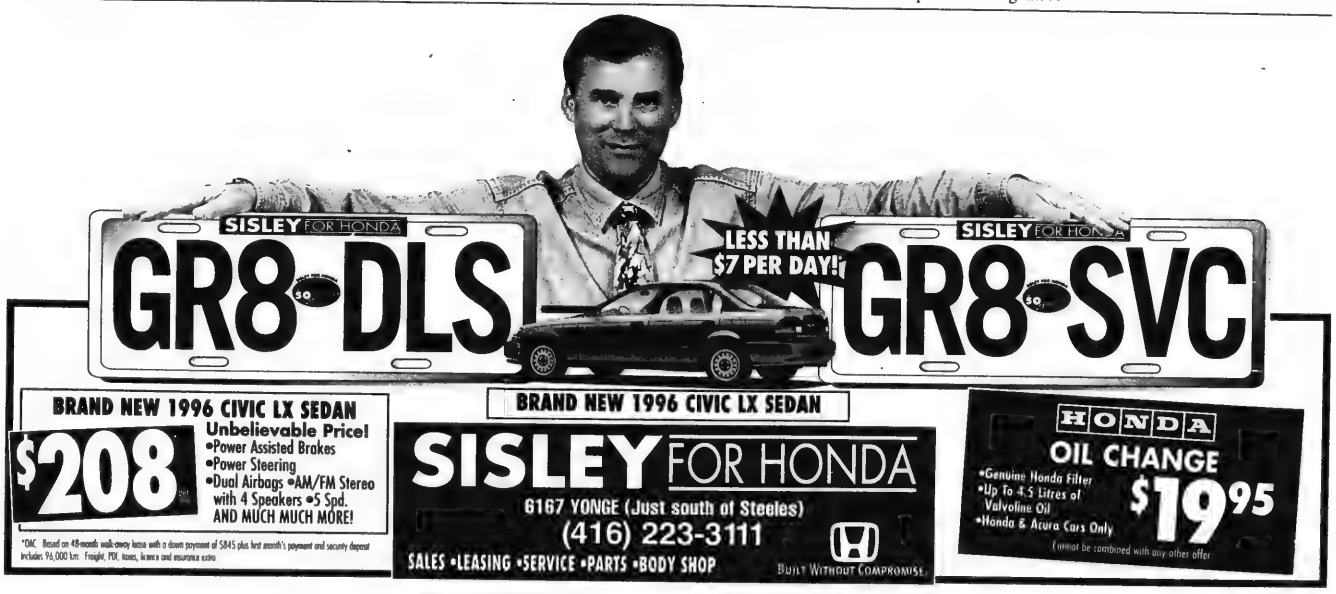
The letter — and Isaac's subsequent discussions with Jerome — constituted an interference in the independence of the judiciary, argued Barbara Jackman and Ronald Poulton, Nemsila's lawyers.

"A reasonable person ... would view the interventions by the assistant deputy attorney general as an attempt to influence the Federal Court in matters within the administrative and adjudicative domain of the court," their motion states.

The alleged impropriety took place last March when Thompson wrote to Isaac, complaining about the slow pace of proceedings in the case involving the three alleged war criminals. Thompson suggested that unless the tempo picked up, the cases would be referred to the Supreme Court.

Isaac subsequently discussed the issue with Jerome and later told Thompson that Jerome had not been aware of the pressing nature of the cases.

Lawyers for the three alleged war criminals were first to bring a motion for a stay, arguing judicial independence was at stake. Justice Department lawyer Christopher Amerasinghe is scheduled to resume his counter-arguments when court reconvenes this week.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ORT merges men's, women's groups

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — ORT Canada, the recent amalgamation of Women's Canadian ORT and Men's Canadian ORT, will hold its founding convention in Toronto this October,

National executive director of ORT Canada, Diane Uslaner, said the amalgamation, which officially took place in January, had been in the works for two years.

"A gender neutral group made sense," she said, "because it confused the public to have two separate organizations. As well, we are on the verge of the 21st century and it just seemed redundant to have two organizations working towards the same goal. Toronto ORT and Montreal ORT are now also gender neutral."

Having two separate organizations was an anachronism of 50 years ago, when women did not work and had a lot of time for volunteer activities, Uslaner said.

"The reality now is that everyone works and most have little time for volunteerism. When they do have time, they should work together."

The changeover has been challenging but has gone well, she said.

Organization has drastically reduced expenses

"The donors appreciate it because in reality, the average Jew is inundated with requests for help and many of these requests double or even triple the same cause.

"As well, charities have to carefully manage their expenses, and having two organizations doubled the money we had to put out. We have now drastically reduced expenses by saving on such things as office space and staff."

Men and women in ORT chapters across Canada, from Halifax to Victoria, now meet together to plan fundraising events to support its system of worldwide technological schools.

"Our 800 schools operate in 27 countries, spread out over six continents. By working together, we have a more focused ORT raising money, in order to bring technical expertise into various and often farflung Jewish communities such as Bombay or Latin America. Isolated communities can also access ORTnet through the Internet. Users can talk with ORT students, study for their bar mitzvah, take some courses — any number of things," Uslaner said.

"We still do have certain events geared for men or women, but we are getting more into direct solicitation, which is the modern way of raising funds because it is easier and quicker. Direct or staged events are more costly and labor intensive, but they are still important because they build team spirit. By working on these events, volunteers bond with the organization and attract people who might otherwise not have heard of us. Both methods are an important part of fundraising."

The convention, which will take place at the Park Plaza Hotel from Oct. 18 to 20, will feature a talk by Ellen Isler, director general of World ORT Union in London, England, and a tribute to all past national presidents. For information, call ORT Canada 787-0339.

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Barely 24 hours later

Barely 24 hours after the results of the Israeli elections had been announced, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad travelled to Cairo to discuss the aftermath with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

In what can only be described as a truly surrealistic inversion of reality and myth, the kind for which Assad and all despots are famous, he complained to the media that "things are not going ahead in a positive direction." But as Warren Christopher has made plain, had Assad only wanted, he could have concluded a comprehensive agreement with the Labor-led government months before the election. That an agreement was not reached was proof that he did not want one.

From the Assads of the world such belligerent behavior is not surprising, although it is still disheartening. But when Jewish communal organizations are quick to condemn the newly elected prime minister we are both surprised and saddened. On June 5, *The CJN* received a press release whose very first sentence proclaims that "the victory of Benjamin Netanyahu ... represents a serious setback for peace." Even before Netanyahu has appointed a cabinet or announced a single governmental policy, the accusations fly. In the transition between governments is there any room for unity?

Not yet convinced

The Reform party concluded a four-day policy conference last week in Vancouver. It was designed to demonstrate Preston Manning's firm grip on a political party which is moderate, tolerant, widely-based, ready to govern and worthy of voter confidence. We are convinced about Manning but not yet about his party.

The party's platform stands essentially on three planks: drastic cuts in taxes while promising to quickly eliminate the deficit, stringent law and order, and a national unity policy based upon the radical decentralization of the federal system. Delegates to the conference displayed considerable passion for their policies, but few details. The issues and problems which Canada faces are complicated. Simplistic responses more closely resemble slogans than they do solutions. But more troubling than the simplistic platform is the fact that it still seems propped up by negativism, resentment and scapegoating. The Reform party must offer a vision of the country which is positive, which casts light rather than blame, which points at new directions rather than at scapegoats, which stands *for* something rather than *against* everything. The difference is not simply a matter of nuance or of emphasis. It is one of outlook and inheritance.

Rumor of a death

As of this writing, the reports are still unconfirmed. But last week, rumors emanating from Thailand claimed that 68-year-old Pol Pot, the leader of the Khmer Rouge, the communist guerrilla forces of Cambodia, had died from a malaria-related illness. In 1975, Pot's forces emerged victorious from a civil war, only to be overthrown three years later. Between 1975 and 1978, Pot's Khmer Rouge killed more than two million Cambodians. A mere 30 years after the fires were put out in Europe's crematoria, the fields of Cambodia ran red with the torrent of blood from another attempted genocide. And less than 20 years after that – Rwanda and Bosnia. If it is true that the sower of Cambodia's killing fields has died, then the metaphysics of the earth has been altered by one less measure of immeasurable evil. But this reduction yields no cosmic balance of justice or restored harmony to those sorrowful fields. Now, as then, the fields are a metaphor. The mind cannot grasp what was done to human beings, what was taken from human dignity and what pierced the human heart, there on the fields in Cambodia. The only significance of Pol Pot's death is, alas, his death.

WISDOM OF THE AGES
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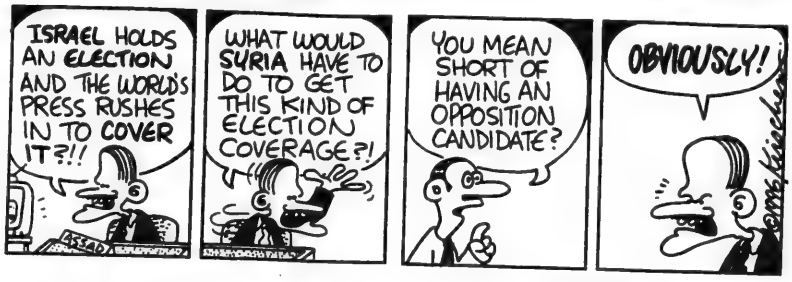
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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
June 14, 1934: When Jewish intern Sam Rabinovitch was appointed to Montreal's Notre Dame Hospital, a strike broke out at five local French hospitals. The strike ended when he resigned on June 18. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Time to take a deep breath

This is a moment of wondering for Israel, and we must therefore all take a deep breath. Let us welcome the new Israeli prime minister and hope for the success of a new and very different government. Let us also remember and honor a great man and patriot, Shimon Peres.

Jordan L. Himel
Toronto

Respect results of Israeli vote

This is not the first time we are seing an unholy aliance between right-wing nationalists and the religious. Historical precedents of this kind of coalition are not very promising. There is a price to be paid for each member's support and it is the secular Israeli public which will sign the cheques.

Israel voted and the results are to be respected. Our fervent hopes and good wishes are with the people of Israel.

Shlomo Salamon
Toronto

Election results worry social democrat

Social democrats in Israel, of both religious and secular camps, are facing a rude awakening. Recent discussions with my relatives in Israel have brought to my attention some disturbing developments that may come to pass as a result of the new political dynamic in Israel, the overpowering control of religious fundamentalism.

As Canadian Jews and Quebecois, we well understand the fear of having our legitimate rights under attack. We must raise our voices in protest should the principles of human rights, integrity and general mentshlechkeit be eroded in Israel.

The tenets of social democracy find their roots in the Torah. As Jews we must see that religious authorities in Israel are held to both the letter and spirit of the Torah.

Shara Rosen
Montreal

Rabbi Lau visited Vancouver in 1995

Re: May 9 Montreal edition article on Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, David Lazarus incorrectly asserts that Rabbi Lau's visit to Montreal was his first to Canada. It was not. Rabbi Lau visited Vancouver last year and among other things, addressed Congregation Shaare Tzedek.

Brian Schreiber
Vancouver

Artist praises editor Bill Abrams

Bill Abrams has left *Viewpoints* and it is a loss to all of us. One of the items that I personally appreciated was the use of artists' drawings. Many Montreal artists got pleasure from seeing visual art integrated with writing, not as illustrations but as independant ideas.

We shall miss his intellectual honesty and his sensitivity.

Ghitta Caiserman-Roth
Montreal

Judaism needs rediscovery, not new identity

Re "Seaching For a New Jewish Identity" by Ilan Gewurz (*CJN*, May 16).

The comment that "Today ... a generation that has never known any threat to its existence is being raised ... the external enemy is no longer a threat," is indeed a mistaken perception of reality. I am part of this so-called generation, and believe me, I have seen the works of groups and individuals who would have no trouble repeating what Hitler set out to do.

Do Jewish people want our culture to survive and if so for what reason? To discover the true essence of what it means to be Jewish, is to appreciate the various Judaisms that comprise this great culture. Understanding how they have developed and how they have survived is vital knowledge for every Jew.

In order to resolve to strengthen the very core of these Judaisms, we must concentrate on three important aspects: the Jewish people, the Jewish homeland and the spiritual quest towards God.

There is no search for a "new identity," but a rediscovery of what already exists.

Howard Gontovnick
Montreal

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Perspectives

The music my parents played

By BERNARD J. SHAPIRO

What one becomes as a person, what one is as an active adult, is, of course, the result of many considerations. There are considerations of genes — the genetic recipe which determines so much of what we are — physically and intellectually. There are the considerations of environment — whether of family, of history, of neighborhood, of language, of class or of culture. There are the considerations of value — ethical norms and/or religious commitments. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there are the wonderfully unpredictable ways in which all of these considerations interact with each other to produce an adult not only with knowledge, not only with an occupation, not only with family and community ties, but also with unique characteristics of personality, of mind and of will.

Self-knowledge of one's own unique character is, of course, notoriously difficult to achieve, and I would not pretend to have done so myself. Clearly, the way in which I see and understand myself may not be the way in which others — whether those with whom I am intimately involved or those who have both the advantages and disadvantages of distance — perceive me. Nevertheless, I find it both interesting and stimulating to reflect on how it is that I have become myself, what is it that I learned from my life experience that continues to enrich and inform both what I am today and what I may become tomorrow.

One of my nieces, now a mature woman with a family of her own, once — as a young mother — remarked to me: "My God, I have become my mother!" This simply reflected the common human experience of on the one hand needing to separate ourselves from our parents and establish identities independent of them, and on the other hand recognizing how much, in the final analysis, we are, each of us, an inescapable product of what our parents are or were.

As I reflect on my own development, I want — more and more — to celebrate my parents, if only so as to recognize that the songs I sing are in so many ways a result of the music they played.

Their music was — in a way — primarily Jewish music. It is not that either of them was particularly observant in terms of Halachah. It was simply that both my father, a widowed immigrant from Wlodava who died almost 40 years ago, and my mother, a native Montrealer of immigrant parents who is, happily, alive and well to this day, understood themselves as Jews in a way that included moderate religious observance but was certainly not limited to it. Indeed, for them, being Jewish was not simply or even primarily a question of either the Ten Commandments and/or the 613 mitzvot. It was, perhaps even more importantly, a rather comprehensive culture thought by them to be "Jewish" in its nature, but which was, in fact, much more broadly based. It was a culture which assumed Judaism (including the need to be proud of it) and which included religious understandings and practices, but which also comprised a whole range of other commitments to what were understood (they were rarely actually stated) as appropriate attitudes toward family, toward education, toward social class and status, toward non-Jews and other Jews.

That is, in the home in which I grew up, the biblical covenant was never discussed. It was simply assumed that as Jews, we had no choice but to live — however imperfectly — both with the covenant and, in some never fully articulated sense, with the ambiguities — not to say contradictions — of Judaism as a religion of obedience as well as a regime of moral commitment. If Judaism in this sense was, as one commentator has suggested, a "hardship post," especially in 20th century Montreal where both my brother and I were expected by our parents to succeed, compromises were welcome. Indeed, they were assumed to be necessary. Judaism as a fully distinct, separate community was regarded as archaic, a relic — not dishonorable but nonetheless a relic — of an immigrant past with its own sentiments but with few really pleasant memories.

I grew up in comfortable if not opulent surroundings in Montreal and I was given the most fortunate of upbringings — security both financially and emotionally as well as the best (and often the most expensive) education of which my parents could conceive.

The heritage of Judaism was, for me, complex and ambiguous in the face of what was, again for me, a dawning modernity. It was not and is not entirely clear that modern Jewish culture and religious expression can be brought together with the talmudic tradition; and Maimonides' faith that the "new" learning will, in the final analysis, sustain the truths of the Torah remains to be demonstrated. I seemed, however, to "know" this without ever calling into question either my identity as a Jew or the conviction that such status was — in some communal sense — glorious even if it was obviously not much appreciated by either my Hampstead neighborhood or my schoolmates at Lower Canada College.

This ambiguity — almost schizophrenic — was, nevertheless, of a piece with the rest of my experience. Whether or not it is true that opposites attract, my parents were fascinatingly different from each other. They were both, it is true, absolutely reliable in a "pinch," and they were both devoted to their children, but as it turned out, in quite different ways. My father was older — the age of my friends' grandparents — more tolerant of human shortcomings, not frequently at home, extremely liberal with regard to the behavior patterns of teenagers, interested in my successes but not focused on them, and although apparently comfortable with himself as a Jew, this did not translate into any substantial formal religious observance. For him, Judaism was a combination of actual fact (he was born a Jew) and certain moral imperatives, not infrequently rather iconoclastic ones.

My mother was younger, decidedly judgmental on almost all issues, vitally concerned with religious observance in the home and community outside of it, focused almost entirely on both her own education (neither she nor my father had been able to finish high school) and, more particularly, on my education and that of my twin brother Harold. She was more than fully committed to the notion of family in the very extended sense, and her standards of behavior, especially for her two sons, were both high and incredibly clear. We were, after all, her career in more than the casual sense, and to us she directed both her time and her energy. My father was — for most of his life — a professional gambler. His associates were not those of either the country club or, indeed, the Jewish establishment, either financially, religious or intellectual. My mother was, I must admit, equally clever and certainly more intellectual, but she was also much more conventional.

What a rich symphony of character, personality and experience this provided! I did not have to leave home to recognize something of the range of choice available in adult behaviors. However, it also resulted in certain anomalies, which in retrospect seem as schizophrenic as our religious experience.

We — acknowledged Jews — lived in the suburb of Hampstead, a neighborhood in those days with very few Jewish families and an elementary school which did not admit Jewish children. Further, in terms of schooling, I attended (and enjoyed) Lower Canada College, in those days a bastion of the anglo- (and Anglican) Protestant establishment. The rest of the time, however, I lived almost entirely within the Montreal Jewish community, whether at Hebrew school or at the Shaar Hashomayim's Junior Congregation or in various youth groups, or with a warm and almost hyperactive family of aunts, uncles and cousins, including, apparently without distinction, those who were once, twice or three times removed.

Perhaps, it all had something to do with the wonderfully schizophrenic character of Montreal in that era. I understood — probably only vaguely — that Montreal was, in fact, a francophone community, but with the exception of my mother's housekeepers, I lived entirely in an anglophone environment. My parents often spoke Yiddish to each other, and they always did so with my grandmother. On the other hand, my brother and I were neither expected not encouraged to learn this language despite the richness of its history and its literature. Although as I have mentioned, neither of my parents had been able to complete high school, it was taken for granted that had they had the opportunity, they would have been stellar scholars, and that since I was to have the opportunity, I would actually be one. No one, to my knowledge, either wished or expected that I would pursue an academic career — business and/or the professions were the only futures discussed. Doing well at school and at university, however, was seen as both the symbol of the possibilities of life and the discipline we were expected to bring to all of our endeavors.

Finally, I was given to understand that anti-Semitism — although not necessarily its particularly virulent forms then being acted out in Nazi Germany — was an existential fact of life in a flawed world, perhaps an unconscious reflection of the teachings of the Zohar, but at the same time, I was assumed — with minimal actual evidence — to have both the talent and the inner strength to "make it" in "their" world.

The wonderful thing about my parents' music was the ground that it seems to cover — the range of style, of history, of imagination that it included. My father's songs were from the *shtetl*, leavened by the experiences of what for him actually was the *goldene medina.* My mother's first language was Yiddish, her second French, with English only a later third. Nevertheless, she brought me the possibilities of Beethoven and Verdi. That it all did not actually hang together in some coherent way seemed to me then and seems to me now to reflect to real messiness, the unpredicitability, the uncertainty, but the richness of life. I thought, indeed, that I had in some admittedly limited sense both seen and understood it all.

Then I met the woman who has been my wife for almost 40 years and I knew then, as I know now, that despite the undeserved but wonderful good fortune of my beginning, there was much more music still to come.

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Opinions

Exploring Bulawayo's Jewish community

By Viva Press

My sister Elissa and I arrived in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, on a Monday afternoon. We travelled together with villagers and townsfolk on a crowded bus from Masvingo, a town about four hours away.

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second city, means in Ndebele, Place of Slaughter, in reference to fierce battles for succession that took place there in the late 19th century.

Both modern and colonial-era buildings line the wide and gridded city streets, offering a marked contrast to Harare, the capital, where new buildings have replaced the old.

After several hours of footing it in downtown Bulawayo, we decided to return to the youth hostel where we were staying. A resting place. Not as comfortable as our cousin's home in Harare, but very adequate, and equipped with decent beds and functional hot water showers.

The sun was setting, the sky was brilliant with color and the streets were filling up with the locals who had just finished another day's work. And it was also almost six o'clock.

The Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation Synagogue was only five blocks from the hostel. Would it be open on a Monday evening? We walked along Robert Mugabe Way to Eighth Avenue and then down Jason Moyo Street to the corner of Third Avenue.

And then we saw it — a soft blue building on the North East corner of Third and Moyo.

We were just in time for Minchah. But the two guards in front of the shul wouldn't let us in. These impressive officials remained unmoved by our petitioning until one of the congregants arrived. When we introduced ourselves, he was more than happy to welcome us into the shul. And gratified that were there.

It's a good thing Elissa and I are fairly fluent in Hebrew and could follow the rattling pace at which the service progressed. The rabbi wasn't present, and the 14 of us whizzed through Minchah, the davening led by an elderly congregant whose name we never did find out. But we know he is 97 years old.

After the service, my sister and I became the focus of attention. There was much excitement when the 12 congregants found out that we were from Canada. Barrages of questions followed in quick succession. Did we know their friends and family in Toronto, in Winnipeg, in Montreal, in Vancouver? Elissa recognized a few family names, and I knew a couple as well. But in all the flurry of responding to the strings of names thrown at us, we realized afterwards that we had not caught any of the congregants' names.

Bulawayo once boasted more than 10,000 Jews. Now only 200 Jews remain. The huge Bulawayo Synagogue has a balcony that encircles the main sanctuary with its centre bimah and 52 aisles. And this Orthodox shul, designed to seat more than 1,000 people, serves as a reminder of the flourishing and populous Jewish community who lived in this southern African city until the early 60s.

Underneath a blue wall clock with gold colored Hebrew letters taking the place of numbers is a bookcase filled with Hebrew texts that include the siddurim we used for Minchah, siddurim from the Artscroll Editions used for all services.

At the front of the Sanctuary, the ark is covered with a conventional dark red velvet curtain.

The shul reminded me of the one I had visited in Rhodes, Greece, in the summer of 1994. Both shuls, like many others in Europe and southern Africa, serve as reminders of the large communities who once worshipped there.

Although the community has dwindled appreciably, the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation still has a minyan every day, seven days a week.

And surprisingly, the Hebrew day school in Bulawayo still exists. This school, like its counterpart in Harare, now has a largely non-Jewish student body. Together with the Jewish students, who are in a minority, all the students at the Bulawayo Hebrew Day School learn Hebrew. In the Harare school, only the Jewish students learn Hebrew. But at both schools, in Bulawayo and in Harare, all the students, Jewish and non-Jewish, get instruction in Jewish studies.

Throw it out! For what?

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The signs are everywhere, from high school to university to everyday life. Everything that's old (whatever that means) is deemed obsolete. Except for antiques, things are judged not for their usefulness but by their age. That wouldn't be so bad — after all, that's what fuels our economy, which thrives on obsolescence. The real problem is that this phenomenon affects relationships as well. The soaring divorce rate is the prime example of this development, as is the fact that employment is increasingly no longer full time and bonds of loyal service are thrown on the ashheap of obsolescence, like things.

Or look at our educational enterprise. One of the least popular subjects, which only a few years ago reigned first in interest, is history. Students shy away from it today because it has no apparent pragmatic value. What can you do with history?

When I grew up, it was a given that learning ancient history and Latin were part of a person's education: the one because it helped us to understand who we were and the other because it helped us to understand the language we spoke. No more. Today not even the simplest essentials of Latin are understood. Ask someone what the singular of alumni is or the plural of alumna and don't be shocked at the answer.

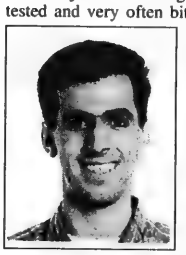
The anti-classical trend shows itself in more important areas than the singular or plural of words. History of any and all kinds is disappearing from our schools. Why learn something about centuries long gone when it is so tough to absorb all the material one needs for getting by today?

If all this is happening around us, is it a surprise that we Jews too are affected by it, and with a vengeance at that? Why study the Jewish past when anyone's past is "useless" and when being educated in the old-fashioned sense makes no sense at all to a pragmatic generation?

No one is as deeply affected by these trends as is the Jewish community, both in the Diaspora and in Israel. There, at least, the very land reminds people of ages gone by, but even there, archeology (which yesterday was a favorite subject of Israelis) has lost its shine amongst the majority of people. The Bible itself — the very textbook of Israel — is becoming a closed book. An Israeli journalist told me the other day that ignorance was spreading at such a pace that a significant portion of the population, all raised in Israeli schools and all having studied biblical texts, were no longer able to mention the five books of the Torah or recite two of the Ten Commandments.

Where does that leave us who are struggling to maintain our Jewishness in the Diaspora? Those who say that they don't care and have more "important" things to do are heading straight into Jewish oblivion and into the arms of total assimilation. So it is up to the rest of us to become more literate, more interested, more caring about our heritage, because without our heritage we Jews are nothing and might as well forget about who we are and why we still cling to some vestiges of tradition.

Comparing the vote in Israel and Quebec



By Eliezer Brodt

For the Montreal Jewish community, it felt, as Yogi Berra once put it, like deja vu all over again — a hotly contested and very often bitter political campaign drawing to a close with analysts unable to predict the outcome; entire families spending their evening glued to the TV newscasts anxiously awaiting the results; preliminary reports indicating that one side was leading, only to have those reports reversed as the night wore on; and finally, a winner being crowned by a razor-thin majority of less than one percentage point.

Indeed, many analogies can be drawn between the just-completed Israeli elections and last year's Quebec referendum. Personally, such a comparison takes me back to a sunny Friday afternoon in late October 1995, when most of my classmates and I shoved our casebooks aside and merrily raced down Peel Street to join over 100,000 fellow Canadians in a rally for national unity. Never before had I felt so proudly patriotic at being a Canadian as I did that afternoon. The crowd sang, chanted and waved flags in an unbridled expression of love for Canada and Quebec. Among the many national flags I saw that day, one particularly caught my attention: a blue and white Magen David standing inconspicuously among a sea of Maple Leafs and Fleurs-de-Lis. Cute.

Unfortunately, the next time I saw an Israeli flag on the corner of Peel and Rene-Levesque the occasion was far different. A mere eight days after that rally and five days after the agonizingly close referendum vote, Montreal Jews had to deal with another crisis: Yitzhak Rabin's murder by a fellow Jew. That night after Shabbat, about 300 people (mostly university students) gathered at the same intersection in a sombre, gut-wrenching vigil outside the Israeli Consulate. Several students draped Israeli flags around their backs but were too numb from grief to wave them. As a local rabbi spoke about the need for Jewish unity and reconciliation, the irony hit me. Last week we were joyously and boisterously rallying for Canadian unity. This week we were standing at the very same corner, tearfully and quietly praying for Jewish unity.

Roller-coaster of emotions

For the Jews in our city who favored Benjamin Netanyahu and Likud's peace policies over those of Shimon Peres and Labor, watching last week's electoral results unfold produced a roller-coaster of emotions that paralleled those felt on Referendum night. The early exit polls placing the Yes side and Peres in the lead were greeted with dismay and appreciation. This was gradually replaced with guarded optimism as the No votes and Netanyahu slowly closed the gap and then took the lead. Finally, a crescendo of relief and euphoria was felt as the final results were announced. Of course, for those who were hoping to see Peres re-elected the roller-coaster was reversed — happiness slowly gave way to despondency.

And therein lies a critical difference between the two events. While our community was almost unanimously united in our support for federalism during the referendum, we seemed quite divided when it came to the Israeli elections, just as Israeli society itself was. However, perhaps this rift is not nearly as wide as the journalists and pundits would have us believe. Regardless of where we may fall on the political spectrum, Israeli and Montreal Jews all long for Israel to enjoy real peace coupled with real security. We only disagree on the best path to travel for Israel to reach that goal.

Sensing the need to unite the country, Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu declared in his victory speech: "I call on all the public in Israel, those who voted for me and those who didn't, and I say to you, I plan to be the prime minister of everyone without any exception." Montreal Jewry hopes he succeeds and yearns for our local political leaders to adopt the same credo.

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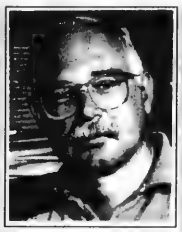
The Kirshner File

Goldhagen's study is remarkable but flawed



By Sheldon Kirshner

Surprisingly little attention has been paid to the perpetrators in Holocaust literature. Several years ago, the void was partially filled by Christopher Browning in *Ordinary Men*, and by Ernst Klee, Willi Dressner and Volker Riess in *Those Were The Days*. But with the publication of Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's *Hitler's Willing Executioners* (Random House, $39.95), this neglected topic is invested with new, sombre meaning.

Quite simply, Goldhagen's book — a refined and expanded spinoff of his PhD thesis — is a remarkable, though flawed, achievement. It may well change our understanding of the role ordinary Germans played in the implementation of the Holocaust and of the nature of anti-Semitism in Germany.

Until now, countless historians have told us that such factors as indifference, coercion, blind obedience, social and psychological pressures and occupational ambition accounted for the willingness of Germans to brutalize and murder Jews.

But to Goldhagen, a Harvard professor, conventional explanations are insufficient, as they ignore, deny or minimize the importance of the perpetrators' moral values and conception of their Jewish victims.

"My explanation — which is new to the scholarly literature on the perpetrators — is that the perpetrators, 'ordinary Germans,' were animated by ... a particular type of anti-Semitism that led them to conclude that the Jews ought to die," writes Goldhagen.

Rejecting previous theories, Goldhagen claims that the vast majority of Germans shared Hitler's malevolent view of the Jews. Furthermore, he argues, German society was thoroughly permeated with anti-Semitism. "Essentially, in Germany during the Nazi period, anti-Semitism was shouted from the rooftops."

Nazi anti-Semitism, stoked to a fever pitch by the state, was the culmination of centuries of demonization of the Jew as an alien body. Like the historian Paul Lawrence Rose (*Revolutionary Anti-Semitism in Germany From Kant to Wagner*), Goldhagen observes that even 19th century German liberals who were in favor of Jewish emancipation were infected by anti-Semitic attitudes.

Unlike incorrigible anti-Semites, they were of the opinion that Jews could be reformed, provided they renounced Judaism completely, integrated themselves fully into German society and, in effect, disappeared. As a result of this pressure, a significant number of culturally prominent Jews converted to Christianity.

The onset of racial anti-Semitism, which defined Jews as a nation rather than as a religious community, rendered conversion almost irrelevant. Race meant not only that Jews could never become Germans. It also condemned Jews as permanent enemies of the German people. By this logic, Jews had to be eliminated, root and branch, from German society. According to Goldhagen, this sentiment was "extremely widespread" as the 20th century dawned.

But if this is true, why were non-converted Jews able to achieve such prominence in the arts and sciences and in politics? And why was the mixed marriage rate so high? Goldhagen fails to answer these questions satisfactorily. However, he does point out, correctly, that German Jews continued to suffer from systemic disabilities and slights, and that their social position remained precarious right up to World War I.

Goldhagen states that virtually every major institution and group in the Weimar Republic, from universities and the military to professional associations and political parties, was contaminated by anti-Semitism. And while this assertion contains elements of the truth, Goldhagen offers no conclusive proof that "nearly every political group in the country shunned the Jews."

Neither is Goldhagen on firm ground when he states that the Nazis' eliminationist program was supported by every class in German society, not just the so-called "rabble." True, even anti-Nazi clergymen and members of the ineffectual resistance movement wallowed in the swamp of anti-Semitism, as Goldhagen shows. But does this mean that they sought to drive the Jews out of Germany?

Goldhagen is right when he reminds us that only once — during the Rosenstrasse affair — was there a big public protest by Germans on behalf of Jews. Yet I am far from certain that, as he maintains, the deportations of German Jews "were, with some exceptions, greatly popular among the populace." He cites but one example, glibly assuming that universal conclusions can be drawn from a single, albeit powerful, incident.

Goldhagen does not ignore those Germans who, at risk to their own lives, helped Jews by hiding them. But he quickly adds that they were not representative of the larger German population.

Tracing the evolution of Nazi Germany's anti-Semitic policy, Goldhagen charts its development

Daniel Jonah Goldhagen

from an emphasis on isolating the Jews and encouraging them to emigrate to a devilish calculation that a final solution to the "Jewish problem" lay in genocide.

Germany's genocidal campaign against Jews began with the invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941. The task was initially assigned to mobile killing units, or *Einsatzgruppen*. The second phase of the Nazis' murderous program was launched a year later with the building of death camps in Poland, the demographic centre of European Jewry.

The camps, ranging from Auschwitz to Sobibor, were primarily guarded by the Order Police, many of whose recruits had no special affiliation with Hitlerian institutions like the Nazi party or the SS. Apart from fulfilling these duties, the Order Police engaged in anti-partisan warfare, fought alongside the *Wehrmacht* and participated in the mass killing of Jews.

As Goldhagen explains in his meticulous analysis, the Order Police, with a membership of 19,000, was not strictly a Nazi institution. Due to the selection process, it was composed mainly of older family men, of reservists who generally were more personally independent and less Nazified than the average German policeman or soldier. And yet, they easily became putty in the Nazis' hands, or as Goldhagen puts it, "genocidal executioners," who took part in the slaughter of tens of thousands of Jews in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Relying on primary documents gathered in Germany, Goldhagen describes the crimes of the Order Police in chilling detail, going far beyond the research conducted by Christopher Browning in *Ordinary Men*, the landmark study of one of its units, battalion 101.

In next week's column, I will deal with this subject and related subjects as I conclude my review of Goldhagen's troubling tome.

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דער אָוונט פאַר דעם יובילאָר איז איינגעאָרדנט געוואָרן דורך דער „מאַקס און ביטריס וואָלף ביבליאָטעק" ביי דער „בית צדק" שול אין טאָראָנטאָ צוזאַמען מיטן „קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש" ביי דער יידישער פעדעראַציע פון גרויס טאָראָנטאָ די „יידישע קולטור געזעלשאַפט" און די „פריינד פון יידיש". אָבער מער פון אַלץ איז עס געווען אַ מאַניפעסטאַציע פאַר מאַמע-לשון פון אהבי-יידיש. ס'איז באמת געווען וואָרעם אויפן האַרצן, ווען מען האָט געזען דעם גרויסן עולם שטראָמען דורכן אַריינגאַנג. מען האָט כסדר צוגעשטעלט רייען מיט בענקלעך. צום סוף האָבן אויסגעפעלט זיץ-פּלעצער און אַ צאָל אָוועזנדיקע איז געווען געצוואונגען צו שטיין.

צום שבח פון אַראַנזשיר-קאָמיטעט מוז מען זאָגן, אַז דער עולם יידיש-ליבהאָבער איז נישט געווען אַנטוישט. מיט איינצלנע אויסנאַמען איז דער אָוונט געפירט געוואָרן אין דער יידישער שפּראַך. מען האָט רעציטירט, געזונגען און גערעדט אין יידיש. חוץ דעם האָט מען געקענט הערן די יידישע שפּראַך צווישן פאַרזאַמלטן עולם. דאָס אַליין האָט שוין אונטערגעשטראָכן די אַנדערשקייט פון אָט-דער שמחה. זעלטן ווען ווערט איינגעאָרדנט אַזאַ פייערונג, וואו די הויפּט-שפּראַך איז יידיש. לויט מיין מיינונג באַוויזט דאָס ווידער אַמאָל, אַז מ'דאַרף זיך נישט צוהערן צו די „קדיש"-זאָגערס, „אל מלא רחמים"-מאַכערס און „קינות"-באַוויינערס.

איצט צום בעל-יובל: ווער איז שמחה סימכאָוויטש? איך גלויב, אַז ביים איצטיקן מאָמענט דאַרפט איר שוין וויסן דעם ענטפער. איר האָט עס דאָך באַוויזן ביי דער פייערלעכער אונטערנעמונג, וואָס איז איינגעאָרדנט געוואָרן לכבוד אים. אויב אָבער איר געדענקט נישט, וועל איך אויפפרישן אייער זכרון. ס'איז נישט גרינג צו באַצייכענען אים מיט איין וואָרט, אָדער מיט איין שורה. סימכאָוויטש איז אַ ייד, אַ פּאָעט, אַ דיכטער, אַ שרייבער, אַ ליטעראַטור-קריטיקער און אַ מחבר פון ביכער. כאָטש זיינע ערשטע ליטעראַרישע טריט האָט ער געמאַכט אין דער יידישער שפּראַך, און דאָס איז נאָך עד היום זיין באַליבסטער שרייבערישער בוי-מאַטעריאַל, האָט ער אויך געשאַפן אין עברית און אין ענגליש. אין אַלע דריי שפּראַכן איז ער אויסגעצייכנט, כ'מוז אָבער צוגעבן, אַז אין יידיש איז ער אָמבעסטן, ווי מען זאָגט: אין יידיש „איז ער אינדערהיים". איך מיין, אַז ס'איז טאַקע אים צו פאַרדאַנקען, וואָס יידיש האָט געשפּילט אַזאַ פּראָמינענטע ראָל ביי דער פייערונג.

שמחה איז אַ באַשיידענער מענטש, רעדט שטיל און איז זייער פריינד-לעך. ער נעמט אָנטייל אין אַלע ליטעראַריש-קולטורעלע געזעלשאַפטן, אָבער קיינמאָל זיך נישט געשטופּט צום „בענקל". כאָטש ער איז אַ געוויגער פון אַ צאָל וויכטיקע פּרעמיעס, אַריינגערעכנט די „י. י. סיגאַל פּרעמיע", טראָגט ער זיי נישט אויפן לאַץ („לאַפּעל" בלע"ז), כדי זיך צו באַוויזן. ער האָלט דווקא פונעם זאָג: „יהללוּךָ זר ולא פיך" — „זאָלן אַנדערע דיך לויבן". ווערט ער טאַקע געלויבט פון יעדן איינעם, וואָס איז באַקאַנט אָדער וואָס באַקענט זיך מיט זיינע שאַפונגען, מיט זיין מענטשלעכקייט.

מען זאָגט ביי יידן: „הכל תלוי במזל" — אַלץ הענגט אָפּ פון מזל. קען מען מיט זיכערקייט זאָגן, אַז אונדזער שטאָט טאָראָנטאָ איז געבענטשט מיט מזל, וואָס נאָך לאַנגע יאָרן און ווייטע מרחקים פון וואַנדערן, האָט סימכאָוויטש מיט זיין פאַמיליע זיך איינגעבידגערט ביי אונדז אין שטאָט. מיד דאָ אין טאָראָנטאָ קענען מיט שטאָלץ זאָגן, אַז ער איז אַן איינגענער, אַ „באַש-בראַט", אַ שטעטלשער. פון אָטוואָצק, פּוילן, קיין רוסלאַנד, צוריק קיין פּוילן, נאָכדעם מאָנטרעאָל, אָטאַוואַ, ביז טאָראָנטאָ איז שוין גאָר אַ ווייטער מהלך, אָבער דאָ ביי אונדז איז ער, און דאָ ביי אונדז, האָפן מיר, וועט ער נאָך זיין פאַר אַ סך, אַ סך יאָרן.

צו שפּעט אים צו זאָגן „ברוך הבא", אָבער ס'איז די ריכטיקע צייט אָפּצוגעבן אים אַ האַרציקן מזל-טוב צו זיין 75-סטן געבוירן-טאָג און אים ווינטשן נאָך לאַנגע, געזונטע, שעפערישע יאָרן דאָ ביי אונדז אין טאָראָנטאָ, אין דער שפּראַך, וואָס איז אים אַזוי ליב — יידיש.

Seniors, students knit closer ties

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Every other Monday afternoon, a group of seniors and students take over the staff room at Pleasant Public School in North York.

The seniors, volunteers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, are teaching a Grade 4/5 class how to knit. The two groups sit together knitting needles in hand schmoozing as they knit. They've been meeting since October.

The program, called Knitting Generations Together, is sponsored by United Generations Ontario, an organization dedicated to building positive intergenerational relationships.

"I love working with the children. They're so enthusiastic. It makes me feel good," says Anne Padber. "It's good for us and it's good for them."

"They're great kids," says Muriel Rosen. "It's unbelievable how they've taken to knitting."

"I enjoy spending time with seniors," says Ariel Lipovetzky, a Grade 4 student. "I'm always jumping around and this [knitting] makes me relax."

According to teacher Patti Durkee, the knitting sessions are calming for the students, who are relaxed and open with the seniors. "I just sit back and watch the interaction.

"During a six week hiatus, the children missed the knitting sessions with the seniors," she says. "They're very happy to have the seniors back today."

This is the fourth year Durkee's class has participated in intergenerational programs ranging from crafts to drama with the Bernard Betel Centre.

Knitting Generations Together is one of several intergenerational programs run by the Bernard Betel Centre.

The volunteers have also been meeting with students at Rockford Road Public School, Louis Honore Frechette School in Thornhill and Bialik Hebrew Day School.

They met with Bialik students to compare childhood experience of the two generations, says Rose Cherry, chair of the centre's intergenerational committee.

The students were surprised the seniors grew up in sparse living conditions like homes with one bathroom and phones with party lines, Cherry notes. "You didn't have a room for yourself. We slept three in a bed."

Satisfying work

The intergenerational work is very satisfying, she says. "Some of the children don't have grandparents ... I get enjoyment from helping."

Volunteer Ruth Weiser finds the relationship with the children very rewarding, she says. "I don't have any children or grandchildren. I get to be a bubbie."

Judi Egelnick, intergenerational and community outreach liaison at Bernard Betel has been coordinating the centre's intergenerational programs for the last three years. She is concerned about the lack of funding for intergenerational programming, she says.

"It's in danger. Too bad. They have done unbelievable programs. You have to give them [the seniors] credit for their commitment. They love the kids. They come in the worst slush. Nothing deters them."

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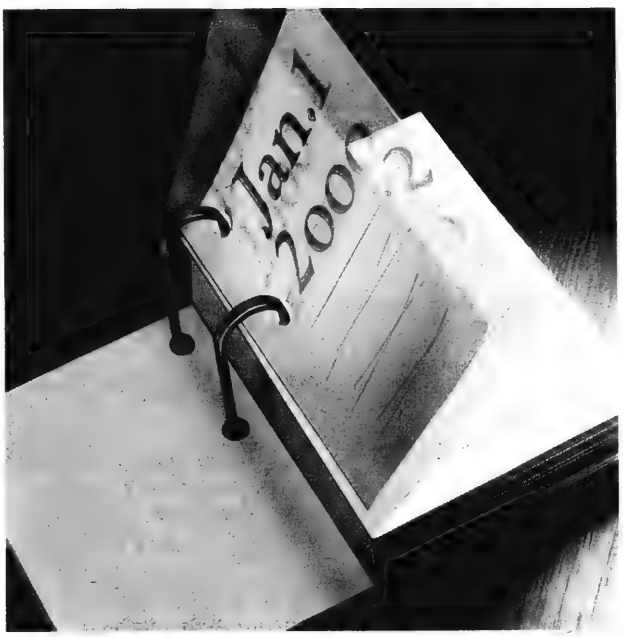

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Canadian women become Reconstructionist rabbis

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in suburban Philadelphia has graduated its first two Canadian women.

Elizabeth Bolton of Montreal and Sarra Levine of Toronto were among 13 graduates to receive the title of rabbi and a master's degree in Hebrew letters at the college's graduation ceremonies last Sunday.

The 39-year-old Rabbi Bolton, who was a well-known social activist and cantor in Toronto before heading to rabbinical school, will become the founding director of the college's new Centre for Jewish Creativity. The post was created especially for her and she will start the job this fall.

Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton

Born in Montreal, she graduated from Concordia University and performed opera with the Studio de Musique Ancienne de Montréal, the Tudor Singers and the Opéra de Montréal.

In Toronto, she served as cantor at Temple Emanu-El and helped create Kol Nashim, an all-female cantorial group, as well as the Chai Project, which promotes awareness of AIDS in the Jewish community. She helped lead High Holy Day services over the past few years at Congregation Darchei Noam.

Both the CBC and TVOntario have produced documentaries on her work as a singer, cantor, teacher and Jewish feminist.

The Centre for Jewish Creativity will focus on the creative aspects of Judaism, including Jewish civilization, art, drama and music. It will promote and develop skills in Jewish story-telling, crafts, writing and the fine arts.

Rabbi Bolton will also serve two small congregations part time, one in New Jersey and the other in Vermont.

She told *The CJN* she would "dearly love" to return to Canada some day.

Rabbi Levine, 32, a Toronto native, is a Bialik and CHAT graduate and earned a BA in religious studies from York University in 1986. She was active in Congregation Beit Haminyan and Hashomer Hatzair.

She became a peace activist and marched across the United States in the Great Peace March of 1986.

As well, she taught adult education classes at the college.

Rabbi Levine told *The CJN* she will continue her studies as a doctoral student in Talmud at New York University, and plans to open what she calls the world's first feminist yeshivah, Bat Kol, in Jerusalem in the summer of 1997.

Rabbi Sarra Levine

Baumel pushes for MiAs' release

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captives still being held in the Bekaa Valley. Her son was photographed (it's blurry and indistinct) in Damascus the day after his capture by PLO forces.

In December 1993, in what was supposed to be a gesture of goodwill, Yasser Arafat handed over half her son's military dogtags and promised more information two weeks later. No further evidence from the Palestinian leader was forthcoming, even though Baumel believes the PLO has "historic information" about her son's fate.

And there has been "extensive intelligence information" — she won't be more specific — that her son is still alive.

Baumel speaks for five of the families of the MiAs. Along with her son, they are the families of Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz, Joseph Fink and Rachamim Alshichi. Ron Arad's family carries on their own campaign for his release. Feldman, Katz and Baumel became MiAs in 1982, the others in two separate incidents in 1986.

Feldman, Katz and Baumel were captured by the PLO, who subsequently lost control over them to pro-Syrian forces. The three other Israeli MiAs are believed to be held by Hezbollah.

While critical of Arafat, Miriam Baumel is also angry at the Israeli government, which in the last few years has released thousands of Palestinian prisoners without receiving any information on the MiAs in return.

Baumel has taken her son's cause around the world, trying to enlist people of goodwill in pushing for his release.

Baumel said she's "indignant" at the lack of effort from Diaspora Jewish communities to help her cause. Canadian Jews, for instance, could press the government, which provides aid to the Palestinians, to seek more information from Arafat about her son and the others.

In Israel, she's heartened by the electoral success of former Soviet Refusenik Natan Sharansky, whose Israel b'Aliyah party garnered seven Knesset seats.

The former dissident told her that even while he was being held in Soviet prisons, "he wasn't worried because he knew the entire world was trying to get him out."

Why aren't there similar efforts for the MiAs, she asked.

In the meantime, she's returning to Israel after her visit to North America and will press the new government to make the release of her son and the other prisoners a precondition for peace.

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By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

Amid the Torah portions this month, we read of the death of Miriam. The verse is concise: "The whole Israelite community arrived ... and the people settled at Kadesh. It was here that Miriam died and here that she was buried."

After the major contributions and dedication of this woman, the end of her life seems to be conveyed in a cold fashion, almost as an afterthought of little significance. Yet by carefully looking at the placement of this verse within the context of the larger chapters, one sees how, even in her death, Miriam blazed new frontiers for the nation to follow.

The chapter immediately preceding Miriam's death gives the rules of the red heifer. This unique animal was rare and once found, was specifically preserved for one ritual. The law dictated that the red heifer was to be taken as a sacrifice and its ashes mixed with water. This prepared water was then used to ritually purify anyone who had come in contact with a corpse.

The Torah is very specific about the necessity for this cleansing: "[Anyone] who fails to be purified shall be cut off from the community." In other words, if a someone comes in contact with a corpse, that person will remain an outcast forever, unless this specific sacrificial ritual is performed.

Immediately after these laws are explained, the Torah tells of the death of Miriam. She is, therefore, the first person whose death can be purified by the sacrifice of the red heifer. Any death previous to hers would have plunged the nation into ritual uncleanliness and resulted in a nation of outcasts.

It is Miriam's death that opens the door for the nation to reconsecrate itself through the red heifer. In fact, the Torah states that the nation "settled at Kadesh." Although Kadesh is the name of a place, it is also the Hebrew word for "holy." The Torah is stating that through the ritual cleansing performed for the first time after Miriam's death, the nation is now able to gain a status of holiness that it could not previously attain.

Water weaves itself through Miriam's life from the first time we see her until her death. She safeguards Moses at the Nile; she leads the women in hymns at the shores of the Red Sea; because of her, a well accompanies the nation through the desert. Even in her death, Miriam provides the opportunity for Israel to sanctify itself and once again become holy. Without the prepared water, the nation would live as outcasts.

If one were to eulogize Miriam, a possible tribute would be to recognize this woman as a model for all Jewish people. Standing at the Nile, she teaches the importance of family. Singing at the Red Sea, she teaches the need to establish a relationship with God. Through Miriam's Well, she teaches the importance of community. When Israel is able to consecrate itself after her death, Miriam sends us her final message: No Jew should be an outcast.

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Dr. Neil Rosenstein of New Jersey has been researching his roots ever since his childhood in South Africa. Born in Cape Town in 1944, he studied medicine there and interned in Israel, but despite the rigors of medical school he never abandoned his family tree research for long. A surgeon, he jokingly describes his medical practice as a hobby that interferes with his genealogy, and compares the genealogical obsession to a malarial fever "that may disappear temporarily but never goes away completely."

The author of a shelf of books relating to rabbinic roots and Jewish genealogy, Rosenstein's magnum opus is *The Unbroken Chain*. First published as a single volume in 1976, the study was extensively reworked and republished in 1990 in two large volumes of about 1,350 pages, with perhaps four times the content of the original.

The Unbroken Chain traces the lineages of many distinguished rabbis, talmudists and prominent Jewish personalities, and shows how their families are linked. Through meticulous research, Rosenstein connects Karl Marx, Helena Rubinstein, Martin Buber, Moses Montefiore, Moses and Felix Mendelssohn and other accomplished Jews. Key branches of the same family tree involve the famous Katzenellenbogen, Auerbach and Landau rabbinical lines.

The figure at the top of the pyramid is Rabbi Meir Katzenellenbogen of Padua (1482-1565), otherwise known as the MaHaRam of Padua, whose descendants gave rise to the Ger, Bobov, Horowitz and other leading chassidic dynasties of 18th-century Europe. Not too surprisingly, there are strong hints of royalty in the family as well. Rabbi Meir's grandson, Saul Wahl Katzenellenbogen, entered Polish folklore in medieval times by allegedly becoming "king for a day" during an inexplicable interregnum of seven months between Polish kings.

Rosenstein is himself connected to the "unbroken chain," since his grandfather was a Katzenellenbogen. This does not put him into exclusive company, however, since he estimates that as many as half a million Jews alive today may claim descendancy from the Padua Rav. Rokeach, Horowitz-Margareten and Rothschild are other prominent names on the same tree.

Rosenstein's other works include *Latter Day Leaders, Sages and Scholars* (*Zichron Le-Acharonim* in Hebrew), a compendium of more than 5,500 Jewish notables born in various localities between the late 18th and the early 20th centuries. With Rabbi C.U. Lipschitz, he co-authored *The Feast and the Fast* (1984), a translation from the Hebrew of portions of the dramatic biography of Rav Yom Tov Lipman Heller, a 17th-century Torah giant, complete with a genealogical appendix and index of more than 1,330 related families. In 1989 he and Charles B. Berstein wrote *From King David to Baron David*, a study of a Rothschild genealogy.

While legends of a descent from King David or Rashi, the medieval Torah commentator, persist in many Jewish families, such undocumented stories are usually problematic and best taken as legend. Rashi's family tree has long been the focus of a scholarly debate in which Rosenstein, not surprisingly, has participated.

Finding an ancestral connection to a noted rabbi is one way that Ashkenazi researchers may sidestep the "brick wall" of about 1800, roughly speaking, before which Jewish communities in Russia, Lithuania, Galicia, Prussian Poland and other regions were not obliged to keep civil records.

Besides the books mentioned above, your rabbinical ancestor may be found in *Otzar Harabanim*, by R. Nathan Zvi Friedman, a biographical encyclopedia listing some 20,000 rabbis from the year 970 to 1970. Or try *Meorei Galicia*, by R. Meir Wunder, an encyclopedia of Galician rabbis and scholars. Easily accessible, the Encyclopedia Judaica also provides extensive rabbinical genealogies, including one for the Besht or Baal Shem Tov.

In centuries past, books written by rabbis often contained a page-long forward or approbation (*Haskamah* in Hebrew) outlining an illustrious lineage. A gentleman who claims descent from Rabbi Joseph Caro (Shulchan Aruch) recently showed me such a page from an antiquated book, outlining his *yichus* or lineage. Researchers often utilize *pinkassim* (Jewish communal record-books) and rabbinic responsa (letters) as well.

Interpreting such materials is not for beginners. The task requires a knowledge of written Hebrew and the ability to decipher Rashi script (a combination of Hebrew and Aramaic textual characters) and a host of arcane Hebrew acronyms.

But for the dedicated researcher who finds a rabbinical route around the brick wall of 1800, no linguistic or cultural barrier of this kind is apt to stand in the way for very long.

Jewish Life

Shabbat's a time to savor for family and friends

By CAROL SEIDMAN

As a Jewish woman, as a very busy Jewish woman, nothing makes more sense in my week than Shabbat is a 25-hour period of rest, spirituality and family time where our schedules are different from the rest of the week.

Guest Voices

Since most of my friends and colleagues do not know about Shabbat, I like to begin with a description of the most expensive room in a good Japanese hotel. These are the rooms without telephones, voicemail, TVs, faxes or e-mail. This comparison usually gets their attention and occasionally their interest, but it is only a small part of the big picture.

To truly understand Shabbat, one has to take the plunge and experience it. Fifteen years ago, at the age of 30, I took a leap of faith and never looked back. Luckily for me, I had a husband who took the journey with me, who feels as blessed as I do when we reflect on our transformative decision.

As life gets faster, as time seems more and more of a scarcity, I savor and need Shabbat more and more.

There is an indescribable feeling of safety and peace when I pull my car into the garage on Friday afternoon and watch the door go down. This feeling is intensified if it is snowing heavily or it has been an overly strenuous day.

My family is as anxious for Shabbat as I am. I know my daughter is safely at home. I need not worry about my 17-year-old son on the road or my husband Peter or myself having to fight the elements — at least for the next 25 hours.

Joy is knowing my children and husband will be at the table for Friday night supper and Saturday lunch. There are no meetings to rush away to, no airplane to catch or meet, no telephone calls, computer attractions or jobs which must be attended to. It is just the four of us ... for as long as we want. Peter doesn't wear a tie or a watch on Friday night as his way of marking the arrival of Shabbat.

I love inviting guests for a Shabbat meal, but I limit having guests to either Friday night or Saturday lunch, as the four of us need our privacy, to just be together.

Having guests is extra work, but with four family members pitching in with the shopping, cooking and cleaning, entertaining guests is not only easier but more enjoyable. Shabbat guests, especially those who are Sabbath observant, are also in a frame of mind where time is *different*. We, as a group, enjoy the feeling of peace which has arrived with the lighting of the Friday night candles. We do not have the workday habit of getting through tasks on a list which necessitates the eat and run syndrome.

Not having attended Hebrew school as children, Peter and I often depend on others to provide the Torah discussions at our table. Our children or guests have not only been willing teachers of the weekly parshah, but have taught us to sing Shabbat and holiday songs and to bench (recite the Grace after the meal).

I wish I knew Hebrew and had been given a formal Jewish education. Trying to learn as an adult, I have found, is not only full of limitations because of my other responsibilities, but it is hard to get focused after a long day at work.

Late on Shabbat afternoons, usually after a long nap, I attend a women's *shiur* (lecture) on the parshah of the week, given at our shul. This is my best time to learn, reflect and discuss, as I am usually well rested and free to absorb the depth and beauty of the text.

Have time to read, attend a class

Learning Torah once a week is not enough. I still feel frustrated at my lack of knowledge and thirst to know more. At least on Shabbat I have time to read, attend a class and have discussions with family and friends.

How did I spend Saturdays 15 years ago? Would I trade 25 hours of mental health and spirituality, family time and time with friends for shopping at Yorkdale and ordering in takeout? Would I trade the profane for the holy? I thank G-d that we are blessed with the gift of Shabbat for ourselves and for our children. I feel my choice 15 years ago has been the right decision, not only for Peter and me, but also for our children. Recently I had a conversation with my son who was dreaming out loud about going out of town to university. Despite his concerns about dorm life, he could never imagine not keeping the Shabbat.

I often wonder how this most important day, which we are given as a commandment to remember and guard, is ignored by the rest of our families. I read once that we have been given keys to a kingdom and a chance to be royal for 25 hours a week. Instead of relishing the nobility of it all, most of us throw it away or never know it is there to savor.

The four of us are on our own in our extended families when it comes to Sabbath observance. Two sets of grandparents, seven aunts and uncles and 10 cousins, and none are shomer Shabbat. Sadly this was not true when the children's great-grandparents were alive. In my brother's family there is no Yiddishkeit, as his wife is Cree and so are his two children.

I am struck by the irony that in my family, the pain of being different falls on the four of us for our traditional ways. Being an observant Jew is more foreign in my family than being Cree. So we have created a new family — the friends and neighbors who walk with us to shul, eat at our table for yom tov and Shabbat and share our ideals and aspirations for a balanced life. We get a taste of the world to come every week with the arrival of the Sabbath.

When the Sabbath is over, we end as we begin, with fire from a special candle and a glass of wine for havdalah. The havdalah service, which marks the departure of Shabbat on Saturday night and literally means separation, includes the smelling of fragrant spices. We use cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg. Aromatherapy, so much in vogue with the new agers, is also thousands of years old and was practised in ancient Egypt and Rome for its medicinal purposes. The power of scent to heal body, mind and spirit, to relieve stress and enhance moods seems the perfect ritual and symbol to fill one's nostrils as a last act of Shabbat. We smell the fragrant spices and hold the sweetness in our memories until the Sabbath comes again.

I am always a little sad as the spicebox goes around my dining room table and is passed from one of us to another. I know it will be six days until the Sabbath is back. It was Helen Keller who said, "Smell is a potent wizard that transports us across thousands of miles and all the years we have lived."

When in our busy lives do we have time to think about smell? Is it any wonder that we are reminded to take time to smell the roses? Rather than checking into an expensive hotel room half way across the world, I create a time bubble for all four of us once a week, complete with fresh flowers, delicious food and guests. There is deep pleasure in knowing the restorative comfort and power of Shabbat and the fact that there is another one coming after this one. As Jewish women, as busy Jewish women, we have been given Shabbat to embrace as our birthright.

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Likud may push ahead with peace: Blitzer

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although the recent Israeli election "did in the short term achieve the short-term gains of the Palestinian terrorists who sought to destroy the peace process," their assumption that a Likud-led government would not continue the peace process may prove to be wrong, said Wolf Blitzer recently.

The CNN senior White House correspondent was one of two keynote speakers along with Nobel laureate John Polanyi, at a recent gala dinner held at the Sheraton Centre to honor the Weizmann Institute of Science. Four hundred people attended the dinner, which was emceed by actor Al Waxman.

Blitzer, a former Washington correspondent for the *Jerusalem Post*, has known Netanyahu for over 20 years. The prime minister-elect is "young, sophisticated and intelligent," he said. "He won't squander this opportunity. At least I don't believe he will."

For Blitzer, the political climate in Israel is similar to that following the 1977 election of then prime minister Menachem Begin. "I remember the doom and gloom scenario [when] many felt the old-time leader of Herut would never give up land for peace," he said.

Although Israel agreed to give up all of Sinai under Begin's leadership, Blitzer remembers hearing Begin say earlier in his term as prime minister, when Blitzer himself was reporting from the Middle East, that Israel would never give up the northern Sinai town of Yamit and that in fact he intended to retire there one day.

"In the heat of opposition rhetoric, political leaders say things ... upon taking office, they wind up doing things they may not have wanted to do earlier.

"I don't know if Benjamin Netanyahu will be able to take [the] kinds of tough decisions that probably will be necessary to continue the peace process. My gut tells me he will desperately want to prove his critics were wrong when they predicted that a Likud victory would poison Israel's relationships with its Arab neighbors, with the United States and with the rest of the world...

Wolf Blitzer

"It's not going to be easy. He'll have to move slowly. He'll have to educate his own party and his own supporters."

There is already speculation in Washington, Blitzer said, that Netanyahu "might be in a better position to take the kind of risks for peace that the Labor party could not have taken."

Both Blitzer, who first toured the Weizmann on an Israel visit in 1961 (the year of his bar mitzvah), and Polanyi, an occasional visitor to Weizmann, lauded the importance of the Rehovot institution's scientific research.

The dinner raised over $2 million in pledges for Weizmann's Canada Fund for Biomedical Research. The fund will further development of diagnostic tests, new drugs and knowledge of diseases such as cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis and arthritis.

Weizmann is very involved in international projects and has a long history of collaboration with Canada, noted Prof. Ruth Arnon, vice-president, international scientific relations for the institute.

Polanyi, who was awarded a Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1988, stressed the importance of international cooperation among scientists for the betterment of all humanity.

He also emphasized the importance of research for its own sake. "It's folly to use as one's guide the criterion of utility ... Useful outcomes are best identified after the making of discoveries."

Correction

In our May 30 issue, the article March of the Living stirs intense emotions incorrectly identified Roman Ziegler as Norman Ziegler.

As well, Ziegler's comments regarding Polish anti-Semitism were misquoted, and were originally a quote from former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

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Greater Toronto Area

Federation opens Israeli Centre at BJC

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It has an imposing name, no paid staff and a small office, but there are high hopes that it will bring 30,000 Israelis in Toronto closer to the general Jewish community.

The Israeli Community Centre was officially opened June 9 at the Bathurst Jewish Centre, under auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

In the morning, trained volunteers who speak Hebrew and other languages will answer calls to 635-2677 about what services are available from Federation agencies.

"There is quite a lot of ignorance in the Israeli community about this," said David Gerichter, president of Golan Alarms, one of the organizers. "We hope this centre will help bridge the distance between Israelis and the [rest of the] community."

The 10 telephone volunteers will be able to call on the help of about 30 other volunteers, who include doctors, lawyers, accountants and businesspeople, to answer queries free of charge.

Visiting Israelis and their Toronto hosts will also be able to get useful information about events of interest to Israelis.

One of the centre's services is a registry of all Israeli professionals and tradespeople in Toronto. The fee to join this is $25 to cover the cost of a computer.

"Most Israelis are surprised to learn what kind of things they can get help on," said Gerichter. "I am sure it would be the same if a Canadian went to Israel and didn't know where to begin."

Up to now, he said, some Israelis have become discouraged at what they see as "bureaucratic blocks" to getting service.

The centre is not intended to compete with Federation agencies, but will be an additonal resource.

Gerichter said many Israelis have an "internal conflict" about whether to stay in Canada or go back to Israel and the centre is in no way interested in attracting other Israelis to emigrate. "We are in no way a growth industry."

But for those Israelis who have decided to stay in Canada, it makes sense to bring them closer to the mature, organized Jewish community, he said.

Gerichter, 48, born in the same year as the State of Israel was established, came to Canada in 1969 after service in the Israeli army.

Mazon makes largest allocation

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon Canada, which bills itself as the Jewish response to hunger, announced recently its largest-ever allocation of funds to organizations that feed the hungry.

Mazon's springtime allocation of $89,980 to 73 grassroots beneficiary organizations brings Mazon's grand total since its inception in 1987 to $862,000.

The largest single allocations went to Bikur Cholim of Toronto, Tomchai Shabbos of Toronto and Tomchai Shabbos of Montreal, each of which received $4,000.

Mazon allocations are made on a non-sectarian basis to organizations that sponsor programs to feed the hungry. Other groups to receive funds include the Community Food Basket of Saint John, N.B. ($1,000), the Cowichan Valley Basket Society of Duncan, B.C. ($1,000), East Wellington Advisory Group for Family Services, Erin, Ont. ($750), and the Manna Food Bank, Bracebridge, Ont. ($1,500).

Lori Burke, executive-director of Mazon, said funds for the spring allocation were raised largely at a Food Fest sponsored by kosher caterers in Montreal in November 1995 and through Mazon's Passover campaign, in which pledge cards were distributed on synagogue pews and through shul bulletins. Other sources of funds include sale of Mazon's occasion cards and sale of Passover place cards.

Mazon's goal for 1996 is $175,000. If successful, that would exceed its 1995 total by more than $20,000 and continue a trend of yearly growth. In its first year of operation, Mazon allocated $25,000.

In other developments, Mazon announced that Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, the organization's former executive-director, has returned as a board member. Roz Goodman, a community volunteer from Montreal, has also joined the board.

BONDS NEW CHAIR

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Monday, June 17

FROM BELZ TO BROADWAY

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Wednesday, June 19

JEWISH UNITY

Jewish Unity: Is it Good for the Jews? is the topic of Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group's meeting with speaker **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, director, Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, at noon. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies served. $1.

Thursday, June 20

TZAVTA LECTURE

Tzavta lecture and discussion on Russia's Second Communist Revolution? with University of Toronto professor **Bob Brym**, 7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, followed at 8:30 by informal discussion about the results of the Israeli election. **Mintzy Clement** 905-764-1186 or **Yehuda Marle** 736-1339.

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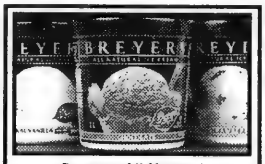

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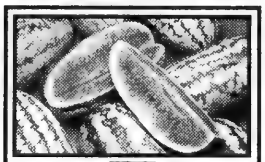

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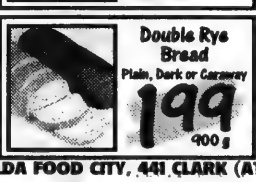

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What's New

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tion, Monday, June 17, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Theme is The Roots of Jewish Identity: Jerusalem and the Holy Cities of Israel. $36.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Baycrest Centre presents a gala performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* performed by Masquerade Theatre Productions, Wednesday, June 19, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Meet the cast at 6:30 p.m., showtime 7 p.m. $10. Second performance Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m. $5. To reserve, **Bobbie Pfisterer** 785-2500, ext. 2273.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

National Association of Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors 10th international conference Oct. 11-14 in Teanck, N.J. Theme is The Last Holocaust Eyewitnesses Speak Out — Heritage and Legacy. **Pnina Zilberman** 635-2883, ext. 144.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395.

Kabbalah eight-week beginners course starts Thursday, June 13, 8:30 p.m.

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz lecture, meditation, meal, Monday, June 17, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday School program for ages 3-12 consists of Hebrew language, Jewish holidays, drama, arts and crafts, singing and dance. Register now for 1996-97.

Youth courses, ages 11-12 and 13-15. Register.

JEWISH DEAF

The 21st biennial National Congress of Jewish Deaf convention, July 28-Aug. 3, Knickerbocker Hotel, Chigago, Ill. **Mona Magnusson** 708-390-6357, Voice/TTY.

LEARN TO READ HEBREW

Pride of Israel Learn to Read Hebrew program for the beginner and intermediate Hebrew reader runs 8 p.m. Wednesdays June 19, 26, and Tuesdays July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 20, 27. 226-0111.

POETRY COMPETITION

The seventh international Reuben Rose Memorial Poetry Competition, in memory of the former editor of *Voices Israel*, on general, not necessarily Jewish or Israeli subjects. Deadline Sept. 30. For details, *Voices Israel* Group of Poets in Israel, P.O. Box 236, Kiryat Ata, Israel, 28101.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Minchah, Maariv 7 p.m. Shabbat services 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** 8 a.m. **David** 256-1600.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program (CIP) seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. At present there are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. Call BJC, CIP office, 636-1880, ext. 380, or 636-2316.

WRITING CONTEST

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at the JCC/BJC

BJC Summer Run, Sunday, June 23, 9 a.m. **Grant Smith** 636-1880, ext. 374.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club picnic at Centre Island, Thursday, June 13. Meet at JCC at 10 a.m. Bring lunch, go by TTC. No cost. **Judy** 924-6211.

For Seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance June 23, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; blood pressure check-up Thursday, June 27, 10 a.m. free to members; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, June 18-23; Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village, July 10; Catskills Raleigh Hotel, July 22-28; *Phantom of the Opera*, Aug. 7. Membership open, $12. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 20 is bingo. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club has a few rooms available for Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23 and a few tickets to Stage West to see *Lend Me a Tenor* Wednesday, June 26. Register at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

PINNACLE AWARD

Sadie Moranis (left) receives congratulations from former U.S. first lady Barbara Bush, as her company, The Prudential Sadie Moranis Realty, is named winner of the Pinnacle Award for top residential gross commission income for 1995 by The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc. during the 1996 international convention held in Hawaii.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Monday, July 17, 1 p.m., **Dr. Julie Righter**, psychotherapist, talks about Lifebeat, a new psychotherapy group for people with medical problems, as well as her holistic approach to emotional difficulties. Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; Catskills Homowack Hotel Aug. 4-11, all inclusive. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Update on Accessible Transportation, Monday, June 17, 1 p.m. Do you or any of your family use Wheel-Trans? Have difficulties using regular transit? Hear and ask questions of **Carole Riback**, chair, TTC Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation; Staff representative from Wheel-Trans; North York councillor **Howard Moscoe**, vice-chair, TTC. Sponsored by social action committee. **Sheila Zane**.

Father's Day party, Wednesday, June 19, 1:30 p.m., entertainment by **Ella Chelo** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Members $3, non-members $4.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Healthy Cooking with **Sharon Zeiler**, Tuesday, June 18, 1:15 p.m. $1 for materials.

Another Wellness Centre program, What Is Traditional Chinese Medicine and How Can It Help Me? with **George Gao**, Thursday, June 20, 1:30 p.m.

Movie, *Andrew Lloyd Webber Collection*, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 16.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, June 16, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. June 19 is a sing-along. **Anna**.

About People

UPPER CANADA LODGE

Upper Canada lodge, B'nai Brith, members elected to the executive committee for 1996/97: **Jerry Pearlstein**, president; **Harry Bordan, Bill Stern, Moe Greenspoon**, vice-presidents; **Ben Sand**, treasurer; **Lil Melamed**, secretary; **Ike Goldstein**, guardian; **Ralph Gerstein**, warden; **Bernie Dubinsky**, chaplain; **Joe Chinsky, Sally Dubinsky, Randy Katzman, Steve Lubek, Monty Mazin, Bill Pape**, trustees.

Erwin Stuart

Erwin Stuart is the new president of Baycrest Centre's Leadership Development Group (LDG). A chartered accountant and senior partner at Mintz and Partners, Stuart brings both a fun and a business-oriented approach to his volunteer work at Baycrest, which began in 1992 when he joined the Baycrest Open golf committee. Now as president of LDG, Stuart plays an essential role in raising funds for Baycrest, currently focusing on the Baycrest Campaign to raise $60 million for Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged and the Centre for Cognitive Disorders.

BREGMAN FUND

The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation honored Lou and Yetta Bregman with the establishment of a fund in their name for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem, for the purchase of intensive care equipment for the treatment of at-risk newborns. A garden party was held recently at the home of Michael and Barbara Bregmen to culminate the campaign.

INSTALLATION

Seen above are Corinne Hammerschlag, newly installed president of Canadian Seaway branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and Rabbi Martin Berman, spiritual leader of Shaar Shalom Synagogue, who was pleased to personally install his congregant as president. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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Lubavitch shul set for Markham

TORONTO — After months of negotiation, a settlement has been reached between Chabad Lubavitch of Markham and Canac Kitchens regarding the rezoning of a two-acre site for a synagogue on Green Lane in the Thornhill neighborhood of Markham.

The agreement signed by both parties on March 31 ended a year-long dispute and drawn out legal battle that was to appear before the Ontario Municipal Board in June.

As early as May 1995, Markham Council unanimously approved the re-zoning at 83 Green Lane for the purpose of developing a 30,000-square-foot synagogue centre on the site. The synagogue was to include a 600-seat sanctuary, a nursery school, a Hebrew school and a youth centre. Then the growing congregation received news that an appeal was submitted by five industrial neighbors, spearheaded by Canac Kitchens.

Chabad initially tried to meet the appellants and explain why they should not be concerned. But the appellants seemed determined to take their case to the Ontario Municipal Board, which would have been extremely costly and time consuming.

In December 1995, however, Canac came to the negotiating table for an out of court settlement. The settlement included an agreement by both sides not to interfere with each other's lawful activities and to have a fence on the perimeter of the property installed.

To meet the building goals, a community fundraising dinner was held on April 15, sponsored by Eric and Lynette Inspektor and Larry and Beryl Weltman at Le Parc Banquet Hall. Over 200 people attended and over $200,000 cash was raised.

The congregation has organized the necessary funding for a 1.5-million Phase I project.

Trade pact delayed

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"We're ready to go anytime. We're waiting to hear from the Israeli government, as soon as the new government is in place."

Once in effect, the deal will mean that most tariffs on items imported and exported by the two countries will disappear virtually overnight. Eggleton says there will be no phase-in period.

The minister calls it a levelling of the playing field. Trade officials say bilateral trade between Israel and Canada will triple as a result. Some tariffs will remain on agricultural and fish products.

Canadian industries standing to benefit most will be in the hi-tech area. Already, several joint ventures have been sealed between Canadian and Israeli hi-tech companies.

Eggleton notes that the pact creating the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Fund, signed in 1993 by then prime ministers Shimon Peres and Brian Mulroney, has grown to a value of $6 million, split between Israeli and Canadian government contributions.

He points out that the fund has become so popular that both Alberta and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, headed by Norman Spector, a former Canadian ambassador to Israel, want to contribute to it.

And he says that Canadian businesses specializing in lumber, construction materials and prefabricated housing will finally be able to ship their products to Israel duty-free, after years of being blocked out due to high Israeli tariffs.

Eggleton, a former Toronto mayor chosen by Chrétien to run in York Centre, which has a sizeable Jewish population, has long been a visible presence on the Jewish scene and is viewed as a friend of Israel and the community.

The deal "will not only advance trade and investment, but I think it will bring our two countries closer together and further develop the political friendship between Canada and Israel," he feels.

Eggleton visited Israel in 1992 and met with then prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and opposition leader Rabin. Two years before, he visited Auschwitz, an experience that left an indelible impression.

Thus, he's particularly proud of his government's passage of Bill C–41, the law that will enhance penalties for crimes of hate, and of the recent passing of amendment to the Human Rights Code outlawing discrimination against homosexuals.

He calls opposition to both bills, even among his Liberal colleagues, "wrong."

And he's equally hard on his government for its slow pace in pursuing alleged Nazi war criminals in this country.

"These matters should have been before the courts a long time ago," including, he allows, the years the Liberals were in power throughout the 1960s and '70s. "The biological clock ticks on and [prosecutions] become more difficult, as the courts are finding out. But we're in the courts now, and I know our government is doing everything possible to move [cases] along.

"Justice should still prevail in these cases. These people may be old, but still, justice is important to pursue."

Greater Toronto Area

Jewish choirs raise voices at Zimriya

BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The hall came alive with the sound of Jewish music at The 1996 Zimriya.

Eight choirs from across Toronto performed for an audience of about 900 at the festival of Jewish choral music held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The Zimriya was presented by Jewish Music-Toronto, which operates under the auspices of the Koffler Centre for the Arts and the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

"This was our biggest and best attended concert in recent years," said Charles Heller, vice-president of Jewish Music-Toronto and chair of The 1996 Zimriya. He had been preparing for the concert, whose theme was Jerusalem, City of David, for two years, he added.

Participating this year were the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, Kol Shira, Temple Kol Ami Choir, Lachan-Toronto Jewish Chamber Choir, Zemer Chorale of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Temple Emanu-el, Holy Blossom Temple Singers and the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir.

Three works had their world premiere at the concert.

The Yerushalayim Mosaic, the grand finale of the evening, was commissioned by Jewish Music-Toronto with the help of a grant from the Ontario Arts Council. It was composed by Yefim Adler, who came to Toronto from the former Soviet Union, with a text by Cantor Benjamin Maissner, Naomi Bell and Judith R. Cohen.

The Yerushalayim Mosaic, was conducted by Esther Ghan Firestone, conductor of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, and sung by the 140-member Zimriya Chorus, made up of seven of the eight participating choirs.

Composer Srul Irving Glick, conductor of Kol Shira and the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir, led the Beth Tikvah Choir in their performance of the two other works that premiered: *Di Nacht*, a Yiddish poem by Ida Maza with music by Helen Greenberg and *In Memory of Yitzhak Rabin*, a poem by Donia Blumenfeld Clenman with music by Glick.

Solo performances were given by Cantor Louis Danto with the Zemer Chorale of Beth Emeth conducted by Heller, and by Cantor Anna Trubashnik of Temple Emanu-el, who sang with her temple choir conducted by Amy Gilbert.

Cantor Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple conducted both his temple choir and the Lachan-Toronto Jewish Chamber Choir.

Daniel Berlin, conductor of Temple Kol Ami Choir, was one of the only conductors who is not a professional musician. "We're just a bunch of amateurs practising in the basement. We do it for the love of music," he said.

Charles Heller directs the Beth Emeth choir with soloist Cantor Louis Danto. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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REENA FOUNDATION

Jerry Borins

Ronald Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of the Reena Foundation, is pleased to announce that Jerry Borins has accepted the appointment to serve as Capital Campaign Director for the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre.

Jerry Borins is a marketing award-winning businessman, accountant and writer who has developed progressive and innovative marketing strategies for numerous charities.

Borins brings with him a lifetime of fundraising experience as a volunteer for dozens of worthy causes. In recognition of his community involvement Jerry was awarded the Variety Club of Ontario's Chief Barker's Award. His creative marketing work has also been acknowledged by such magazines as Toronto Life and Marketing.

Jerry has served on several community boards including the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, Variety Club, Toronto Jewish Assistance Service, Maccabi Canada - Ontario Region, United Way of Metro Toronto, Adath Israel Congregation, Canadian National Exhibition, and the Metro Toronto Convention and Visitors Association.

In addition, he has been a committee member for a myriad of organizations such as North York General Hospital, Baycrest Hospital, Aish HaTorah, Beit Halochem and the Special Olympics.

Jerry Borins has been a long-time supporter of Reena as evidenced by his being a lifetime member.

Since 1995, Jerry has been Co-ordinator of Special Gifts for B'nai Brith Canada and took up his new role with the Reena Foundation on May 27, 1996.

The Reena Foundation is the fundraising arm of Reena. The Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre will provide day programs for Reena's clients and for the many hundreds of developmentally handicapped people in the community who currently have no support.

Is Canada drifting?

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — At times it seems as if the federal government has no plan at all to save Canada and is just drifting helplessly towards the next referendum.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is acting as if it's only a matter of time until the next Quebec referendum is held, and has already begun laying down Ottawa's minimal demands in the negotiations that are sure to follow.

To federalists outside the small, intense political community in Ottawa, it often seems as if Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard does whatever he wants, goes from victory to victory and never has a setback.

The reality is far different. Right now, the outcome of the national unity debate in Quebec is anything but decided. The balance of power shifts back and forth between federalists and separatists at least once a week, sometimes twice a day.

The unity debate is taking more twists and turns than a pretzel. And the worst thing anyone who feels strongly about Canada or Quebec can do right now is not pay attention to what's happening.

First Bouchard decided he wanted to make peace with his anglos, for reasons that remain obscure.

So on his own, without consulting the Parti Québécois (PQ) rank and file, he concocted a plan to water down Quebec's language law to please the anglophone minority and foreign business interests.

The language hardliners in the PQ got wind of it and there was hell to pay for Bouchard. It's not so much the plan, which is hardly generous; it's simply that his failure to consult them confirmed their worst fears, exactly what they had been told about his autocratic style.

Although he meant well, Bouchard's credibility with his own party was damaged; he angered his hardliners, who forced him to back down, and disappointed the anglos, for whom he can't deliver.

Meanwhile, back in Ottawa, for reasons that are equally obscure, Chrétien decided to get Ottawa involved in the legal plans of Quebec City lawyer Guy Bertrand to contest Quebec's right to self-determination before the courts.

It's a no-win situation for the federal government. It is structured before the courts as Bertrand's case. Ottawa can't dictate the process. If Bertrand loses, then Ottawa is legally bound to accept the decision. If Bertrand wins, then Ottawa ends up looking as if it doesn't recognize Quebec's right to self-determination, which almost every Quebecer, separatist or federalist, recognizes unequivocally. Either way it's a lose-lose situation.

Loaded question

If Ottawa had really wanted a court ruling on the process of separation, it could have asked a "question" of the Supreme Court. It could have even loaded the question to get the answer it wanted, instead of being obliged to hang on to Bertrand's legal coattails, without knowing where he's running.

Instead of staying out of this mess, Bouchard jumped in with both feet, petulantly announcing that he was so angry at Ottawa he was going to refuse to meet Chrétien in June to talk about Quebec-Canada issues. Quebecers were outraged. Bouchard sounded like Newt Gingrich shutting down the U.S. government because he had to ride in the back of the presidential plane.

Within two weeks, Bouchard swallowed his pride and announced he had changed his mind. He would meet Chrétien after all. He had better. Quebecers would not have stood for it.

Then there's the Ottawa mindset. Chrétien keeps talking as if Bouchard is sure to win the next referendum, which by law, can only be held after the next provincial election.

How does that make Quebec Liberal leader Daniel Johnson feel? Like chopped liver perhaps?

Johnson, who had told Ottawa in the strongest terms possible to stay out of Bertrand's court adventure, was once again cut off at the knees by his friends in Ottawa. Bouchard was able to use Chrétien's words to humiliate Johnson publicly in Quebec.

Thanks a lot Jean!

Finally Johnson had enough and announced publicly that if Chrétien didn't smarten up, he would wind up being Canada's last prime minister. It can't get any clearer than that.

And then suddenly, just when everybody thought that Ottawa was firmly into Plan B and was about to start dividing up the furniture with Quebec, out popped a federal plan, promised by Chrétien in the final days of the referendum campaign, to hand over federal manpower training to the provinces, including Quebec. It's what every Quebec premier, fédéralist or separatist, from Jean Lesage down through Robert Bourassa and René Lévesque, has been seeking.

The wind went out of Bouchard's sails. He stammered that it was "a step in the right direction."

What else could he say?

If he said it was not good enough, he would alienate the soft nationalist vote, the 20 percent of the Quebec electorate seeking a halfway solution to Quebec's constitutional problems.

Bouchard, like Chrétien, has to keep one eye all the time on the soft nationalists who hold the balance of power between the hardline federalists and separatists in Quebec.

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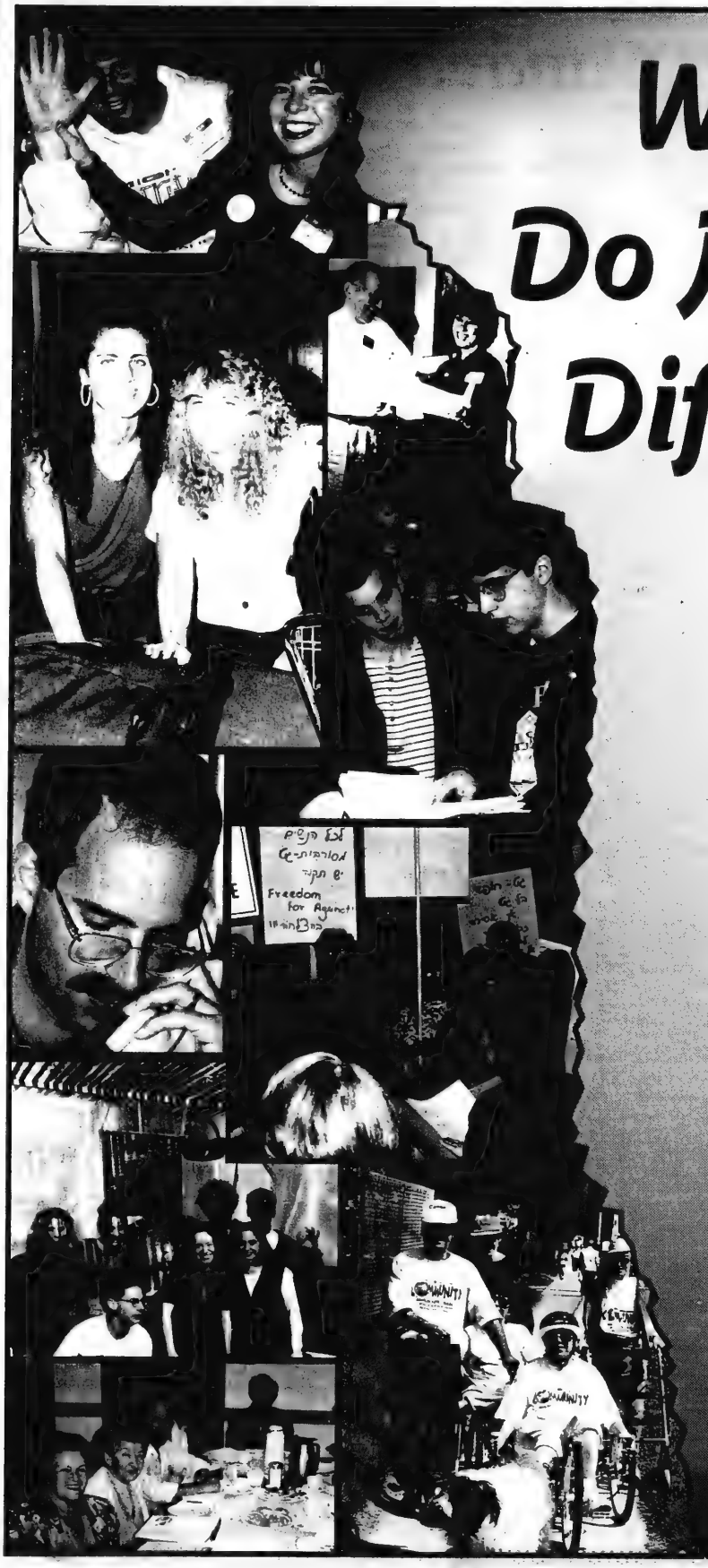

What You Do Makes A Difference!

A Salute to our Community's Volunteers

"Do not separate yourself from the community"
Pirke Avot 2:5

"אַל תִּפְרוֹש מִן הַצִּבּוּר"
פרקי אבות ב:ה

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO
UJA

Some Thoughts on Volunteers

Rabbi Ronald Weiss,
Director Chaplaincy Services
Jewish Family and Child Service

Towards the beginning of the second chapter of Pirke Avot (2:4) we are told of the famous teaching of Hillel: "al tifrosh min ha tzibur," "do not separate yourself from the community." Beyond the obvious meaning, what is the message that this Mishnah seeks to convey?

According to Rav Yisroel Lipschutz, in his commentary Tiferes Yisroel, there are five distinct areas of application being addressed by these words. We are advised not to separate ourselves from 1) the customs 2) decisions or 3) troubles of the community; 4) we are urged to include the collective welfare of our people in our individual prayers, and 5) the leaders of the community must not be detached, distant or indifferent to the people they serve.

In a large and diverse community such as ours, common customs are rare and communal decisions often difficult to enforce. We all feel the troubles of the community, whether we are speaking of our local Metropolitan area or identifying with our fellow Jews in Israel. Consequently, I believe we do have the collective welfare of our people in the forefront of our thoughts, prayers and activities at all times.

Yet, because of the multifaceted nature of our community - where Jews come from a variety of backgrounds, levels of affiliation and commitment - the phrase "al tifrosh min ha tzibur," "do not separate yourself from the community" takes on a unifying character. We must strive to hold our community together and grow together as Jews.

To truly foster unity, I believe we must all stress those issues which we all recognize as crucial to our survival. Two specific areas of endeavour immediately come to mind: first, strengthening the people and State of Israel through our active and passionate support. And, second, strengthening and enhancing Jewish life in our own community through our individual active involvement.

Volunteers are truly the fuel that drives the engine of the Jewish community. Whatever we are able to accomplish as a community is only due to the united concerted efforts of volunteers whose dedicated work furthers our collective and communal benefit.

We are told in the Talmud (Taanit 11a) that all those who join together with the community in its times of trouble will be found worthy to its redemption.

"Al tifrosh min ha tzibur," "do not separate yourself from the community." On the contrary, may all of our efforts on behalf of our community be blessed with success.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO

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Volunteerism is an essential expression of 'tzedakah'. Together with our financial contributions to maintain our Jewish community and its human service, Jewish education and overseas rescue activities, our personal commitment to work as a member of the community is an invaluable resource in our individual and communal search for social justice.

We are fortunate in knowing the importance of our volunteer work and in the satisfaction we derive from seeing the value and benefit it brings to our Jewish community as well as to the broader Greater Toronto community.

Through volunteer activity and involvement, we help to build our Jewish community and manifest our commitment to future generations.

Let us continue together in strength and confidence in ourselves and in the future.

Sandra Brown
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Dear Friends:

As Ontario's Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, I am delighted to pay tribute to the outstanding volunteers showcased in this special feature of The Canadian Jewish News.

One of our greatest sources of pride in Ontario is the strength and vitality of our communities. This is due in great measure to the efforts of nearly two million volunteers across the province. Through their commitment to partnership, co-operation and hard work, these dedicated individuals make Ontario a better place for all of us to live, work and raise our families.

Ontario's Jewish community has a long and enlightened history when it comes to promoting and encouraging volunteerism. The individuals featured on these pages are representative of the leadership, imagination and compassion shown by volunteers in all areas of Jewish community life. I am grateful to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and The Canadian Jewish News for recognizing their accomplishments.

I hope that by reading about these special individuals and their contribution to the quality of life in their community, others will be encouraged to seek out volunteer opportunities of their own.

Sincerely, Marilyn Mushinski

Marilyn Mushinski

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Making a Difference

by Francie Storm
Immediate Past Chair, Department for Human Resources Development
Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is delighted to once again recognize volunteers from all aspects of our Jewish community. These men, women and young adults, pictured in these pages, represent only a small number of the dedicated individuals who give so freely of their time to help keep our community strong and viable.

The "not-for-profit" sector is undergoing a radical change. The impact of shrinking financial resources is felt in all areas of service delivery. As programs and services are withdrawn, the lives of a significant number of people will be seriously affected. More than ever, we need to recognize and support the work of volunteers who, at all levels, struggle to sustain and redefine our services as we move into the next century.

The volunteers we salute today do make a difference! Their dedication and commitment to their organizations speak for itself. Their tireless efforts, in these difficult times, will ensure the continuity of our communal organizational life.

These individuals represent a broad spectrum of the community. They are an example of our most precious resource - our people. We all take pride in the marvelous contribution these folks have made to the community and thank their organizations for letting us share in the recognition of these wonderful volunteers.

Yasher Koach to each and every one of you!

A Tradition of Excellence

Honours for Community Volunteers at UJA Federation Annual Meeting

Jack Chisvin, this year's most outstanding community leader. The Ben Sadowski Award of Merit, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, is the community's most prestigious service award.

Jack Chisvin Named for "Sadowski" Award

Former UJA Federation President Jack Chisvin, currently the National President of Canadian Technion Society has received this year's prestigious Ben Sadowski Award of Merit. Jack is among our community's most tireless leaders and a UJA Federation fundraiser for 41 years. Jack founded the Commission on Jewish Education and served as the first Toronto Chairman of Project Renewal, through which UJA Federation has helped to revitalize several Israeli communities.

In addition to his dedicated efforts on behalf of UJA Federation, Jack is a Canada-Israel Committee Board member and a Past President of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue Brotherhood. He and his wife, Phyllis, have three children and eight grandchildren.

"The spirit of volunteerism is addictive - the more you do it, the more you crave it. But unlike other addictive spirits, it is benign - and at times can even be therapeutic. Volunteerism can also be contagious. If you are exposed to an environment where volunteerism flourishes you can become contaminated and inexplicably get involved - and that's good because it's the right thing to do."

Leadership Development Awards Presented

Leadership Development Award winners Heather Milstein (left) and Robert Furman with Francie Storm. LD awards were established to encourage the assumption of community leadership by young men and women and are presented each year to those who demonstrate extraordinary community commitment and service.

Heather Milstein

Heather is a social worker with the Children's Aid Society of Metro Toronto and a member of the Jewish Camp Council Board.

As a graduate of UJA Federation's Leadership Development Program, Heather has continued to be an active UJA canvasser and strong supporter of a wide variety of UJA Federation activities. She is the 1997 campaign Co-chair of the UJA Federation's Young Professionals Network and currently serves on the Leadership Development Committee of UJA Federation's Human Resource Development Department.

"Volunteering for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has afforded me the opportunity to make some wonderful friends and share with them some great experiences. One such experience was the 1994 Mission to Prague and Israel. I have been able to learn a great deal about my community and myself. I am extremely honoured to receive this award and look forward to my continued affiliation with UJA Federation."

Robert Furman

Robert is a chartered accountant who has been the President of Toronto Jewish Immigrant Aid Services since 1994.

A graduate of the Young Leadership Development Program, Robert Co-chaired UJA Federation's Accountants Division and served on the UJA Federation Integration Subcommittee and the Council of Jewish Federations' Task Force on Immigration Planning.

"Some people have asked me how and why I became a volunteer. It all began with the experience of being an oppressed stranger in the Soviet Union and then arriving in a new land where I was welcomed by a strong and vibrant Jewish community. I became a volunteer because others in our community demonstrated to me their commitment to the well-being of all Jewish families and the continuity of the Jewish people. I developed a reciprocal commitment to return to our community what I had so generously received."

Shem Tov Award Recipients

Karen Chisvin

Bloor Jewish Community Centre

Karen, a UJA Federation Leadership Development graduate, has volunteered in the Jewish community for the last 13 years. She is the Immediate Past President of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre and sits on the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Board of Directors.

David Herlick

Senior Care/Community Services to Jewish Elderly

David has been a member of the Senior Care Board of Directors for close to 20 years. During that time, he served on many Board committees and has held a number of executive positions, including President (1981-84) and Treasurer. David is a founding Board Member of the Habayit Shelanu Senior Residents' Corporation and continues to sit on the Board.

Harold Hertzman

Toronto Free Loan Cassa

An active volunteer with the Loan Cassa for over 20 years, Harold is a member of the committee which administers business loans. Through his expertise the committee has become an essential component of the agency and, in turn, an important resource for the Jewish community. In addition, Harold is a longtime member of the Board of Jewish Education and has served on the Board of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Jessica Pelt

Jewish Campus Services

As editor of Images, the student newspaper of UJA Federation's Jewish Campus Services, Jessica is committed to reshaping and revitalizing Jewish campus life by connecting Jewish students from across Toronto to the community. A CHAT graduate currently studying at U of T, Jessica attributes her community involvement to her day school education and association with Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Dorothy Shoichet

Bathurst Jewish Centre

Dorothy's commitment to the Koffler Centre of the Arts is truly extraordinary. As President since 1993, she works unceasingly to raise funds needed to support the exhibition program of the Koffler and Loggia Galleries. Dorothy is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Bathurst Jewish Centre and the Board of Kollel.

The Shem Tov Awards are presented each year at UJA Federation's annual meeting to leaders representing the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service to Toronto's Jewish community. Pictured are recipients (from left) Karen Chisvin, Dorothy Shoichet, Jessica Pelt; (inset) David Herlick; (absent) Harold Hertzman.

Faces Of Our Volunteer Community

We are pleased to pay tribute to the dedicated volunteers across the spectrum of Jewish organizations and institutions whose personal expressions of commitment have played a key role in building our agencies, schools, congregations and organizations locally, and in Israel.

The participation of so many community organizations in this unique volunteer recognition project has strengthened the bond between us and enhanced the value of promoting volunteerism within our community.

Meet the faces of our volunteer community...

Gloria Clamen, Chair, Volunteer Recognition Project

Adath Israel Congregation

Sid Starkman

"The most rewarding experience for me was as Chairman of Synagogues/ Organizations of UJA Federation. My role was to speak to different groups to encourage them to raise their levels of donations to UJA."

Aish HaTorah

Nancy Weisbrod

"Through my relationship with Aish HaTorah, my family's lives have become richer. The people that I have met and the knowledge to which I have been exposed have made these past 10 years fascinating and deeply rewarding."

All For One Mutual Benefit Society

Irving Soloway

"It's knowing that what I did today is going to help a human being to survive as our society is surviving."

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto

James Klein

"It is a fulfilling experience and privilege to work with dedicated volunteers and professional staff on the Tuition Committee, to ensure that no child will be denied a Jewish education because of the family's inability to pay."

Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada

Raya Plots

"Every Jew has the responsibility and obligation to volunteer and support Jewish organizations to ensure our Jewish continuity. By volunteering, I share the role of helping new Russian immigrants understand the meaning of 'mitzvah' and 'tzedakah'."

Bathurst Jewish Centre

Ben Swartz & Gerald Weinper ("Ben & Gerry")

"We enjoy helping others, and are gratified to be part of the Stroke Recovery group's progress. We feel truly appreciated by each member and our hearts swell that our efforts mean so much to them."

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care

Naomi Davids

"When I visit someone sad and make them smile by the time I leave, I know I've made a difference in someone's day. Knowing that means a lot to me."

Beit Halochem Canada

Shaila Gottlieb

"We: go to meetings, dinners, auctions, concerts, art shows, movie nights. They: go for surgery, counselling, rehab, prosthetic fittings, physiotherapy. We: work as a team. They: work with a team. My meaningful experience - knowing them!"

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living

Yvonne Martell

"I feel privileged to be part of a team of volunteers, staff and members of the Bernard Betel Centre For Creative Living, dedicated to maintaining vibrant and stimulating programs for seniors in our community."

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation

Alex Eisen

"Involvement in synagogue is important. We live in historical times and want to secure the synagogue for future generations. When asked to volunteer, I reply 'Hineni'."

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

Ed Machtinger

"One of my most meaningful and memorable volunteer experiences at the Beth Emeth was being involved with the program of entertaining our 'Beit Halochem' visitors during their recent two week stay at our synagogue."

Beth Tikvah Synagogue

Gilda Goldstein

"To help someone in need is a 'mitzvah', a part of 'tikkun olam'. I have helped organize a group of people to take a shul member for treatments to Sunnybrook Hospital and find it very rewarding."

Beth Tzedec Congregation

Mike Marks

"It has always been a great privilege to serve the religious needs of the Beth Tzedec community, and to help the senior members of the Jewish community through Beth Tzedec Congregation, Baycrest Centre and the Dorothy Klein Seniors' Centre."

Bialik Hebrew Day School/PTA

Marilyn Herbert

"Volunteer work allows me to give something back to my community, the chance to grow, learn new skills and make new friends. By working with others towards a common goal, I can and do make a difference."

Bloor Jewish Community Centre

Judy Wolfe

"Volunteering at the Bloor JCC has enabled me to develop community and to play a significant part in the advancement of programming for the community."

BBYO

Cindy Goldenberg

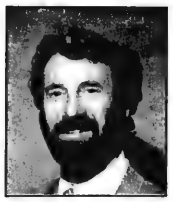
"Having the opportunity to start a new BBYO Chapter, Ahava BBG, is a meaningful volunteer experience. In working with these teens, I've watched them grow and develop into aspiring community leaders."

Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University

Moshe Bessin

"A meaningful volunteer experience has been introducing members of the Toronto community to Bar-Ilan's Institute For Advanced Torah Studies at two parlor meetings that I helped organize, and meeting the Torah personalities who addressed us."

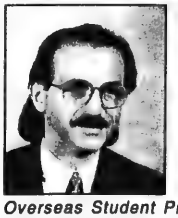
Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University



Jack Frieberg

"The opportunity given to me to provide leadership to this organization has offered me a meaningful connection to Israel and personal fulfillment."

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University



Igor Korenzvit

"Excellence in higher education -- scientific, technological, social and artistic -- is the key to Israel's future. Israel's largest and most comprehensive institute also serves Canadians through the Overseas Student Program, thus developing and strengthening their ties to Israel."

Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

Jay Alan Smith

"The world has changed dramatically in the last ten years. Pioneering discoveries at the Weizmann in gene therapy, cryptography, information processing, solar energy, medicine and agriculture have contributed to these changes. It's wonderful to be an active participant in this process."

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem

David Smuschkowitz

"Organizing Yad Vashem in Canada and the veterans of the Partisan Movement to join with War Veterans of Canada has been the most meaningful of volunteer experiences for me."

Canadian Technion Society

Peter Menkes

"To see the past, present and future advances being achieved by The Technion in Israel has opened my eyes to a broader world. I feel enriched by giving my time and efforts back to the community."

* Committee for Yiddish Studies at University of Toronto

Bayla Chaikof

"As a dedicated professional in the educational field, I am aware of the contributions volunteers make to the well being of the community. As chair of this committee, I volunteer for the furtherance of Jewish education in Toronto."

Downtown Jewish Community School

Enid Slack

"Having been involved in education for many years, this was a natural place for me to volunteer. I enjoy making a contribution towards Jewish education in a school that recognizes the diversity of the Jewish experience."

Dr. Abraham Shore Academy/She'arim Hebrew Day School

Sandy Kassai

"Serving as a volunteer teacher's assistant has truly been a meaningful experience. Watching the teacher-student relationship has taught me a great deal about communication and friendship and definitely inspired me for my career choice as a teacher."

Emunah Women of Toronto

Rose Colchary

"It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know that as a result of my efforts much needed funds are being raised for our many projects in Israel."

Hadassah-WIZO, Toronto

Fran Sonshine

"I am proud to belong to an organization that strives to make a difference. Hadassah -WIZO enriches the Jewish community, in Israel, Canada and around the world."

* Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto

Judy (Weissenberg) Cohen

"I share my story of Holocaust survival with young people to teach them to share, resist and fight bigotry and hate. Each time I speak I relive the painful memories but the price is worth it. My goal is 'never again'."

Holy Blossom Temple

Mary Seldon

"Commitment to my family, running and Holy Blossom Temple are key aspects of my life. I have wholeheartedly offered my volunteer services wherever and whenever they have been needed at Temple."

*Under the auspices of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

Israel Cancer Research Fund

Mark S. Liss & Ted Wine

"I.C.R.F. has become an enriching experience in our lives. The knowledge that our involvement in support of scientists in Israel may someday lead to the cure for cancer is what motivates us to do more."

Israel Educational & Cultural Institute

Francesca (Hassida) David

"Interviewing Holocaust survivors for the Shoah Foundation and volunteering in many varied capacities to promote education and Israeli culture in Canada, have been the most meaningful volunteer experiences for me."

Jewish Camp Council of Toronto

Edith Sobel

"As a volunteer, I've never stopped feeling fulfilled, whether working with ESL classes, seniors, or as President of the Jewish Camp Council. The service you do for others comes back to you tenfold."

* Jewish Campus Services

Jessica Pelt

"The most meaningful experience in editing the Images newspaper is talking to students across Toronto and knowing that they are all being connected and kept in touch through Images and the rejuvenation of Jewish campus life."

Jewish Family and Child Service

Pinchas Gutter

"When I come into a room to visit someone as a Chaplain, I am able to be there with the individual in a meaningful way that is based on spirituality and not material things."

Jewish Immigrant Aid Service of Canada (Toronto)

Robert Jurman

"As a former Soviet Union immigrant, I was welcomed and assisted by JIAS. I am pleased to give back what they gave me and so I volunteer my time and effort as Chair of the Regional Council."

* Jewish Information Service

Anne Jaffey

"My years at JIS have been a continuous satisfying experience with new challenges to face, including a wide variety of telephone inquiries both locally and from around the globe."

Jewish National Fund of Toronto

William (Bill) Leibach

"At the age of 90, my aim has been to instill my love for Israel in others through my involvement with JNF via the 'pushka' in the hopes of building a strong, beautiful and peaceful Israel."

Jewish Student Federation of York University

Ira Haberman

"Greeting and meeting new Jewish students at all of our programs, and then seeing these students throughout the school year is a meaningful volunteer experience."

Jewish Students' Union of University of Toronto

David Jacob

"By creating an Internet homepage for JSU, I was able to disseminate information to many students. Now, Jews will become more involved in Judaism and Torah." (Web Page: http://www.campuslifetoronto.edu/groups/jsu)

Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto

Igor Korenzvit

"In 1973, as a new immigrant from Russia, I was supported by JVS. Now, I would like to make my contribution to support JVS - an organization which helps people in need."

* Jewish Women's Federation

Janice Langer

"Seeing UJA Federation dollars at work through a sukkah party I chaired for Russian immigrants was a very meaningful volunteer experience. When the lulav and etrog were brought in, everyone wanted to hold it, shake it and bless it."

Jewish Women International of Toronto

Helen Davis

"As chairperson of an apartment for abused families, I watch the faces of Jewish women and children light up when they know they can live safely for a short time, without fear. I listen and let them know I really care."

Kehilla Residential Programme

Steven Weinrieb

"The ability to give back to the community has been very rewarding to me. My fellow volunteers are an excellent and committed group and the work we do has tangible results."

Leo Baeck Day School

Suzie Lyon

"My volunteering on the Book Fair is so meaningful because of the importance of enriching and rewarding children's academic experience with beautiful literature. For my children to follow in my footsteps and carry volunteerism into the future is most meaningful to me."

* Under the auspices of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

Magen David Sephardic Congregation

Albert Zrihen

"As a newcomer from Morocco, feeling accepted and needed by an established community was most important to me in adapting to my new country. It makes me happy to give something back to the community."

Mount Sinai Hospital

Honours All Its Volunteers

"From our beginning as a 33-bed maternity and convalescent hospital founded in 1923 by the Ezras Noshem Society, volunteers have played an integral role in our hospital. Volunteers continue to be a vital part of our team."

Na'amat Canada-Toronto

Esther Rodzynek

"Na'amat Canada-Toronto's dynamic action this year, to parallel some of Na'amat Israel's crucial women's programs: a Free Legal Aid Clinic established, a Resource Guide published for victims of domestic violence, and advocacy for the rights of Agunot."

Netivot HaTorah Day School

Samuel Kapustin

"My kids gradually accepted that 'dirty' seven-letter word - 'meeting'. They also appreciate the satisfaction that comes in the building of a Jewish school. Problems and controversies fade away as one's hopes and plans are realized."

Netivot HaTorah Day School Parents' Association

Anne Feldman

"Walking into our own building for the first time was the tangible realization of the impact volunteers can have. Within twelve years, our school has its own facilities. What a difference volunteers can make!"

New Israel Fund of Canada

Dr. Nora Gold

"My work with the New Israel Fund has been one of life's joys. It's provided me with a close connection to Israel, specifically the Israel of social justice and social change. I am deeply grateful for this experience."

ORT Canada

Susan Gottlieb

"At our most recent National Convention, I was moved by the deep caring that my fellow volunteers have for ORT students around the world. It re-confirmed for me the importance of building the organization to better help these students."

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles

Sue Krivel

"While sharing research, technical and design skills, and co-ordinating group projects, I've had the satisfaction of creating beauty and forging friendships with a cross-section of the Jewish community - religious, secular, old, young, novice stitcher and professional artist."

Reena

Rachel & David Avitan

"Teaching developmentally handicapped seniors has enriched our lives and brought us a greater understanding of Reena's work in the community. The people are interesting, the work is fulfilling and the Judaic aspect provides us a spiritual satisfaction."

Ryerson Hillel

Simone Joseph

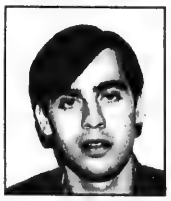
"One of my most meaningful experiences was writing an article about our building a sukkah at Ryerson. It gave me a sense of pride when the article was published in the Ryerson student newspaper."

Secular Jewish Association

Karen Levy

"Hearing one of our youths as valedictorian at his high school commencement, I was struck by his focus on the values our congregation teaches and the power of humanistic Jewish ethics guiding peoples' lives."

Seneca Hillel



Marc Goldstein

"The most memorable experience was my 2 years as President of this very rewarding group. It was also nice to see the organization grow from a few members to many over the years."

Senior Care/Community Services to the Jewish Elderly

Esther Teplitsky

"Volunteering at Senior Care has been rewarding. It's given me the chance to assist our aging Jewish population. My self-worth has been enhanced, and meeting wonderful, caring individuals has been an added bonus."

Shaar Shalom Synagogue

Allen Manly

"In time of bereavement (death, burial and shiva), I am available to provide solace, support and assistance. I lead prayers and lend support in keeping with 'Gemilut Chassadim' (helping for Heaven's sake)."

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation

Rita Kugler

"I have been a volunteer at Sisterhood and at the office of Shaarei Shomayim for a number of years. I am here everyday and really enjoy it."

State of Israel Bonds

David Markowitz

"My involvement with Israel Bonds has been fulfilling and meaningful. Investing both time and money in support of the development of Israel has strengthened my value of 'areivut', connectedness to Israel, and our Jewish community."

Temple Har Zion

Jerry Michaels

"Temple Har Zion is strengthened by the time and effort that its members commit to its betterment. Its volunteers are, in turn, strengthened by their meaningful involvement and the whole Temple community grows."

Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa

Brahm Seitz

"Since 1978, I have been an active volunteer, assisting individuals to become self-sufficient. Many are now successful, contributing members of our community. With enormous pride, I serve in an organization that promotes Maimonides philosophy of 'Helping People Help Themselves'."

UJA Federation

Mark Grenville

"In addition to making a personal pledge, I also give my time because it's a mitzvah to help anyway you can. We all have a responsibility to give something of ourselves back to the community."

United Synagogue Day School

Geoffrey Bledin

"United Synagogue Day School provided me with the opportunity of making a meaningful contribution as a volunteer at an excellent institution, while enabling me to develop some of the best friendships that I will ever have."

Wierzbniker Friendly Mutual Benefit Society

Abe Zukerman

"My reason for volunteering over the past number of years is that having lost all my family during the Holocaust, I felt it my duty to see a strong State of Israel and a healthy and vibrant Jewish generation to carry on."

Volunteers Do Make A Difference

When Judi Sporn, a grandmother of 3, contacted the Department for Human Resources of UJA Federation to discuss volunteer opportunities, she was already involved as a community volunteer. Following an interview, she was invited to become an interviewer on the Volunteer Development Committee.

As a member of the interview team, Judi has shared her experience and knowledge of the community with the many individuals she has interviewed. Her insights and skills as an interviewer have led to many successful referrals.

Today, four years later, Judi also continues to volunteer as an active member of the Holocaust Education Week Committee and a guide at the Holocaust Education Centre.

In recent years, the financial and human resources on which our community has relied have decreased significantly. As a result, agencies and organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with the demands placed on them. The world of volunteering today has evolved into an exciting array of important, prestigious and vital activity at all levels of community life. You can join the many active volunteers in our community by calling our office to arrange an interview. Judi did; we hope you will too!

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? YOU ARE!
Become a community volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunities

ENJOY SWIMMING? Volunteer in an afternoon hydrotherapy program for seniors.

Put your **CRAFTS SKILLS** to work at summer classes for seniors.

Volunteer in a variety of Jewish programs offered to **NEWLY-ARRIVED RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES**. Match your family with a newly-arrived Russian family, or help new immigrants develop telephone skills.

Like the atmosphere of a **BUSTLING COMMUNITY CENTRE?** Volunteers needed for: babysitting, weight room, fitness/aquafit, tele-marketing, support/clerical, computer data input.

Looking for individuals with strong group and leadership skills, who are fun, energetic and committed to **WORKING WITH TEENAGERS**.

REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUIDES (DOCENTS) to lead tours of students and adult groups. Teachers, librarians, social workers, Family Life educators, Holocaust survivors, children of survivors, and university students are welcome. Training provided.

BE A SPECIAL FRIEND. Spend a few hours with an isolated adult, visiting, shopping, enjoying coffee and conversation.

Visit Jewish residents/patients in **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PENAL INSTITUTIONS** for programming and holiday celebrations.

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UJA Federation Appointment

New HRD Chair Appointed

Helen Finder-Guttman

Sandra Brown, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is pleased to announce the dual appointment of Helen Finder-Guttman as UJA Federation Vice-President for Human Resources and as Chair of the Department for Human Resources Development. Her term is for two years.

The Department for Human Resources Development facilitates the identification, recruitment, training, placement and continuing development of lay and professional resources, for the benefit of UJA Federation, its affiliate agencies and schools and the organized Jewish community.

Helen accepts this senior leadership role, following the significant achievements reached by her predecessor, Francie Storm.

Under Francie's leadership, the department for Human Resources Development has played a significant role in bringing greater coherence to UJA Federation policy as it relates to women in leadership, board development, nominations and UJA Federation - agency relations.

Helen assumes her new positions in a time of reassessment of UJA Federation priorities. Her appointment stands as evidence of the ongoing commitment to support the work of the Jewish volunteer community in all its aspects.

We gratefully acknowledge the support and generosity of The Canadian Jewish News in publishing "What You Do Makes A Difference" - A Salute To Our Community's Volunteers".

This feature is coordinated by the Department for Human Resources Development of UJA Federation.

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Community Matters

Annual Meeting

UJA Federation focuses on the future

UJA Federation Chairman David Goldstein (right) shares a story and a laugh with Martin Storm.

A family affair. Both Jack Chisvin and daughter Karen Chisvin received awards of recognition for many years of community service.

A fond farwell. Retiring Executive Secretary Pearl Babins receives flowers from husband Harry amidst friends and co-workers.

The primary community role played by UJA Federation was the key theme at last week's Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto annual meeting. "We have reaffirmed the primacy of UJA Federation," said President Sandra Brown.

Through its annual campaign, UJA Federation raises funds for local educational and social services, the rescue of Jews from unstable regions and essential projects in Israel. The Bequest and Endowment Fund also contributes to the community's financial security. This year, UJA Federation will be conducting both its annual campaign in addition to rejuvenating endowment and capital fundraising.

UJA Federation President Sandra Brown thanked volunteers and board members at a pre-meeting reception.

Sandra Brown paid tribute to Harry Krakowski who is retiring from the Federation's Board of Directors after serving an amazing 8 year term.

Brown cited the financial pressure facing Jewish agencies due to government cutbacks. "Never before," she stressed, "has integrated fund-raising been so important."

Annual meeting program highlights included a video and slide presentation of a new UJA Federation marketing initiative proclaiming Jewish community pride, award presentations and a performance by the Bialik Day School Choir under the direction of Doron Ophir.

Recapping the year, Brown applauded the work undertaken by UJA Federation in Jewish continuity through an innovative grants program, outreach to young people with Junior UJA programs, Holocaust education and building bridges to other communities.

"The strides we have made are numerous," she said, "but the challenges facing us are manifold."

The Bialik School Choir sang their hearts out performing under the direction of Doron Ophir.

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ISRAEL BOUND

Pictured above are some of the 15 Toronto university students who will be teaching English to Israeli teens this summer in the Project Renewal communities of Eilat, Kfar Gvirol and Or Yehuda.

The program, called Kefiada, is sponsored by UJA Federation's Jewish Campus Services, Israel's Ministry of Education, and the Israel Association of Community Centres.

Community Marchers Raise $150,000

A sea of sneakers, strollers, seniors, infants and everyone in-between. That's what north Bathurst Street looked like on the morning of Sunday May 26, during the UJA Federation Community March for Israel.

Well over 5,000 people who turned out for the March were joined by 2,000 others at the Jerusalem 3000 Festival, co-sponsored by Canadian Zionist Federation. "We were absolutely thrilled to see so much support for this wonderful community event," said Jeff Cohen, who co-chaired this year's March, *Journey to Jerusalem*, with Maura Cooperberg.

About $150,000 was raised on behalf of recently arrived young immigrants in Israel.

The 4 kilometre journey started from the Promenade Shopping Centre and ended with the Festival at North York's Centennial Centre.

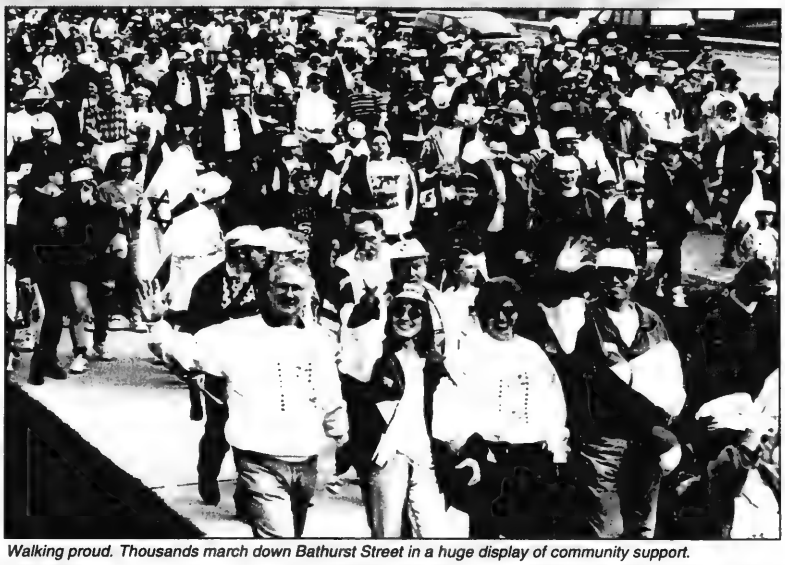
Festival highlights included live entertainment, a petting zoo, an Israeli shuk (market) and an outdoor barbecue.

Over 300 people donated blood at a bone marrow clinic in memory of nine year old Adam Kruger who died a week before.

Former premier Bob Rae, whose brother lost his life to leukemia, visited the clinic along with other community leaders.

The Community March for Israel is UJA Federation's most popular annual event drawing thousands from across the Greater Toronto Area each year.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL COMMUNITY MARCH FOR ISRAEL



Walking proud. Thousands march down Bathurst Street in a huge display of community support.

Ready...set...go! Israeli Consul General Jehudi Kinar cuts the ribbon to signal the start of the March.

Canine Hora! Many marchers brought aong their furry friends on the 4 kilometre trek.

Anyone for a foot massage? Two weary walkers stop for a rest along the way.

Learn-a-thon

Eitz Chaim students raised $19,000 for UJA Federation during a day long learn-a-thon where they studied the Torah and heard lectures from community leaders.

Jeff Cohen and Maura Cooperberg, (inset) did an outstanding job as Co-chairs of the March.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl was one of the more than 300 who donated blood in memory of nine year old Adam Kruger.

Flag in hand, a tired tot takes time out.

Community Matters

Marching Ahead

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL COMMUNITY MARCH FOR ISRAEL

Eighty-two year old Hannah Rensler, the oldest Marcher on the UJA Federation Community March for Israel, led the way with eight year old Jamie Filer, who raised over $800, and the Philosophe brothers – Natanel, 9 and Eliezer, 6 – each of whom brought in $500.

Behind them was a potpourri of people of all ages and all walks of life reflecting Toronto's diverse Jewish community.

Photographer Stephen Epstein captured this collage of March memories.

The March occured on Sunday, May 26, 1996.

Hannah Rensler has been participating in the March for 8 years.

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Hadassah-WIZO chapters lauded in western Canada

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Lily Frank, executive vice-president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, was in Western Canada recently to bring a mazel tov to two pioneer Hadassah-WIZO organizations.

She was in Regina for the local Hadassah-WIZO chapter's 75th anniversary, and in Victoria for the 70th anniversary of the chapter there. She then spent two days in Vancouver.

Earlier, Frank was in Edmonton to pay tribute to Cori Friedman, honorary vice-president, who was named that city's Woman of the Year.

The several Regina chapters began to dwindle in the 1980s, with the shift of the population away from the city.

Thus, Hadassah-WIZO efforts there, in addition to promoting projects in Israel, began to focus on Jewish-Christian relations. Non-denominational sessions were held to discuss violence against women and, more recently, violence against youth.

At the luncheon meeting in Victoria, Frank praised chapter president Ana Porzecanski for her work. She also lauded the Today's Woman chapter which, with the Victoria chapter, has made the annual Chocolate Sunday a city-wide event and the most successful of such projects in Canada since its launch in 1992.

Frank told *The CJN* that the annual Youth Aliyah campaign will get under way shortly, but pointed out that the Youth Aliyah movement was restructured by the previous Israeli government.

A number of Youth Aliyah projects, particularly in the education field, will be taken over by the government, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and education ministry.

But most medical and social service programs operated by Hadassah-WIZO will continue to function as they do now, including Youth Aliyah, which has been a Canadian program since the early 1930s.

Frank discussed plans for Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's triennial convention, to be held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto in November.

Immediately following the convention, delegates will be able join a Jerusalem 3000 tour to Israel.

Ontario public servant welcomes her new position in Ottawa

By PAUL MCKEAGUE
Special to The CJN

OTTAWA – When the Mike Harris government was elected last year, it informed Thea Herman that her services as deputy minister in the Ontario Ministry of Labor would no longer be required. It could have been a devastating blow to a woman who had risen to the top of the province's public service in only 10 years.

But it now looks more like a blessing.

The federal government almost immediately began to make overtures when Herman lost her job. In only a few months the Toronto lawyer was Ottawa-bound with a new position that puts her in charge of policy development for Canada's Department of Justice.

"It's a wonderful job," says Herman, who has been the head of the department's policy sector since the end of November. She's responsible for developing legislation and policy options for Justice Minister Allan Rock on matters ranging from criminal and family law to social issues and human rights.

"I was interested in the job because there's lots happening," Herman says. "The minister is intelligent and energetic and it was a chance to be able to accomplish things, to have a challenge."

She is too much of a professional public servant to discuss why the Harris government wanted her gone as it prepared to implement its "common sense revolution."

"It's the prerogative of any government, particularly any new government, to choose the deputy ministers," she says, diplomatically closing the door on the subject. But it's a good bet that the right-wing Ontario government would have felt uncomfortable working with a senior public servant who had devoted most of her career to issues such as human rights, pay equity and social justice concerns.

Thea Herman

Such concerns emerged naturally out of Herman's Jewish upbringing in Toronto. Her father, the late lawyer Louis Herman, was involved with the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, B'nai Brith and "a variety of community endeavors related to human rights issues and discrimination," Herman recalls.

Her mother, Miriam Bookman, has been very active in the sisterhood of Holy Blossom Temple. She also writes for *The Canadian Jewish News* under her old name, Miriam Herman.

Herman studied at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law and worked at a community legal clinic for low-income people for three years after being admitted to the bar in 1978. She then served as legal counsel to the Ontario Human Rights Commission, worked on policy development at the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General and then in 1988 became the ministry's deputy director of equality rights.

After helping develop employment equity legislation and working as a policy advisor to the Ontario cabinet, she became deputy minister in the Ministry of Labor in 1994.

When she lost that job, "it was hard," Herman admits. She'd spent years in the Ontario government and moving to Ottawa meant leaving the city where she'd grown up and the many friends she has there.

It also posed family complications. Herman is married to lawyer Gregory King and has three teenage sons. Fortunately, King was able to move to a law office in Ottawa, where the family now has its home.

It's a challenging time for someone with strong concerns about human rights. The federal government's recent move to protect the rights of gays and lesbians aroused strong objections. And many Canadians are exasperated with the rights and protections afforded to prisoners and people charged with violent crimes.

"The times are difficult and when times are difficult it's difficult for people to be tolerant," Herman says. But it's not clear whether Canadians are on the whole more or less tolerant than they were in the past, she adds.

Herman is now working on a dizzying array of projects ranging from the development of new child support legislation to the drafting of regulations for Canada's new, tougher gun control laws.

A review of the Young Offenders Act is underway and many aspects of the criminal justice system are being revamped with the aim of better protecting Canadians. Herman is happy to be right in the thick of it all.

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Canadian teen to receive Bronfman Youth Fellowship

MONTREAL — Jenna Slotin, a Grade 11 student at Canterbury High School, is the only Canadian to receive a 1996 Bronfman Youth Fellowship.

The fellowships honor 26 teenagers in the United States and Canada under a program designed to develop future community leaders committed to the concept of Jewish unity.

Jenna Slotin

This summer, Slotin will spend five weeks in Israel with the Youth Fellowships program launched 10 years ago by Edgar M. Bronfman, chair of the Seagram Company Ltd. and president of the World Jewish Congress.

The 26 fellows — chosen from nearly 450 applicants — were selected on the basis of character, intellectual interest, special talents and leadership qualities.

Slotin, daughter of Linda and Lewis Slotin, is enrolled in her school's dramatic arts program as a special triple credit theatre major.

She has won numerous public speaking awards in both English and French and holds a number of positions on intermediate and senior student councils. Slotin is active in school sports and is a lifeguard for the school swim team. A peer counsellor and math tutor for the past two years, she has also participated in theatre production at Canterbury as producer, director, stage-manager and actor.

Outside of school, Slotin volunteers at a local Jewish senior citizens home and takes classes in ballet, theatre and piano. She is a past vice-president of her Reform youth group and continues to be active in her synagogue.

The 14 girls and 12 boys who received the fellowships will fly to Israel on July 9, following an orientation seminar in New York City, and will return to the United States on Aug. 14.

They will spend their five weeks in Israel in a program of study, travel and dialogue with members of the educational staff of the Bronfman Fellowship program, as well as with prominent political and literary figures, representing a broad spectrum of views on key political, social and religious issues facing world Jewry.

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Judaic studies program launched

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Rabbi Mordechai Green, president of Maimonides College, has announced the re-establishment of degree-granting Judaic studies programs.

Courses at the college were suspended several years ago, but starting Oct. 7, Maimonides, in conjunction with McMaster University of Hamilton, will offer university level courses for women at the Eitz Chaim schools in Toronto.

For male students, Maimonides College will offer undergraduate and graduate credit courses within a beit midrash program in Hamilton, which will be run in cooperation with Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak of Hamilton.

Maimonides College will offer a full range of courses leading to BA, MA and PhD degrees in an Orthodox Jewish environment.

Students will have several options. They will be able to study full time in the beit midrash, earning a Maimonides BA, or combine the beit midrash program with evening and summer courses at McMaster University. In addition, Maimonides plans to offer correspondence courses as well as courses on the Internet, which will allow students to complete their courses at their own pace.

Working in conjunction with McMaster University, Maimonides College will use state of the art technology to expand its range of courses in both secular and non-secular subjects, Rabbi Green announced.

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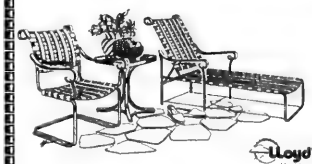

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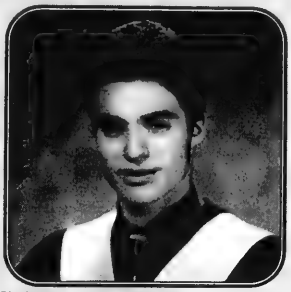
Julie Israel announces the marriage of her son Edward to Dafna Magendzo, daughter of Erica & Abraham Magendzo in Santiago de Chile on March 10. Proud grandmothers are Margarita Reinsburg and Camelia Israel.

Ryan Lawrence Korn is 6 months old. Proud parents are Lisa & Harris Korn and grandparents Gloria & Nat Tenenbaum, Dorry & Alek Korn and Terrie Korn.

Hannah Racquel Mamann celebrated her first birthday oh May 13. Proud parents are Guidy & Monica Mamann and grandparents Max & Gisele Mamann and Jack & Hedua Weinberger.

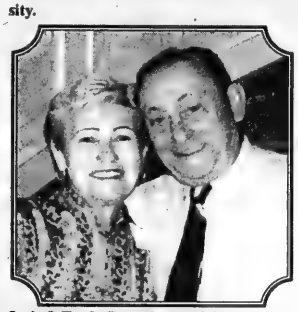


Yasher koach to Noam Ship, who is graduating with honors from Lawrence Park Collegiate. Parents Saul & Viviane and brother Jesse wish him success in university.

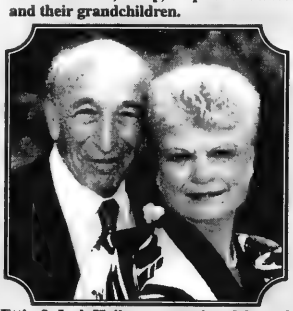
Morris & Paula Small will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17 with their sons Allen, Philip, Ralph and families, and their grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Harry (Goody) Goodman on his 80th birthday on May 25. With love from Beverly, Harvey, Sandy, Molly, Mark, Michael & Debbie, Tracie, Aaron, Sari and Alana.

Happy, healthy 70th birthday to Josef Krystal on June 12 from wife Pauline, children Sharon & Norman, Marty, Steve & Marcia and grandchildren, Jason, Michelle, Leslie, Andy and Ally.

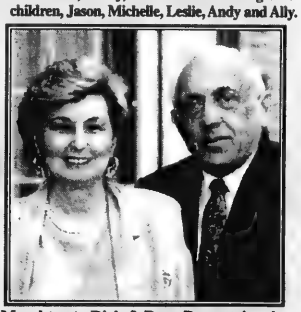


Jack & Freda Rosenberg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11. Love and best wishes from Goldie, Herb & Rachel and Harold & Cindy.



Ettie & Jack Hailman recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. With love from their children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to our loving parents Rivka & Jack Springer, who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniverary on June 19. Love from their children Dubie & Franceen; Ellie & Joanne; Varda & Alan and grandchildren Kyla, Shelby & Jordana.



Mazel tov to Dick & Dora Bromstein who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16. We love you Bubbie & Zaidy from all your grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Nathan & Dina Shyllit on their 50th weddng anniversary on June 28 from children and grandchildren Rochelle & Joel Kuchar, Jillian & Brian and Joe & Esther Shyllit, Sara and Robyn.

Mazel tov to Ethel & Nison Katz on their 50th wedding anniversary. With love from family, Tom, Elaine & Haley Gaber-Katz and Harold, Sandra, Ari, Jordan & Jonathan Katz.

Mazel tov to our parents Sam & Piri Newman on their 50th wedding anniversary from children and grandchildren Milton, Susan, Jordan, Danielle, David, Esther, Rachel, Eli, Sara, Chaya, Marvin, Roberta, Dalia and Leora.

Fred & Marion Fine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9. Children are Lawrence & Susan, Marla & Robert Gagne and Saralyn. Grandchildren are Rachel, Jonathon, Wyatt, Jesse, Joshua, Daniel, and the late Elizabeth Fine-Gagne.

Congratulations to Sam & Sally Milstein on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 8, 1946 in Bergen-Belsen. Love from children Albert, Ruth and Harold and grandchildren Caroline, Adam, Julie, David, Jaclyn and Bradley.

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Syria talks, coalition partners top Netanyahu's agenda

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu is juggling.

As he reaches out to potential coalition partners to form the next Israeli government, he is also reaching out to the Arab world.

Last week he said he believed he could continue peace negotiations with Syria, without getting stalled over the issue of the Golan Heights.

"I think there are additional ways to advance confidence-building between Syria and Israel and alleviate the tension and existing situation of hostility ahead of full peace and a peace treaty," he told reporters in Haifa.

Netanyahu has previously said he believes Israel and Syria could try to pursue sub-agreements on such areas as water and economic arrangements.

Although he opposes returning the Golan Heights to Syria, he said no one should question his intention to conduct negotiations with Damascus.

"We have already had talks. We started at [the 1991] Madrid peace conference and we made it clear to Assad that we will remain on the Golan Heights."

Syria has called on Israel to resume peace negotiations, which were suspended by the outgoing government following a series of suicide bombings by Islamic militants in February and March.

Last weekend, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad hosted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah to discuss the future of the peace process in the wake of the Israeli political shake-up.

Officials in Jordan said King Hussein would travel to Washington next week to meet with President Bill Clinton. The officials said the trip was "personal" and had been planned prior to the elections.

Meanwhile, American officials said Netanyahu would travel to Washington at the end of the month.

Aides to the new prime minister denied Israeli media reports that the visit had been set for June 25, pending formation of the new government.

Efforts to form that government continued last Thursday, as members of the Likud's negotiating team met with representatives from the religious parties and the centrist Third Way Party.

Legislation on the religious status quo is shaping up to be one of the toughest issues the Likud will have to tackle.

The religious parties have presented a list of demands that would give the Orthodox establishment more influence over daily life. The Likud must balance these against the programs of its other potential coalition partners, which are secular.

The religious parties' request to limit the creation of secular cemeteries, for example, is a sore point for the immigrant party, Israel b'Aliyah, which supports their construction.

Netanyahu said only that he would try to meet the interests of all sectors of the population.

Couple killed in terrorist shooting

By BILL HUTMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – A husband and wife were shot dead near Moshav Gefen last Sunday night, apparently by terrorists in a passing car.

A witness said the attackers' car quickly overtook that of the victims and a burst of fire tore into the car, which ran off the road into a gully. The terrorists' car continued travelling, apparently in the direction of the territories.

The moshav is less than 10 kilometres from the Green Line.

Witness Yehuda Mesala, who was travelling behind the victims' car, stopped his car to provide assistance. Mesala, who is disabled and wheelchair bound, pulled himself up to the couple's car and found the husband dead behind the steering wheel and his wife dead beside him in the front passenger seat.

In the back seat, Mesala found the couple's 1-year-old daughter unhurt, still strapped into her car seat. The baby was later taken to Kaplan Hospital for observation.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, who arrived at the scene with a massive force which began a search of the area, said the incident was "apparently a drive-by terrorist attack, although the possibility that it was a roadside ambush has not been ruled out."

Police blocked off main highways in the centre of the country in a manhunt for the attackers and increased security throughout the region.

Montreal, Tel Aviv mayors seeks closer cooperation

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV – Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo signed a declaration of intent to tighten links between the two cities during Bourque's recent visit to Israel – the first ever by a Montreal mayor.

The proposed agreement, which must be approved by both city councils, would pave the way for cooperation in urban planning, mass transit, cultural affairs, social services, the environment and economic and technological exchanges.

The mayor praised the rapid pace of development in Tel Aviv, calling it a "booming city," but appeared especially moved by his visit to Jerusalem.

"I now understand why this country was created," Bourque told *The CJN*. "I've discovered Israel through Jerusalem. I'm amazed at what I saw and I will definitely be back."

Bourque led a delegation of Montreal business executives representing a dozen companies, including Gaz Metropolitain, Bombardier and HMS Energie, a subsidiary of Hydro Quebec, on a four-day visit to Israel.

While some members of the delegation expressed anxiety about the change in the Israeli government, most said they were reassured that investment opportunities would not be affected.

"I was glad to hear that there will be no drastic changes under the new Israeli prime minister," said Edward Blanshay, a Montreal lawyer who helps set up strategic partnerships between Canadian and Israeli companies.

"It's very important that investment continue and that the peace process continue."

"Traditionally the Likud is very open to free enterprise; so there is nothing to fear," added Saulie Zajdel, a member of the executive committee of the Montreal city council.

In Tel Aviv, the delegation met with 40 Canadians employed at the Hashalom office complex being built by Montreal developer David Azrieli.

In Jerusalem, the mayor – a former director of the Montreal Botanical Gardens – opened a rose garden established with the support of Montreal Jewry.

He also visited the Jerusalem site of Genesis Israel, a community advocacy organization based on Montreal's Project Genesis. Since the Israeli version of the program began in 1992, it has recruited 75 volunteers who act as advocates for over 6,000 Israelis at storefront sites in Jerusalem, Beersheva and Acre.

"I was very proud to see a Montreal program having such an impact in Jerusalem," said Bourque. "The same philosophy works in both places: empower people by making them aware of their rights."

Canadian Ambassador to Israel David Berger called Genesis Israel a tremendous volunteer organization which has been especially helpful to new immigrants.

"People think that Canada and Israel have little in common, but this project shows that we have a lot to gain by working together," said Berger.

Bourke wound up his visit to Israel at the Gala des Etoiles – an annual Montreal ballet extravaganza that was brought to Jerusalem with the cooperation of the Canada Committee for Jerusalem 3000.

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Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu (right) and outgoing Prime Minister Shimon Peres clasp hands and bid each other goodbye after meeting to discuss the transition of government. [RNS photo]

Peres' days as leader appear numbered

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Shimon Peres' days as the leader of the Labor party are numbered. Having been narrowly defeated by Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel's first direct election for prime minister, Peres is now a three-time loser, and will likely resign in the near future.

Mideast Analysis

The outcome could have been different. Under the old electoral system, Peres most probably would have regained his post and led Israel's next government. The final tally shows that the Labor party won 34 seats (26.8 percent), 10 less than in 1992, but two more than the Likud (25.1 percent).

Although the election race was too close to call, some observers expected Peres to muddle through, if only because of his past achievements. One of the founding fathers of the state, Peres is a distinguished public servant who has held practically every key position since the establishment of Israel in 1948.

During the War of Independence, he procured arms and munitions for the Haganah. Later, as director-general of the Ministry of Defence and deputy minister of defence, he presided over the construction of Israel's nuclear arsenal, and was instrumental in forging close security relations with France and West Germany.

As defence minister in the late Yitzhak Rabin's first government (1974-77), he played an integral role in the Entebbe hijacking incident. Then as prime minister and finance minister in a national unity government from 1984 to 1986, he slashed inflation and withdrew the army from all of Lebanon but a self-declared security zone adjacent to Israel's northern border.

And then, as foreign minister in Rabin's second government, he helped lay the groundwork for Israel's historic rapprochement with the PLO and fleshed out the Oslo accords and Israel's peace treaty with Jordan.

No wonder Netanyahu praised Peres in a speech following his victory. "I want to say something about Mr. Peres," he said. "We had our disagreements, we had strong disagreements, but no one among us should forget the important contributions that Mr. Peres has made to the State of Israel."

If Peres was such a stellar and respected figure, why did he lose the election? There are several reasons.

Like his martyred predecessor, Peres failed to bring Israel peace *with* security. Within days of the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Sept. 13, 1993, a spate of terrorism convulsed Israel. And the suicide bombings which killed 59 people in February and March appeared to be the final straw insofar as many Israelis were concerned.

The Likud hammered away at that theme, and during their only television debate before the election, Netanyahu charged Peres with "bringing our security to an unprecedented low."

Peres countered that Netanyahu was pandering to fear. Yet Peres was unable to convince the majority of Israelis that terrorism was not a function of the peace process. And neither was he able to persuade voters that peace had brought Israel unparallelled political and economic benefits.

Peres compiled a stellar record

Peres' election campaign strategy of moving to the right of the political spectrum and blurring the differences between himself and Netanyahu did not work either. Nor did his draconian decisions to seal off the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and to bombard Lebanon relentlessly in Operation Grapes of Wrath, which ended on an uncertain note.

If anything, the closure of the territories and the military operation in Lebanon tarnished Peres' image in the Israeli Arab community. True, nine out of 10 Israeli Arabs cast their ballots for Peres in the direct election. Yet, disillusioned with Peres' policies, a significant number of Arab voters made good on their threat to abstain.

Peres, and the Labor party, also lost ground to two new centrist parties — The Third Way and Israel b'Aliyah — which siphoned off potential voters. The Third Way and Israel b'Aliyah picked up a total of 11 Knesset seats and held the balance of power in the aftermath of the election.

As well, Peres struck out with Orthodox Jews, who heeded their rabbis and split their votes between the Likud and the three religious parties.

And finally, Peres' excruciatingly close loss in the head-to-head contest with Netanyahu can be ascribed to Likud's far-sighted, strategic decision to form a joint list with Rafael Eitan's Tsomet list and David Levy's Gesher party. In the last analysis, this catapulted Netanyahu over the top.

June 3

• Prof. Ariel Rosen-Tzvi died at the age of 52 from an illness, reported Israel Radio. Rosen-Tzvi was the dean of Tel Aviv University's Law Faculty and sat on several state commissions, most recently the commission that investigated the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

June 4

• Israel's first commercial communications satellite, Amos I, began sending experimental broadcasts. The satellite was launched two weeks ago from French Guiana.

June 5

• Israel further eased the closure of the territories, imposed in connection with the national elections. The Israeli army said married Palestinian workers older than 35 could apply for work permits that would allow them into the Jewish state.

June 6

• Israeli Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu said he would continue peace negotiations with Syria and final-status talks with the Palestinians. His remarks came as Syria announced that it would host a meeting with leaders of Egypt and Saudi Arabia to discuss the effect of the Israeli elections on the peace process.

June 7

• Former Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit, acknowledging a dispute with IDF intelligence, says he is not convinced that Syria is ready for peace with Israel. In an interview broadcast on Israel Radio, Shavit said, "I am realistic. The meaning is we have to relate to the process with caution and wisdom, and not get swept up by it."

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

• Over 850 people were expected for the Second World Conference of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

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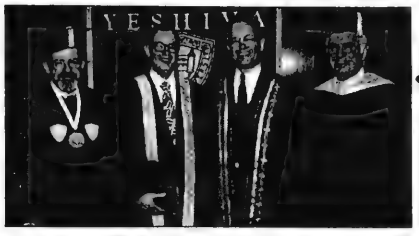
Members of the Shapiro family celebrate the auspicious event. I-r: Dr. Bernard and Dr. Phyllis Shapiro; Mary Shapiro Kantor, mother of the honourees; and Vivian and Dr. Harold Shapiro.

Gershon Stern (left), a member of the University's Board of Trustees and national president of the Canadian Friends of YU, congratulates honourary degree recipient Aaron Feuerstein.



Drs. Bernard and Harold Shapiro (second and third from left) are congratulated by YU President Dr. Norman Lamm (left) and Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky, a Montreal native and YU's vice president for university affairs who presented the twins for their honourary Doctor of Humane Lettres degrees.

Drs. Harold and Bernard Shapiro are ceremonially hooded upon receipt of their honourary degrees.

Canadian educators honoured at YU commencement

Drs. Bernard and Harold Shapiro, twin brothers from Montreal who are, respectively, principal and vice chancellor of McGill University and president of Princeton University, received honourary degrees from Yeshiva University at its 65th Annual Commencement in New York City.

The siblings—sons of Mary Shapiro Kantor and the late Max Shapiro—were cited for their pursuit of academic excellence and innovation and their staunch advocacy of higher education. In breaking with the tradition of awarding honourary degrees individually, YU President Norman Lamm simultaneously conferred upon the Shapiros honourary Doctor of Humane Lettres degrees.

"Born to the same parents on the same day in 1935, you have pursued distinct and distinguished academic careers that have brought each of you to the presidency of a prestigious North American university," said Dr. Lamm in presenting the degrees to the fraternal twins, both McGill alumni. "This is a rare and possibly unique achievement for any two brothers. But for two proudly Jewish brothers, it is without precedent and, thus, represents an important milestone in the history of both higher education and the North American Jewish community."

The other honourary degree recipients were:

- US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who also gave the Commencement address
- YU alumnus and Massachusetts businessman Aaron Feuerstein, who has been hailed for his humanitarianism on behalf of his employees after a fire destroyed his factory
- Esther Gottesman, lifelong Zionist and supporter of Jewish education, legendary Hadassah leader, and matriarch of one of YU's "First Families"
- Three-time YU alumnus Rabbi Daniel Tropper, founder and director of Gesher, the Jerusalem-based foundation which promotes relations between Israel's religious and secular Jews

Following Commencement, the University hosted a special luncheon for members of the Canadian contingent who traveled to NYC for the ceremony. Seated (l-r): Merle and Gershon Stern; and Norman Sternthal, a member of the Yeshiva College Board of Directors. Standing (l-r): Rabbis Wilfred Shuchat and two-time YU alumnus Ira Grussgott, respectively rabbi emeritus and rabbi of Shaar Hashomayim Congregation in Westmount; Drs. Bernard and Harold Shapiro; Abraham Gurman, a Yeshiva College director and president of the Montreal Friends of YU; and Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky.

Cote Saint-Luc resident named to "top 20" list of outstanding college students by *USA Today*

Chaim Motzen of Cote Saint-Luc, among 11 Greater Montreal area residents in the 1996 Yeshiva University graduating classes, was selected earlier this year as one of America's "Top 20" college students by *USA Today*.

The national newspaper chose Motzen—son of Nechama and Cantor Yaakov Motzen of Adath Israel Congregation in Hampstead—from a pool of more than 1,200 candidates for its 1996 All-USA Academic Team based upon his classroom achievements, co- and extra-curricular endeavours, honours and awards, and the ability to express himself in writing.

Motzen, who was graduated with honours and is now a student at YU's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), was singled out in *USA Today*'s coverage of team members. Featured with another winner in a story entitled "Among College All-Stars, Two Students Who Can't Stop Giving," he used the occasion to stress the importance of life-saving bone-marrow drives, a cause that is especially close to his heart.

Scholar-in-residence

Rabbi Benjamin Blech, assistant professor of Talmud at YU and author of the 1991 landmark book *Understanding Judaism*, was scholar-in-residence this year at Beth Zion Congregation, in Cote Saint-Luc.

The program host was Rabbi Sidney Shoham, Beth Zion's spiritual leader and namesake of a chair in Rabbinic and Community Leadership at RIETS. The chair, established in Rabbi Shoham's honour at a YU Convocation and Dinner in Montreal, is occupied by Rabbi Robert S. Hirt, RIETS vice president for administration and professional education.

THIRTY-SEVEN CANADIANS RECEIVE DEGREES

Thirty-seven Canadians are among the students who received undergraduate, graduate, or professional degrees or diplomas at YU's 65th Annual Commencement.

They were recipients of bachelour's or associate's degrees from Yeshiva College (YC), Stern College for Women (SCW), Sy Syms School of Business (SSSB), James Striar School of General Jewish Studies (JSS), or Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC). Master's or doctoral degrees were conferred by Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration (AGS), Bernard Revel Graduate School (BRGS), Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology (FGS), or Wurzweiler School of Social Work (WSSW).

Degrees from Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law will be presented later this month.

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Shaarei Shomayim hosts YU faculty

Two distinguished YU faculty members lectured recently at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in North York.

Under the auspices of the Canadian Friends of YU, Dr. Haym Soloveitchik, University Professor of Jewish History and Literature, presented "Rupture and Reconstruction: the Transformation of Contemporary Jewry" and Dr. Norman Linzer, Samuel J. and Jean Sable Professor of Jewish Family Social Work at YU's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, addressed "The Jewish Family in Crisis." The latter lecture was in tribute to Mr. Sable and his late wife. Toronto philanthro-

leaders in whose honour the professorship that Dr. Linzer holds was endowed by the community.

Four-time YU alumnus Rabbi Mark Dratch, Shaarei Shomayim's spiritual leader, and Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, a three-time alumnus who is executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, served, respectively, as host and chairman of the lectures.

Kurt Rothschild, a member of the RIETS Board of Trustees, delivered greetings on behalf of the Canadian Friends.

A similar series is scheduled for the Greater Montreal

Israel & the Jewish World

Three former Nazis lose U.S. citizenship

WASHINGTON — Three former Nazi henchmen have been stripped of their U.S. citizenship in the last three weeks, bringing to 56 the number of successful denaturalization cases brought by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) since 1979.

A Federal District Court in Boston found that Aleksandras Lileikis, 88, of Norwood, Mass. had been chief of the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian Security Police (Saugumas) in Vilnius and had played an integral role in the destruction of the Jewish community there.

Lileikis had handed Jews either to the Ypatingas Burys, a volunteer unit whose main function was to shoot Jews, or to the German Security Police, the OSI stated in a news release. Many of the killings took place at pits dug in the woods at Paneriai (Ponary in Yiddish).

In a separate case, a District Court judge in Tampa, Fla., entered a consent judgement in which Juozas (Joseph) Budreika, 79, admitted serving in a Lithuanian battalion involved in numerous mass killings of Jews and others. Budreika admitted he served in the 2nd/12th Lithuanian Schutzmannschaft (Protective Detachment) Battalion and that he concealed that fact when he applied for U.S. citizenship.

During 1941 and 1942, the unit murdered thousands of unarmed Jews and other civilians in Lithuania and Byelorussia (now Belarus).

Budreika left the United States on a commercial airliner for Lithuania.

"The cancellation of Budreika's ill-gotten U.S. citizenship is another important law enforcement victory on behalf of the victims of wartime Nazi oppression," said OSI director Eli Rosenbaum.

In yet another case, a District Court judge found that Detroit-area resident Ferdinand Hammer, 74, had served in the SS Death's Head Battalion, had been a guard at both the Auschwitz and Sachsenhausen concentration camps and had served as an armed SS guard while prisoners were transported between concentration camps.

During his naturalization application process, Hammer had signed a sworn affidavit in which he specifically stated he had never been a concentration camp guard and had never sent anyone to a concentration camp. However, District Court Judge Horace Gilmore found that Hammer fraudulently misrepresented his wartime activities in that statement.

Netanyahu renews Pollards' hopes

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Imprisoned U.S. spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard is hopeful that Benjamin Netanyahu will keep an election pledge to make his release a top priority, says Pollard's Toronto-based wife.

Esther Pollard met with both Netanyahu and Shimon Peres just days before the Israeli vote. She commended the prime minister-elect for issuing a "national unity" call for Pollard's release.

Following a May 21 meeting with Esther Pollard, Netanyahu said Jonathan Pollard must be released now, "because it's the right thing to do, and it's long overdue."

Esther Pollard has met with Peres and Netanyahu on several previous occasions, including during Netanyahu's trips to Toronto. She told *The CJN* her husband remains hopeful, but that neither of them favors one leader over another.

"We have always supported any Israeli leader and we are deeply grateful to both [Peres and Netanyahu]. The fact that I was received by them just 48 hours before the election is meaningful."

Pollard, a former U.S. Navy civilian analyst, is completing his 11th year in prison for passing classified data to Israel. He's currently in a jail in Butner, N.C.

Despite years of pressure from Jewish organizations and Israeli persistence, U.S. President Bill Clinton denied Pollard clemency in 1994.

Pollard supporters were also disheartened this past spring when White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said he doubted the president would commute Pollard's life sentence.

Last December, Pollard filed another application for executive clemency. His lawyer, Larry Dub, told *The CJN* last week the file "is sitting on a pile of dust" somewhere in the U.S. Justice Department.

He said Clinton could commute Pollard's sentence "now or in six months or years from now."

Esther Pollard said recent responses Clinton has sent to those who have written him about Pollard shouldn't be taken too seriously, as they are form letters.

Among those who received a letter from Clinton was Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre. Rabbi Hier told *The CJN* that Clinton's reference to a new clemency application by Pollard "has to be viewed positively. Maybe there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

He said he thinks Netanyahu will be "far more aggressive" than Peres in pursuing the Pollard matter with the Americans.

In the letters, Clinton says Pollard "committed a serious crime that posed a threat to our country."

Esther Pollard and others have long argued that Pollard has served more time than anyone else charged with a similar offence and in some cases, more than those caught spying for enemies, not allies, of the United States.

As well, they argue, Pollard's actions caused no lasting damage. "They know," says his wife, "that sooner or later, they will have to release him."

She said her husband's release would "pass without a whisper" from the American public.

CJN Rosh Hashanah Photo Contest

The CJN announces its second annual Rosh Hashanah photo contest. We are asking readers to submit photographs either of Israel or of any Jewish theme in their communities. They must be original photos "shot" by the reader.

Who can enter: Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter: A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please write your name, address, and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You may mail or deliver your photos to: CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 5:00 pm on Monday August 26th, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.00.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners". We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified: Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before Shabbat on Friday, August 30, 1996.

When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Quebec.

Coalition talks hit 'religious snag'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Negotiations to form a coalition government ran into trouble last week over the demands of the religious parties.

The coalition guidelines were not the only source of difficulty. Portfolio demands and the bickering between the National Religious Party (NRP) and Shas over the Religious Affairs portfolio, as well as increasing unrest inside the Likud, also cast a shadow over the talks.

The lack of progress, however, did not seem to dampen the optimism around Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu. Difficulties, those close to him said, can only be expected in the opening phases of the haggling, when the sides put their toughest positions on the table. The religious parties are sure to get more realistic, they argued.

Sources close to Netanyahu continued to say the coalition would be set up soon and that the new government would be ready for its first vote of confidence when the new Knesset convenes on June 17.

It was noted that Netanyahu has been invited to Washington at the end of the month and it is unlikely he would go before his government is established.

Likud sources said the party's negotiators were quite stunned by the demands presented by the three religious parties. They included returning to the status quo on religious affairs that existed before the Labor victory in 1992, making recognition of all conversions conditional on approval by the Chief Rabbinate, enacting a basic law guaranteeing the Jewish character of the state and guaranteeing that there would be no legislative initiative or adding new coalition partners without the consent of all members of the original coalition.

The Likud negotiators reacted by telling the religious parties they must tone down their aspirations and not press on with demands which they know the Likud cannot meet.

Shlomo Benizri of Shas accused the Likud negotiators of "talking to us insensitively, as if we had asked for things that are above and beyond what could be considered as reasonable."

The NRP's Yitzhak Levy wondered "why the Likud is getting so upset. After all, we asked for nothing much. This is a list of our minimal demands."

Tzahi Hanegbi of Likud noted that "the problem lies in defining the status quo. The religious parties say they cannot agree to freeze things as they now are, because the Labor-Meretz government had altered the status quo adversely, from the religious point of view. They want to go back to the way things were, and agreeing on just where we draw the line is the chief difficulty."

Added pressure on the Likud came from the Third Way, which made its own demands on religious issues, and which underscored that it was also speaking on behalf of Israel b'Aaliyah. These parties demand that no move be made to either amend existing basic laws or enact new ones without their agreement. They also insist on retaining full rights to vote their conscience on religious issues, a situation which, in theory, could deny the coalition a majority when such issues come up in the Knesset.

The Likud also failed to win the support of the religious parties for its portfolio offers. To make peace between Shas and the NRP over the Religious Affairs portfolio, the Likud suggested that they agree to let Ovadia Eli (who lost his Knesset seat) have the portfolio. But the NRP's Shaul Yahalom called this "an attempt by the Likud to usurp this portfolio. We will not agree to this. We will not serve in the government if this portfolio is not in our hands or in the hands of someone on whom we agree."

The Likud also offered the NRP the Education and Communications portfolios, as well as a deputy environment minister. But the NRP wanted Labor and Social Affairs, which was earmarked by the Likud for Shas, along with Interior.

Israel & the Jewish World

Palestinians soon to declare independent state: Arafat

By JON IMMANUEL and DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM —The Palestinians will soon declare an independent state and no one can stop them, Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Yasser Arafat said last week.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said the establishment of such a state is inevitable, while King Hussein of Jordan said his country would never block the will of the Palestinian people.

The three were speaking at a news conference in the garden of Hussein's winter palace, following a summit to discuss Arab policy in the wake of the Israeli elections.

Through a statement issued by his office, Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu studiously played down Arafat's remark.

"Mr. Netanyahu's position opposing the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital is known. The prime minister-elect stresses once again that Israel's position is that Jerusalem will never be divided and will remain united under Israeli sovereignty," the statement said. "Declarations will not change this."

At the news conference, Arafat said: "We are approaching [the time] to declare our independent Palestinian state and its capital in noble Jerusalem. I mean it. This is the desire of the Palestinian people and nobody can stop it."

Mubarak backed Arafat, saying that even if the Likud opposed statehood for the Palestinians, it would not matter.

Hussein added: "The question is the right of the Palestinians on their soil and we are for whatever they decide on. We will never under any conditions be a substitute for them."

Hussein did not directly support a Palestinian state when first asked and spoke only of the inevitability of the peace process. He stated Jordan's position on statehood only after Arafat and Mubarak said a state was unstoppable.

Hussein has been seen by Israel as the most conciliatory of the three leaders most directly involved in talks with Israel. The Likud considers him a key partner in the three-way talks with the PA.

In keeping with Netanyahu's post-election moderate tone, with which he seeks to reassure people at home and abroad of his commitment to the peace process, his statement did not denounce Arafat's remarks but rather said the prime minister-elect "sees things differently" from Arafat on final status talks.

Following the summit, the three Arab leaders issued a joint communique stressing that they would not prejudge the Likud government.

The Likud's hardline positions in opposition could change under the responsibility of government, they said.

Their communique read: "The three leaders dealt with the results of the Israeli elections through an objective evaluation and call on the new Israeli government to continue in the peace process under the fundamentals and principles on which the Madrid conference was based, affirming their conviction that peace is an irreversible strategic choice for all parties in the region."

Netanyahu welcomed the joint communique. "Prime minister-elect Netanyahu believes the comments made at the Akaba summit on advancing a process of peace in the Middle East should be welcomed," his statement read.

Compensation payments expanded

By ALISSA KAPLAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Austrian Fund for Victims of National Socialism has decided that payments from the fund could be inherited if claimants die before receiving their benefits.

The fund's supervisory committee said an application for the fund must have been filed before the claimant's death in order for the money to be inherited.

"It's very important to get the claim in," Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, said in an interview last week.

The secretary general of the fund said she expected all the funds to be distributed in three to four years.

The fund was created by the Austrian parliament as a gesture toward victims of the Nazi regime in June 1995.

Steinberg said the decision about inheriting funds set Austria apart from most other countries involved in World War II restitution for Jews.

As of last month, 3,280 claimants had received payments of $7,000 each, for a total payment of about $23 million.

Applicants can contact their local Austrian Consulate or the Austrian Consulate in New York, Attn: Irith Jawetz, 31 E. 69th St., New York, N.Y. 10021. The phone number is 212-737-6400.

Applications also can be sent to: Dr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Austrian Nationalrat, Parliament, A-1017, Vienna, Austria.

Communist victory a concern

MOSCOW – Although election-eve polls show President Boris Yeltsin leading, the Jews in Russia's provinces nonetheless say they fear the prospect of a Communist victory on June 16.

"A Communist victory would have immediate consequences in all spheres of Russian life," says Alexander Sakov, leader of the 15,000-member Jewish community of Omsk in western Siberia.

Those consequences would include immediate restrictions on the activities of the Jewish community, he adds.

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Gardening chemicals pose health risk to children

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What a price to pay for lush lawns and a carpet of green.

With the spring gardening season upon us, consumers are unleashing a varied arsenal of weed and insect killers on their lawns, not aware that these synthetic chemicals can pose a health risk to children and others.

Pesticides have been linked to eye, skin, respiratory and throat irritation while a U.S. National Cancer Institute study showed that children are as much as six times more likely to get childhood leukemia when pesticides are used around the house.

An American Cancer Society (ACS) brochure states that non-Hodgkin's lymphoma may be linked to pesticide exposure while according to a report in the American Journal of Epidemiology, cited by the ACS, more children with brain tumors and other cancers were found to have had exposure to insecticides than children without cancer.

Yet walk into any garden centre, nursery or hardware shop and weekend gardeners are confronted with rows of hazardous chemicals designed to rid your lawn of unwanted weeds and bugs or make it grow like mad.

Of course, you should wear protective work gloves and clothing when you use it, children and pets shouldn't play in the yard after it's been applied and if it comes into contact with your skin or eyes, there are emergency measures spelled out on the label you can take.

A recent item in the *New York Times'* science section discussed the question of lawn chemicals and found differing opinions on the effects of minute doses on the population. Some scientists say there is no proven correlation between low doses of chemicals and maladies later in life.

But some advocates, who don't buy the minute dose argument, say you don't need to use souped-up chemicals to get a greener lawn anyway.

Janet May, a spokesperson for the Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA), a non-profit, grassroots organization, says there are natural ways to get an attractive lawn without using chemicals.

One of the no-nos weekend gardeners should avoid is fertilizing their lawns in the spring, she said. The period between Labor Day and Halloween is the right time to fertilize your lawn and you should use only organic long-release compounds, like compost or bone and blood meal.

Fast-growth, synthetic fertilizers can't be totally absorbed by plant-life and are usually washed away and enter the water system. In addition, earthworms, which aerate and fertilize the soil, are killed by synthetic fertilizers, she said.

If you fertilize in the spring you'll encourage shallow root growth — not a good idea prior to Toronto's typically hot and dry summers — and you'll create a hospitable home for beetle grubs, which like underdeveloped roots much more than deeper systems.

Instead of using chemical fertilizers, particularly those that promise fast growth, leave the grass clippings on the lawn during the season and water your grass once a week in the morning with one inch of water. And cut the grass at least three inches high, she recommends.

Not only does that shelter the grass from sun, but it crowds out young crabgrass and dandelion seedlings, which like a lot of light. Instead of using chemical killers like 2,4-D, which was a component of Agent Orange (a Vietnam War defoliant) and which has been linked to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and prostate cancer, pull the weeds by hand, overseed that area (with perennial rye grass or fescues) and mow your grass taller, May recommends.

The thicker, healthier grass will crowd out the weeds, she said.

Some lawns are dug up and ruined by racoons searching for grubs. One of the chemicals that is commonly used to kill the grubs (and hence, deter racoons) is Diazinon, an organophosphate. The American Cancer Society, quoting the New York State Attorney General, states that chemicals like Diazinon and Dursban "are designed to act as nerve poisons and may cause headaches, dizziness, fatigue, twitching muscles and mental confusion."

You can solve your white grub problem by simply taking one tablespoon of dishwashing detergent and mixing it with water in a typical plant spritzer and spraying your lawn. The soap will kill soft-bodied insects, May said.

TEA believes the key to a healthier lawn is healthier soil and that means avoiding use of chemical agents, which can degrade the soil and make it even more dependent on artificial fertilizers and chemicals.

New drug used on ovarian cancer

TORONTO — Every year, approximately 300 women in Israel are diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

As this type of cancer has few symptoms, diagnosing it at an early stage is extremely difficult and it frequently causes death.

Shaare Zedek's Institute of Oncology has recently begun to use Oxaliplatin, a new drug for treating ovarian cancer. It is being used on an experimental basis with a limited number of women, primarily those whose condition has not improved following conventional treatment and those who have suffered relapses after being treated through other methods.

The use of this new medication manufactured by a Swiss pharmaceutical firm is part of a trial being carried out in 20 locations throughout Europe. Shaare Zedek's Unit of Gynecology and Oncology, a member of the European Society for the Prevention of Cancer, is the seventh hospital in the world to begin implementing the treatment.

Preliminary findings of researchers at Shaare Zedek indicate that almost half of the Askkenazi women who have contracted ovarian cancer carried the mutated gene BRCA1, which was recently discovered to cause five to 12 percent of all breast and ovarian cancers. An unexpected finding was that the defective gene is also common among women who had no other case of ovarian cancer in their immediate family.

Prof. Uzi Beller, of the Shaare Zedec Oncology and Surgical Gynecology Unit and a member of the research team, said the findings are important, but added that the incidence of the BRCA1 gene does not at present justify the testing of all Ashkenazi women.

"There are over 100 mutations linked to the genetically transmitted forms of the diseases," he said.

Armed with the information gained from studying the genetic makeup of 25 ovarian cancer patients at Shaare Zedek, some doctors expressed the opinion that, if a first-degree relative of a woman with ovarian cancer is found to have the gene, she should consider having her ovaries removed if she has finished having children and is going into menopause.

As every gene has a certain amount of resistance, not everyone with the gene will get the disease, although the majority will. In the study, the mutation was found among 40 percent of the Ashkenazi patients who did not know of a similar case of the disease in their family.

The team now intends to test the genetic makeup of all their ovarian cancer patients from Ashkenazi backgrounds, along with their relatives, and to carefully watch those women who carry the BRCA1 gene.

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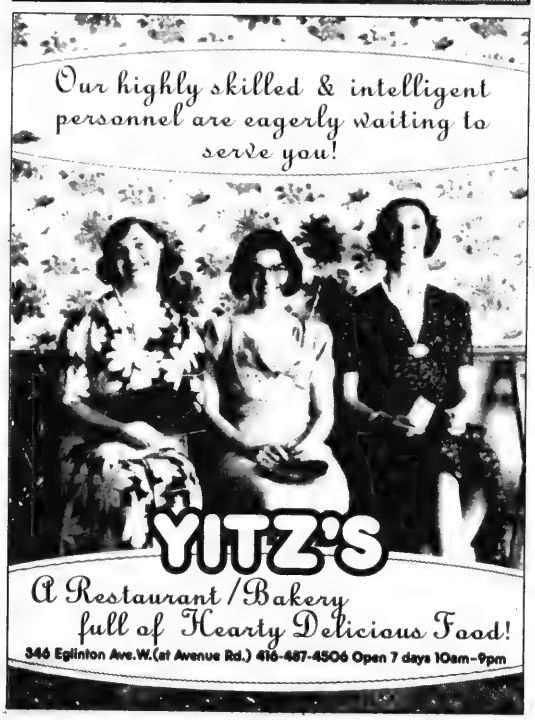
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Theodore Bikel to play Tevye for 1,600th time

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Actually, I was expecting your call an hour later," said Theodore Bikel from his Wisconsin hotel room. Oops. I'd forgotten about the one-hour time difference between Toronto and Green Bay, one of the many cities where the resonant-voiced actor has starred in *Fiddler on the Roof.*

No matter. With Tevye-like equanimity, he declined my offer to call back, saying, "That's all right. We can do it now."

He even had kind words for my rusty Hebrew, which I used briefly along with French and Yiddish, having read in his autobiography that he always establishes a quick rapport with multilingual people.

Bikel himself speaks at least half a dozen languages and sings in 21, but has played the part of Tevye, which he bases on his memories of his grandfather, only in English.

Born in Vienna, Austria, he fled the Nazis together with his parents and settled as a young teenager in what was then Palestine, eventually becoming an apprentice actor with Habimah, Israel's national theatre company, and a co-founder of the Israel Chamber Theatre.

To hone his skills, he studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England. He performed in several West End plays, among them *A Streetcar Named Desire* with Vivien Leigh, before leaving for the United States in 1954. Now an American citizen, he and his wife have two grown sons.

This week Bikel appears in *Fiddler* at Montreal's Place des Arts (June 11 to June 16); next week the show comes to Toronto's O'Keefe Centre (June 18 to 23).

When the curtain goes down for the last time in Toronto — the final stop on the 21-month tour, Bikel will have played Tevye 1,600 times. He's been honing the character since 1967 and still waxes enthusiastic about both the "beautifully crafted" play and "such a wonderful role."

A man of different yarmulkes

Despite his strong identification with Shalom Aleichem's fictional dairyman, Bikel, 72, remains determinedly multi-faceted in his approach to both career and life. "I wear all these different hats — or yarmulkes, if you will."

A renowned folk singer — the song *Edelweiss* was written especially for him (and his guitar) when he starred in *The Sound of Music* on Broadway — he has over 20 record albums to his credit, and still performs in concert. He has appeared in some 35 films, including *The African Queen* and *My Fair Lady.*

The television generation probably knows him best, however, as Worf's adoptive father, Chief Rozhenko, on *Star Trek: The Next Generation.* An Emmy award winner and several-time nominee, Bikel has appeared on "virtually every" top dramatic show, according to a news release.

An activist for liberal political and social causes, Bikel marched and sang for civil rights in the South, represented the vocal minority as a delegate at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago and has been a dedicated supporter of Israeli causes. Before his current tour began, he was visiting Israel up to five times a year.

A former president of Actor's Equity, he is currently president of the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (a union umbrella), and is a senior vice-president of the American Jewish Congress. He has served on the board of Amnesty International and was appointed by former U.S. president Jimmy Carter in 1977 to serve a five-year term on the National Council for the Arts.

He has resisted entering politics himself, however. "The commitment [required of a politician] is such that you have to cease to be an actor, possibly cease to be everything else. I can be far more effective this way. I have no self-interest beyond being a good person and a good citizen."

Given Bikel's passion for variety, it's reasonable to wonder whether he tires of repeatedly playing the same stage role. But he says he still finds fresh nuances in the character.

"Some painters paint the same subject over and over again," he mused. "They do that because they love what they do, but each picture is slightly different. It has a different angle to it, a different light."

Theodore Bikel as Tevye in the classic *Fiddler On The Roof.*

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

THE SOUND OF NO HANDS CLAPPING

What is the best sort of critical reception to give a newly-published book of revisionist history that exonerates Hitler, minimizes the evil of the Holocaust and knowingly perpetrates other intellectual frauds?

For Michael R. Marrus, the author and professor of European history at the University of Toronto, the answer is simple: no critical reception at all. That is why Marrus recently declined a request from the prestigious *New York Times Book Review* to review *Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich*, the controversial biography of master Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels by British pseudo-historian David Irving.

"I found the book an extraordinary experience and a compelling read, but it is so repellent in other respects, I would not like to see it (reviewed) under my own imprint," Marrus explained to essayist Tina Rosenberg, who ultimately wrote about the book and the ethical issues it raises in the June 2 edition of the *New York Times Book Review*.

Rosenberg gave what is perhaps the second-best critical reception to such a book: she clearly exposed its author as a knowing fraud and a purposeful falsifier of facts. For instance: Irving boasts that he was the discoverer of and the first to use Goebbels' complete diaries. Rosenberg showed that he uncovered only about a dozen glass microfiche plates containing previously undiscovered material, a small fraction of the diaries.

"There is little disagreement about Mr. Irving's character," she wrote. "The discussion centres on whether to publish him despite it."

Calling his book a "sophisticated blood libel," Rosenberg compared Irving to another author, Robert W. Thurston, whose recent book, *Life and Terror in Stalin's Russia, 1934-1941*, reportedly whitewashes the excesses of Stalinism just as neo-Nazi revisionists attempt to do with the Holocaust.

But Rosenberg pointed out a crucial difference between the two authors: "Mr. Thurston may be a bad historian, but at least he is an honest one. David Irving, by contrast, is not just wrong, he appears to be engaging in deliberate distortion."

Irving self-published the book in his native Britain and contracted St. Martin's Press to publish it in the United States. After receiving word of the true nature of Irving and his opus, a senior editor at St. Martin's at first defended both before ultimately deciding not to publish.

Noting that St. Martin's had purchased and was ready to reprint the book without a critical examination of its contents, Rosenberg accused the publishing house of "double negligence."

"Of all the lessons in this story for the American publishing world, the fact that no critic has yet found this behavior remarkable enough to mention should be the most sobering," she concluded.

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Rotocode keeps your secrets safe

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A green, light as a feather plastic strip, little larger than a credit card, will revolutionize the security business, claims Gera Roth, 33, inventor of the Rotocode coder.

The coder (retail price $8) will enable businesses to send secret messages that even the KGB and CIA cannot decode, says Roth. It will save executives thousands of dollars otherwise spent on guarding the privacy of phone lines or mail with expensive anti-spy equipment, he contends. "It is versatile, simple and 100 percent secure," he said.

The Rotocode, which can be assembled in three minutes, is a card which will spell out messages when it is decoded according to a secret, seven-digit program number known only to the sender and receiver.

"The scanning (sending) and decoding of the message can be done in seconds," said Roth. "The Rotocode can be sent by fax or e-mail."

He has patented it in the United States, and Canadian and international patents are pending.

A Jewish immigrant who is now a Canadian citizen, Roth said he remembers a simple paper version of the coder from his school days in Russia. "It's possible that the secrecy needed in Iron Curtain countries to safeguard privacy encouraged people to look for ways of coding secret messages," he said. "But the basic idea was patented in the United States by a military man but it couldn't be adopted for mass use."

About four years ago Roth hit on the way to do this with plastic cards and dots which are made partly in the United States and Canada.

The beauty of the Rotocode is that the secret program number can be changed in seconds for both the sender and receiver.

A businessman who is secretly negotiating to acquire a competitor is a good candidate for the Rotocode if he wants to keep the information from falling into the wrong hands, Roth said.

He expects it will be a good educational tool and already some Boy Scout stores in Buffalo (his first sale) are stocking it. He is canvassing schools, embassies and consulates, and anticipates that teenagers will be a good market.

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Klezmer Band thrills crowd

TORONTO — The aisles of the Weston Recital Hall at the Ford Centre were jumping last week with dancers responding to the irrestible rhythms emanating from the Klezmer Conservatory Band on stage.

Something in the wailing, insistent music turned on an otherwise staid audience attending a gala sponsored by Beit Halochem, which gives aid to disabled Israeli veterans.

In no number was the consummate professionalism of these 11 musicians more evident than in their version of *And the Angels Sing*. In a seamless way, cornet and trombone buttressed the sweeter sounds of the clarinet and violin in this jazz favorite descended from klezmer music.

Leader Hankus Netsky and vocalist Judy Bressler wandered on and off the stage but the other players carried on as if the music is as natural to them as breathing. What appears on the surface as a deceptively simple improvisation is in reality a tightly disciplined group that never misses a note.

Perhaps because he was a small man playing a small banjo and a small mandolin, Jeff Warschauer was a crowd favorite, as were bare-armed clarinetist Ilene Stahl, front and centre, along with Miriam Rabson and her toothpick sized violin.

"We play classical music as well as klezmer but we do it on our own terms," said Netsky, introducing the wildly frenetic *Frelich Fantastik*, with apologies to Beethoven, Rubenstein, Grieg and Mendlessohn.

Ten Israeli veterans in the front row received a standing ovation of several minutes. The audience was greeted by Jehudi Kinar, Israel consul general, who spoke warmly of the help given to 44,000 Israeli war veterans by Beit Halochem.

Michael Sax, Beit Halochem president, said four centres have been set up in Israel for the veterans. Michael Kalmar and Ralph Snow were co-chairs of the concert. — B.R.

Canadian Businessmen Visit Israel

TEL AVIV — A delegation of Canadian business executives visited developer David Azrieli's Project Hashalom office complex here recently.

The visit was part of a four-day trip, which Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque led, aimed at increasing trade and cooperation.

Canadian Ambassador David Berger said with the final signing of a Canada-Israel free trade agreement expected early next year, trade is expected to grow sharply.

Bonds Honors Royal Bank Chairman

TORONTO – John E. Cleghorn, chairman and CEO of Royal Bank of Canada was honored by the State Of Israel Bonds recently.

The Royal Bank was noted for its strong support for Israel and Israel Bonds. Between its credit support and its own purchases, the Royal Bank has been responsible for over $37 million in bond sales over the years.

Hapoalim Continues Growth

TEL AVIV — Bank Hapoalim reported continued profitability with net profit of $63 million (US) in the first three months of 1996, a slightly lower profit margin than the same period last year, according to Rafi Ben-Ami, chief representative for Bank Hapoalim in Canada.

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Jews have played a major role in NBA's history

By NEIL KELLER
Special to The CJN

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Ever since the NBA was founded in 1946, at least one Jewish athlete has played in the league every season, but that "streak" was in jeopardy until Danny Schayes was signed by the Miami Heat in December.

The son of the legendary player and coach Dolph Schayes, Danny was selected in the first round of the 1981 draft by the Utah Jazz. The six-foot-11 centre's best year was in 1987-88 when he averaged 13.9 points per game for the Denver Nuggets.

While Schayes is currently the only Jewish player in the world's premier league, Jewish stars played major roles in basketball prior to World War II and in the NBA's formative years.

Stars such as Nat Holman, Marty Friedman and Barney Sedran dazzled fans with their basketball skills prior to the formation of the NBA.

In its first season (1946-47), the premier Jewish player in the NBA was Max Zaslofsky. The six-foot-two forward's career included stints with the Chicago Stags and the New York Knicks, among other teams. He led the league in scoring in the 1947-48 season, averaging 21 points per game. In the 1949-50 campaign he was tops in free throw percentage.

When he retired in 1956, he was the third all-time scorer in NBA history.

Sidney Hertzberg led the Knicks in scoring during the NBA's first season with 8.7 points per game. Among his Knick teammates were Jewish cagers Oscar Schechtman, Leo Gottlieb, Ralph Kaplowitz and Henry Rosenstein. Jerome Fleishman, Mel Hirsch, Art Spector and Sid Tannenbaum were among the many other Jewish players who played in the NBA in its early years.

Red Holzman, an All-American guard at CCNY, played with the Rochester Royals beginning in the 1945-46 season. At the time, the Royals played in the National League (NL), a rival professional circuit.

In 1948, the Royals joined the NBA and Holzman continued his successful career as the 1950-51 Royals won the league title. Holzman stayed with the Royals until 1953. In his last season, 1953-54, he served as player-coach for the Milwaukee Hawks.

Holzman went on to become one of the NBA's most successful coaches. In 1970, he was named the Coach of the Year and he was later inducted into the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bronx native Dolph Schayes, the greatest Jewish basketball player ever, started his professional career in 1948 with the NL's Syracuse Nationals, one year before the team moved to the NBA. Schayes, six foot eight, 220 pounds, was an instant success and was selected NBA Rookie of the Year for the 1949-50 season.

Considered one of the NBA's most dominant players of the 1950s, Schayes was named to the All-NBA team 12 times. He averaged more than 18 points per game during his career and retired as the NBA's all-time leading scorer with 19,249 points.

Schayes coached the 76ers for three seasons and was named the Coach of the Year in 1965-66 when they won the NBA championship. Schayes is in the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame as well as a member of the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Israel.

Standing two inches taller than Schayes, Harry Boykoff began his NBA playing days in 1949. He averaged 10.7 points per game during his career in the NBA and NL.

Another good player during that era was Ed Miller. The six-foot-eight player averaged more than 10 points per game in his two seasons in the NBA.

In 1957, Lennie Rosenbluth was being touted as an emerging superstar after being named 1957 College Player of the Year while starring for the Tar Heels of North Carolina.

The Philadelphia Warriors selected Rosenbluth in the first round but the six-foot-four player never measured up to the hype or fans' expectations. In his one season, he averaged a disappointing 4.4 points per game.

Rudy LaRusso played forward in the NBA from 1959-69. The six-foot eight, 225-pounder was selected by the Los Angeles Lakers and averaged 13.7 points per game in his rookie season.

He scored 50 points in one game and was selected to participate in the 1962-63 all-star game. His best season was in 1967-68 when he averaged 21.8 points per game for the San Francisco Warriors. In his last season he still averaged more than 20 points per game.

Art Heyman was a dominating player for the Duke Devils in the early 1960s and in 1963, he was named College Player of the Year. In the next year's NBA draft, Heyman was the number one pick, taken by the Knicks.

Heyman averaged more than 15 points per game in his rookie season. He played in the NBA from 1963-66 and then a further three seasons in the ABA.

The early 1960s also saw two-time All-American Barry Kramer make his mark. In 1963 Kramer averaged over 29 points per game at NYU and he made his NBA debut during the 1964-65 season. He later played one season in the ABA. Unfortunately, the six-foot-four hoopster was not the prolific scorer in the pro leagues that he was in college.

The Boston Celtics dominated the NBA in the 1960s and Ron Watts was a member of its 1965-66 World Championship team.

Larry Brown never played in the NBA but was outstanding in the ABA from 1967-72.

The five-foot-nine player was an excellent ball handler who led the ABA in assists during his first three seasons. A three-time ABA all-star, Brown went on to coach at various levels. He is now the head coach of the Indiana Pacers.

The tallest Jewish player ever to play pro basketball is believed to be Dave Newmark. Standing over seven feet tall, Newmark was a centre in the NBA from 1968-70.

A year after Newmark's arrival, six-foot-10 centre Neal Walk was recruited out of the University of Florida, chosen second in the college draft, right behind Lew Alcindor. Alcindor later changed his name to the more familiar Kareem Abdul Jabbar and went on to become the NBA's all-time leading scorer.

Walk played for the Phoenix Suns for most of his career. The 1972-73 season was his best as he averaged 20.2 points per game and hauled down more than 1,000 rebounds. He finished his career after the 1976-77 season playing for the Knicks.

A 1977 first round draft pick, Ernie Grunfeld played in the NBA until 1986.

Lizzies dinner planned

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Fifty years ago, Bob Abate closed out his legendary career as a coach of the Lizzies boys sports teams with four championships.

Next week on June 17, the alumni of those four teams will be honored at the annual Lizzies Oldtimers Dinner at the Bob Abate Recreation and Community Centre, 485 Montrose at Bloor.

About 125 to 150 people are expected to attend the annual event that will pay tribute to the 1946 juvenile basketball and juvenile hardball teams, the junior softball team and the midget hardball team, said Howard Garfield, president of the Lizzies Oldtimers Association.

They will also reminisce about days gone by and remember their late coach and mentor, Bob Abate.

Abate, who ran the famed playground at Central Tech for many years in the 1930s and '40s, won 150 city, provincial and national titles in basketball, hardball and softball. He was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 1976, but more important than his excellence as a coach was that "he was a moulder of men," Garfield said.

Keynote speaker at the dinner will be Jocko Thomas, the former crime reporter for the *Toronto Star*. Tickets are $35 and can be obtained by calling Norm Cornack at 416-749-6735 or Harvey Bronstine at 905-886-6580.

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330 OBITUARIES

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Gold, Faye on May 29, 1996, late of 20 Terrydale Drive
Hershkowitz, Geoffrey on May 30, 1996
Herschorn, Dora on May 30, 1996, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Eber, Eta on May 31, 1996, late of 205 Cummer Ave.
Diamant, Rifca on May 31, 1996, late of 205 Cummer Ave.
Swartz, Sarah on May 30, 1996, late of 6 Fraserwood Ave. #2
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1 cup finely diced green cabbage
1/4 cup chicken stock
2 cups bean sprouts
1/3 to 1/2 cup bottled Szechuan peanut sauce
1/4 cup chopped fresh coriander

Place individual wrappers in microwavable muffin pan or custard cups to form cups. Microwave, uncovered 6 cups at a time, at High for 1 to 1 1/2 mins. or until wrappers are opaque and light-brown in colour (check underside). Remove cups immediately to wire rack to cool and crisp. Dry moisture from muffin pan and continue with remaining wrappers. If making ahead, store in airtight container at room temperature.

In large frypan, heat oil over med.-high heat. Add onion, garlic and ginger and stir-fry for a few mins. until onion is softened. Add carrots, cabbage and chicken stock, cook, uncovered until tender-crisp about 5 mins., stirring often. Add bean sprouts and peanut sauce, stirring a few mins. until heated through. Remove from heat, stir in coriander. Cool mixture slightly and spoon into wonton cups. Serve immediately. Makes 18-20 appetizers. **Recipe courtesy of Foodland Ontario.**

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

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Dear Susan,

We are in the process of planning our annual summer family vacation. Each year we travel to New England and rent a cottage for two weeks. We just received confirmation on the rental of an incredible three-bedroom cottage. It has all the features that we desire, all but a television. Secretly, I cheered, NO TV - we can draw, read, walk, play board games and talk.

We shared the good news with our children. Our 11-year-old son responded by suggesting that we might consider renting a TV for rainy days. Our 7-year-old daughter thought that we might purchase a hi-tech microchip mini TV, so we could all take turns watching our favorite program.

What do you think, is a TV a must?

Dear Susan,

Your children must be complimented on the logical, non-confrontational way in which they have presented the case for television. Your son has managed to approach the issue by presenting you with a rational argument for having a television present during the vacation, and your daughter contributes to the case by letting you know how easy it would be to meet every family member's television needs. They have elected to be logical and reasonable rather than demanding and arbitrary, and you must be sure to respond in kind.

Ultimately, the decision will have to be made based on your assessment of whether or not television will add to or diminish your vacation experience. A key benefit of a vacation is that it provides family members with quality time with each other, unencumbered by work or other distractions, the family has the time and space to interact in a meaningful manner. If you are using the TV as your main avenue of entertainment, or as an escape from family interaction, it will detract from the vacation. However, television can actually have a therapeutic value if used as a time out, particularly for hyperactive or hypoactive children and adults.

Having a TV or not can be either a parental decision or family decision depending on your family style of decision making. However the decision is made, you must be sure the ultimate reasons are articulated in the same rational spirit as was the argument presented by the children. Given the obvious intellection gifts that your children possess you may want to challenge them to see how many days they can cope without TV.

Susan Leventhal is a family, marital and individual therapist, who has been practising for more than 17 years.

ספרותנו

מאת: יעל זליגר

יהודית קציר, "למאטיס יש את השמש בבטן". הספריה החדשה, הקיבוץ המאוחד/ספרי סימן קריאה - דגם משובח לספרות הגל החדש.

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"למאטיס יש את השמש בבטן" הוא קודם כל רומאן יפה. סיפור על אהבה נואשת בין ריבי, גיבורת הספר, ויגאל, המאהב האבהי, המעניק, המשכיל והנשוי. יגאל כפול מריבי בשנות חייו. הוא אוהב את ריבי אלא שהקורא יודע שזהו טעם הארוס החזק אך קצר הימים.

יגאל מודע לגילו ולכרסו המתפשטת. הוא גם יודע שיאלץ לשבור את ליבה הנסער של ריבי ואולם עד מועד תום מחול החושים, הוא מרעיף עליה מטען של רגשות אבהיים, נסיון של בן גיל העמידה ואתגרים אינטלקטואליים.

אכן, אחד מקסמי הספר הינו שיח האוהבים. ריבי ויגאל, שני אנשים אינטליגנטים המעשירים זה את זה באסוציאציות תרבותיות נהדרות. (אישית, אינני אוהבת את הציטוטים והכתיבה באנגלית בגוף הספר והייתי מעדיפה שהאסוציאציות התרבותיות תכתבנה בשפה העברית).

לכאורה, סיפור צפוי ובנאלי; אשה צעירה שאוהבת גבר נשוי ואוהבת אותו יותר מדי. לאמיתו של דבר, סיפור חובק עולם בממדי אנוש וכן כתיבה מתוחכמת, אף שלא תחכום יתר. סיפור פשוט שהוא הרבה יותר ממראית העין של הפשטות. יהודית קציר איננה כותבת סיפור אחד בלבד אלא במקביל לסיפור האהבה בין ריבי ויגאל מובאים סיפורים אחרים שהנוגע ללב מבניהם הוא סיפור מחלתה של האם.

משפחת אמה של ריבי היא משפחה ותיקה ומכובדת שבה עוורון ומוות בגיל צעיר יחסית עוברים בירושה. נוסף לכך, גם האם וגם הבת מדונו לגורל המאהבת "בחצר האחורית"; אהבה לגבר נשוי. האם לא זוכה בסיפור להתעורר למודעות נפשית ולבקורת עצמית ובסופו של דבר היא מתעוררת גם פיסית ממחלת הסרטן. למזלה של הבת, יגאל המאהב, ילד-שואה, נוטש אותה וכך מאפשר לה להיגמל מעוורונה הנפשי ולפתוח דף חדש. עכשיו תוכל לשבת ולכתוב ספר.

תוך כדי הגשת הסיפורים, יהודית קציר נאחזת בשלל תמונות מהחיים וחוקקת אותן במלים מחוכמות. "למאטיס יש את השמש בבטן" היא ספרות עכשווית מומלצת. חמש שנים עברו מאז יצא לאור קובץ הסיפורים "סוגרים את הים" של קציר. ידענו שהיא כותבת רומאן מפתח. הציפייה היתה כדאית.

"יש דברים שאסור שיישכחו, ומה עוד נשאר לי כשהכל מתפורר, וגם אתה לא תהיה בדיוק אתה, בסיפור הזה שלי, ואני לא אהיה בדיוק אני, והמלים והמעשים יהיו אחרים - הפעימה תהיה אותה פעימה". פעימות הספר הן יכולת הכתיבה של יהודית קציר.

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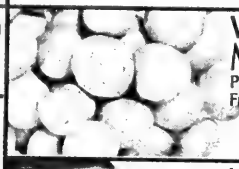

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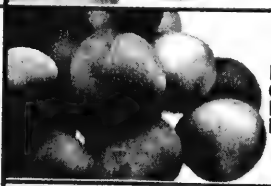

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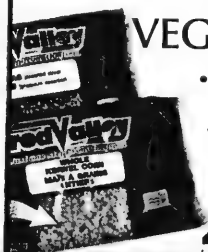

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Government takes shape

By LEORA EREN-FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — As the 14th Knesset opened this past Monday, with the swearing in of 120 MKs – 40 of them new – Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu was working feverishly to put together a government.

When *The CJN* went to press, Netanyahu had signed coalition agreements with the National Religious Party (NRP), Shas, the Third Way, United Torah Judaism (UTJ) and Israel b'Aliyah.

Meanwhile the Likud leader made last minute changes, in order to keep peace within his own party. Many Likud MKs were shocked and angry at Netanyahu's decision earlier this week to leave party giants like Ariel Sharon, Dan Meridor, Benny Begin and Moshe Katzav out of the government.

Netanyahu had chosen unelected professionals to fill two important posts: the coveted Finance Ministry was offered to Bank of Israel governor Yaacov Frenkel, while the Justice Ministry was given to attorney Yaacov Ne'eman. The outrage in Likud led Netanyahu to renege and offer the Finance Ministry to Meridor, and other portfolios to the remaining three.

Sharon, who was hoping to get either Finance or Defence, reluctantly accepted the Housing Ministry after turning it down once. However, by the time Sharon accepted, the portfolio had already been promised to United Torah Judaism.

While Sharon's position was still unclear on Monday, the government-in-formation was already taking shape with the following appointments: David Levy, foreign minister; Yitzhak Mordechai, Defence; Katzav, Communications and deputy prime minister; Begin, Science and Technology; Rafael Eitan, Agriculture and Environment – all Likud members.

The Education Ministry will go to Zevulun Hammer (NRP); the Interior Ministry to Eli Suissa (Shas); and Religious Affairs will be split on a rotating basis between the two.

Transportation and Energy will be held by Yitzhak Levy (NRP); Labor and Social Affairs by Eli Yishai (Shas); and Internal Security by Avigdor Kahalani (The Third Way). The Justice Ministry appeared slated to go to the unelected and unaffiliated Ne'eman.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade will go to Sharansky, and an expanded Immigration and Absorption Ministry will go to Yuli Edelstein – both of Israel b'Aliyah.

The remaining ministries – Tourism and Health – were being held for prominent Likud MKs, including the only potential woman in the government – Limor Livnat.

UTJ will get the deputy ministry in Housing as well as the chair of the powerful Knesset finance committee.

Netanyahu's choice of ministers for the top three posts – Levy for

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Israeli Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu (left) takes his place alongside Prime Minister Shimon Peres during the last official function of the current Knesset June 17 as President Ezer Weizman (2nd left) and his wife Ruama look on. *[RNS photo]*

Military pact reaffirmed

By SUZAN N. TARABLUS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ISTANBUL — A much publicized two-day visit here by Israeli President Ezer Weizman has given a new prominence to the growing ties between Israel and Turkey.

During a meeting with Weizman last week, Turkish President Suleyman Demirel vowed that Ankara would not cancel the military pact that the two countries signed in February, Weizman later told a group of Turkish businesspeople.

He said Demirel had told him that "no one will tell Israel and Turkey what to do."

Demirel's comments regarding the pact, as related by Weizman, came only days after the leaders of Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt urged Turkey to cancel it.

"The agreement will not be cancelled and it will continue without interruption," Weizman reportedly told the group.

Details of the pact officially remain secret, but according to a copy of the agreement leaked this week, it calls for the two countries to expand military cooperation by land and sea over a five-year period.

Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, has been among the most vocal opponents of the accord in the Arab world, expressing reservations about whether it would disturb the regional balance of power.

Weizman said during his visit here that Israel is not interested in posing any kind of threat to other Arab countries in the region through its developing ties with Turkey.

In a related development, Israel Aircraft Industries was reportedly close to completing a $600-million deal to upgrade the Turkish air force's fleet of American built F-4 Phantom jets. The agreement was reached last year, but was delayed as Turkey sought financing from Israeli financial institutions.

The future of the military accord nonetheless remains unclear, given the ongoing negotiations here to form a new coalition government that may be led by the pro-Islamic Welfare Movement.

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CANADA

Bonds Honors Morton

TORONTO – Harriet Morton has been named a recipient of the prestigious Jerusalem 3000 award by State of Israel Bonds in recognition of her service to the organization, to the Jewish community and to Israel.

Morton, who is a member of both the national board of Israel Bonds Women's Division and the Toronto executive, will be honored on Aug. 7 at a champagne brunch.

Art Exhibit and Sale

SAINT JOHN, N.B. – The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum will open its annual art exhibition and sale featuring Judaic art by the internationally acclaimed printmaker David Silverberg on June 30 at 2 p.m. The exhibit will run until Sept. 4.

Rabin's 'Children'

VICTORIA – Dalia Rabin Pelossof and Noa Ben-Artzi Pelossof, daughter and granddaughter of Yitzhak Rabin, will be in Victoria July 29, to promote the Rabin Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Peace, a new project of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Lisa Shendroff, chair of the Victoria chapter, said the mother and daughter will speak at a rally to be held in the auditorium at the Unviersity of Victoria. The rally is open to the public.

The two are also scheduled to speak in Vancouver.

Doctor of Laws Awarded

FREDERICTON – Rabbi David Spiro, spiritual leader of Sgoolai Israel Congregation, recently was conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree by Fredericton's St. Thomas University.

Rabbi Spiro, born in Chatham, N.B., 73 years ago, has been rabbi of the Fredericton congregation since 1944. He studied in New York and Montreal, and received his *smicha* in the latter city.

ISRAEL

Architecture in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV – World-renowned architect Mario Botta recently presented plans for his latest project, the Cymbalista Synagogue and Cultural Centre at the Tel Aviv University. This is Botta's first project in Israel, and the first time he is designing a synagogue.

Violence Against Jews

TEL AVIV – There was a decline in violence against Jews last year, following four years of a steady increase, according to a new report from Tel Aviv University.

According to *Anti-Semitism Worldwide*, 1995 saw a decline in violence against Jews, most notably in Western Europe and the United States. The exceptions in the Western World are Canada, which reported a 12 percent increase, Australia, which saw a five percent increase, and Sweden.

Likud Issues Guidelines

JERUSALEM – The new government "will negotiate with the Palestinian Authority, but will insist that the Palestinians live up to all of their undertakings." It will also exercise its "right to deploy the IDF and other security forces against the threat of terror anywhere."

Olmert To Be Indicted

JERUSALEM – Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair has decided to indict Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert for alleged crimes committed during the 1988 election campaign, when Olmert served as Likud treasurer.

Ben-Yair informed Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu of this decision at a meeting last week.

Netanyahu had reportedly been considering Olmert for a cabinet post, but Ben-Yair's decision nixes that idea.

According to a 1993 High Court ruling, no one under indictment can serve as a minister.

Joint Naval Exercises

JERUSALEM – Israel and Greece have agreed to conduct joint naval exercises by the end of the year as part of an Israeli effort to defuse opposition to its military cooperation with Turkey, according to Israeli officials.

Orient House

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu's office has hinted that it will take steps to halt activities at Orient House, the de facto Palestinian headquarters in eastern Jerusalem.

Roman Find

JERUSALEM – Archaeologists have discovered a 216-square-yard Roman mosaic in the Israeli city of Lod.

The Roman mosaic, which dates back to the third or fourth century, was uncovered in excavations preceding work to widen a road.

WORLD

Baptist Convention

NEW ORLEANS – The Southern Baptist Convention overwhelmingly approved a resolution encouraging its 15.6 million members to evangelize Jews.

At its annual convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. also appointed a full-time minister to reach out to the Jewish community.

Foreign Aid Bill Passed

WASHINGTON – A record number of Republicans and Democrats in the House of Representatives joined forces this week to approve an $11.9-billion foreign aid bill that maintains Israel's current $3 billion in assistance.

The measure, which passed 366 to 57, also includes $2.1 billion for Egypt and $590 million to the republics of the former Soviet Union, including Russia.

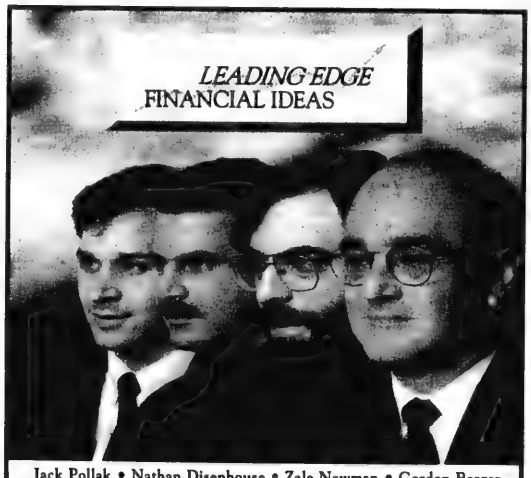
Netanyahu Postpones U.S. Trip

JERUSALEM – As Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu's chances of forming a coalition before a self-imposed deadline waned, his office announced that he would not travel to the United States until mid-July.

Netanyahu had been tentatively scheduled to go to Washington at the end of this month.

The June trip was scheduled on the assumption that he would put together his new government by June 17, the first day of the Knesset session.

Netanyahu's office said he wanted more time to prepare for the trip.



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Protesters object to restart of Auschwitz mall

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Chanting, "Tear down the mall," about 45 demonstrators gathered outside the Polish consulate on Lakeshore Boulevard last week to protest the resumption of construction of a shopping centre near the Auschwitz death camp.

Polish authorities are creating "provocation after provocation," charged demonstration organizer David Sheen of Betar-Tagar, a Zionist youth movement affiliated with Herut-Likud of Canada.

Several weeks ago, after a similar protest at the same location, assurances were given by the Polish Consulate that construction of the mall would be brought to an end. Yet media reports indicate work on the mall has resumed, Sheen said.

"We're going to stop singing and start swinging. Enough's enough," Sheen said as he called for action from Polish authorities and not merely promises.

Sheen launched into a bitter denunciation of Polish authorities and local Polish newspapers after grabbing a megaphone from the hands of Nathan Leipciger, co-chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Leipciger had just said consular officials assured him that construction had again been stopped in accordance with Polish legal process.

Grabbing the megaphone, Sheen said Jews had suffered many provocations at Auschwitz: a 30-foot cross had been erected ("to pretend there were no Jews murdered there"); neo-Nazi skinheads had been allowed to march in the camp (in support of the mall); a plaque had been erected in the camp to honor a Polish resistance group that conducted anti-Semitic attacks; and the mall was built near the site of the mass murder of Jews.

Assurances by Polish authorities that they would stop construction of the mall are merely "a delaying tactic," he said.

Earlier, Frank Dimant of B'nai Brith Canada addressed the protesters, asking, "Who in their right mind would want to shop in a place where more than one million people were murdered and tortured? ... The Polish government has the responsibility to stop the building of the mall."

One of the protesters present, Sigmund Sobolewski, a Polish-Catholic survivor of Auschwitz who has campaigned tirelessly against the mall, said the situation in Poland is complicated by a clash of wills between local and regional/national politicians.

Polish federal and regional officials are trying to stop the mall, but they're being stymied by local officials and the mall developers, he said. The local people are promoting the mall, not just to make money, but more to provoke the world Jewish community, he suggested.

When Jews react with outrage to the mall and call for its demise, "they say the Jews are trying to provoke us" and interfere in Polish affairs, Sobolewski said.

Leipciger agreed that local Auschwitz officials "are pushing for the construction, and the provincial and federal [governments] are trying to stop it."

Sobolewksi, who was recently profiled in a documentary aired on TVOntario, said Auschwitz Museum authorities are acting in bad faith when it comes to Jewish concerns. They allowed a unilingual Polish plaque to be placed in the wall at Block 15 honoring the AK, a nationalist army one segment of which, the NSZ, "instead of fighting Germans, killed and hunted Jewish partisans.

But "we delivered a plaque to honor the heroic Jews of the sonderkommando [who blew up the gas chambers and crematoria in late 1944] six years ago. It's still lying in a basement." Museum officials say they cannot use it as it's in English only, he said.

Meanwhile, an elderly neighbor of the Polish consulate who took an interest in the protest told *The CJN* she was appalled by the construction of the mall. "To desecrate graves, that brings a curse," she said.

Demonstrators protest the resumption of construction of a mall across from the Auschwitz death camp. [Paul Lungen photo]

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This is not ethnocentric hyperbole or religious boosterism; it is a statement of historical fact acknowledged by Jew and non-Jew alike. For example, in *Outline of History*, published in 1920, H.G. Wells wrote: "The Jewish religion, because it was a literature-sustained religion, led to the first efforts to provide elementary education for all the children in the community."

In modern times, at least since the emancipation in the mid-19th century, we and our children are increasingly distracted away from the ocean-deep richness of Jewish life, learning and culture. To counter such distraction, comprehensive, formal, intensive Jewish education has become more necessary than ever. Ironically though, and sadly, it is less experienced than ever. The risk to the Jewish people is not imaginary. As Mordecai Kaplan, the eminent theologian and educator, wisely pointed out, "Where Jewish education is neglected, the whole content of Judaism is reduced to merely an awareness of anti-Semitism. Judaism ceases then to be a civilization; and becomes, instead, a complex." This, of course, is the nub of the debate on "continuity."

The Board of Jewish Education (BJE), an agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, is dedicated to preserving, enriching and promoting the quality of Jewish education in Greater Toronto's affiliated Jewish schools. It is a resource of pedagogical experts, advisors and administrators, which in a variety of ways assists these schools to educate the 15,000 children receiving some form of Jewish education in greater Toronto.

Last autumn, it sponsored a creative writing contest for all children in BJE-affiliated schools in grades 1 to 8. Children were invited to submit works of prose, poetry or drama, fiction or non-fiction, on any of 21 different topics.

In response, the BJE received almost 350 entries in Hebrew and in English from students attending nine day schools, high schools and supplementary schools. Thirty entries were selected as winners. An additional nine were selected as honorable mentions.

It is the pleasure and unique delight of *The CJN* to reproduce some of the winning poems. Unfortunately, space does not allow us to publish more than five.

When the Messiah Comes

When the Messiah comes
A white horse gleaming in the sunlight
A prince in gold with diamond buttons
Erect, he sits, the people in awe bow down in reverence
Smiles, happy faces, merriment all around
Joyous voices rise to the heavens,
"The Messiah has come, the Messiah has come."
A child's fantasy.

When the Messiah comes
Children rise for elders
Fear, jealousy and worry vanish
Peace and harmony fill the Earth
Blood, rape and war in shame hide their ugly faces
A man's hope.

When the Messiah comes
A little bread and water
A roof on one's head
A friendly smile, and good morning from a neighbor
The Talmud on the table, with a little candlelight
Quiet and tranquility
An old man's dream.

by Zevi Spero, Grade 12

The Masks of Purim

Once upon a time in an old city,
There lived a poor beggar, and a rich man, quite greedy.

Although they lived on the same block,
A meeting with each other was never a thought.

The rich man, oh yes, honored quite so,
While the poor man, instead, no one did know.

Well, it happened one day, before Purim, 1910.
Said the rich man to his servants,
"Find a costume to hide who I am."

His servants went out searching, that very day,
And our very own beggar happened to come their way.

"Look," said one servant, "I have an 'idear,'
Let's dress up our master like the beggar right here."

After Megillah reading, when the people looked around,
What caught their eye was a strange beggar on the ground.

They laughed and they mocked him, and made him feel bad,
And our rich man, as beggar, began to feel sad.

The rich man started thinking, "So this is how one feels!
From now on I'll support them and give them good meals."

This all wouldn't have happened, if our rich man hadn't disguised himself then,
On that old memorable Purim, of 1910.

And our poor beggar, well, what could we say?
He thanks HaShem for *"v'nahaphoch hu"* every day.

by Dassi Bistricer, Grade 7

Our Shabbat Candles

When the sun goes down
The Shabbat candles will glow bright
And our family will have
Another special Friday night

I know I will be happy
Together we will be
To share our stories from the day
Then have our cake and tea.

After Shabbat meal
Playing games and having fun
No rushing here, no rushing there
Because the week is done.

And when the night is over
We know tomorrow will be fun
It is the day God rested
And said his work was done.

by Daniel Shiner, Grade 2

My Jerusalem: Jerusalem for All Time

Jerusalem is far more than just a place
It is also a dream – dreamt for the past two thousand years.
Sometimes, even as you stand erect in her golden streets
You still long for her.

You long for her walls, so tall and high,
Her antiquity of three thousand years,
Her everlasting beauty, that will remain for all of time.

As long as the world has a soul,
Jerusalem will remain a city of divinity for all time.
For all time.

by Adam Hirsh and Jack Latner, Grade 8

My Jerusalem: This Old Man

He's standing there at my side,
His wrinkled skin – so soft,
People flock towards him
As he holds his head aloft.

He's old and yet his back is straight,
He's lived through many woes.
Still plenty are his happy times
In the land where honey flows.

All his life, he's been the shoulder
Upon which others sigh.
He's wiped the tears of plaintive faces
His grandchildren – they cry.

Happy people bring their joy,
Of those well and those wed.
They tell of babies and good fortune –
"A blessing on your head!"

He's living a life of many years
All on Jerusalem's soil,
Swaying palm trees decorating
The City of the Royal.

Stone houses spot the hillside,
Streets graced with young and old,
City of such holiness –
Oh Jerusalem of Gold.

And who is this illustrious man
Of whom the praise is told?
The Kotel Hama'aravi of
JERUSALEM OF GOLD.

by Rivky Aberback, Grade 6

Greater Toronto Area

Former Rabin aide to visit

TORONTO — The man who showed the world the bloodstained songsheet taken from Yitzhak Rabin's breast pocket following his assassination will address a Toronto audience on June 27.

Eitan Haber, who served as Rabin's aide for 37 years, will be here for the Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital's annual event, at the Leah Posluns Theatre beginning at 8 p.m.

It was Haber who announced to the world media that Rabin had been killed by an assassin's bullets.

Haber also organized Rabin's funeral on Mount Herzl.

He will share his personal experiences and provide insights into Rabin's career, according to a statement from the Canadian Friends.

Haber first met Rabin in 1958 and served under his command. In 1985, when Rabin was made Defence Minister, he appointed Haber as adviser in the ministry.

When Rabin became prime minister, he made Haber an adviser and director of his office, a position Haber held for three years.

Haber wrote most of Rabin's speeches, most notably those delivered at Israel's peace signing ceremonies.

Noted journalist

He directed the political section of the Prime Minister's Office and helped organize the ceremony at Arava marking the peace agreement between Israel and Jordan.

That prompted *The Washington Post* to remark that "what President Clinton needs at the White House now in order to succeed is Eitan Haber of Israel."

For 26 years, Haber was also a noted journalist, serving as senior writer and commentator on military matters for the daily newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot*. He wrote a series of bestselling books in Israel on the peace process, the Mossad, the Entebbe rescue and a biography of former prime minister Menachem Begin.

The volunteer-run Canadian Friends raises funds for the purchase of medical equipment for Tel Hashomer Hospital, a civilian and military facility near Tel Aviv known in Israel as the "soldier's hospital." It was founded in 1948.

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This Caravan stops at Jerusalem pavilion

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There's falafel, a camel and even a *shuk* (Hebrew for market). So what if the camel isn't real and the high temperatures are the result of the crowds at the Bloor JCC, not the Mediterranean sun?

The idea at Caravan, Toronto's multicultural festival being held this week (June 15 to 22), is to get a taste of other countries, both figuratively and literally.

At the Jerusalem pavilion, sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada since 1980 at the same Bloor-Spadina location, visitors can sip Goldstar (non-alcoholic Israeli beer) and sample hummus or eggplant salad with pita while enjoying Israeli music and dancing. For dessert, honey-drenched baklava provides a powerful sugar fix.

A Mediterranean-style hot dog-and-hamburger menu is available at the pavilion's rooftop cafe, where keyboardist Darren Kagal and singers Maytal Golan and Limore Twena are featured entertainers. The kosher food is supplied by Levy's Catering.

On display at the pavilion is artwork by students from Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Bialik Hebrew Day School, the Downtown Jewish Community School, Leo Baeck Day School and United Synagogue Day School, as well as by senior students from the Bernard Betel Centre.

As in years past, entertainment is provided in the main auditorium by the award-winning Jerusalem Dancers, choreographed by Rivka Atzmony, and the Neimot singers under musical director Doron Ophir.

To celebrate Jerusalem 3000, this year's show features excerpts from *Our Jerusalem*, a musical about the city's history presented earlier this year as a joint project of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto and the Canadian Zionist Federation. The performers are all Toronto teenagers.

Another local teen, Jerusalem-born high school student Keren Menashe, is on hand as pavilion princess. "This wonderful city is the centre of the world. It holds great value for the world's three largest religions," said Menashe at last week's preview night.

"We have always yearned for Jerusalem, the central focal point of Jewish existence," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada.

The pavilion is one of 32 at Festival Caravan representing cities from all over the world. Last year it won second prize from the Caravan committee.

This year's pavilion mayor, Gerald Potasky, called the pavilion "a labor of love" for B'nai Brith.

Keren Menashe, princess of the Jerusalem pavilion, points to a mural painted by Grade 4 students at Associated Hebrew Schools. [Frances Kraft photo]

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Greater Toronto Area

Three war crimes cases must continue: lawyer

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A letter from a senior Justice Department official to the Chief Justice of the Federal Court was inappropriate and misguided, but it shouldn't spell the end of a case involving three men linked to Nazi war crimes, Justice Department lawyer Christopher Amerasinghe argued last week.

In determining whether to grant a request for a stay of proceedings, the court must balance the appearance of bias with the societal interest in seeing the cases proceed, Amerasinghe said.

Furthermore, it would be going too far to suggest that all the judges of the Federal Court be disqualified from hearing the cases, he contended.

Amerasinghe was responding to arguments placed before Federal Court Justice Bud Cullen by lawyers for Johann Duecke, Helmut Oberlander and Erichs Tobiass, three men who allegedly participated in Nazi war crimes. The government is attempting to strip them of their citizenship and deport them.

Their lawyers have sought a stay of proceedings because of a letter from Ted Thompson, assistant deputy minister of justice, to Chief Justice Julius Isaac. Isaac subsequently met with trial judge James Jerome. The letter and the meeting create the apprehension of bias and are an abuse of process, the lawyers contend.

"There is nothing in the letter that even hints at the merits of the cases [or] that there should be some partiality towards the government." There is no indication the three men would not receive a fair trial and there is no evidence that other judges of the Federal Court would be biased in the case, Amerasinghe said.

Responding to Amerasinghe's arguments, Bayne said society's interest rested in not permitting cases to proceed where the judiciary's independence had been thrown into question.

Earlier, lawyers for the three alleged war criminals sought to introduce new evidence about the circumstances surrounding Thompson's letter to Isaac. They pointed to a news statement released on May 23 by Isaac that stated he met with Thompson "at my request ... to discuss the handling in a timely way of a number of citizenship cases." Earlier reports indicated Thompson approached Isaac first.

Cullen called the news release "particularly unhelpful ... The nicest way I can put this [is that] this press release should never have been written."

Cullen said, however, that for the purpose of determining the issue of the stay, who approached whom was irrelevent.

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By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A gala dinner with plenty of Moroccan atmosphere will celebrate the long-awaited building of a permanent home for Or Haemet Sephardic School.

The event, complete with Moroccan menu and live oriental music, will be held on June 24 at Le Parc Banquet Halls in Thornhill.

David Levy, former Israeli deputy prime minister and foreign minister, who is likely to hold the same positions in the new cabinet, is scheduled as keynote speaker.

His address will be in Hebrew and simultaneous translation will be provided. Rabbi Rafael Abuhatzira, grandson of the Baba Sali, will also speak.

Over 400 people are expected to attend the $180-a-plate dinner. Henry Abittan and his Montreal-based band will play Moroccan music.

"The school is the future of our community," says Rabbi Amram Assayag, spiritual leader of Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation and educational consultant of Or Haemet.

Established in 1975 in the basement of Petah Tikva, Or Haemet has been situated in rented premises at Adath Israel Congregation for the past 15 years. Over 200 students attend the school, which is affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education.

Construction of the new 80,000-square-foot building, located on a three-acre site on Bathurst Street just north of Steeles Avenue, is well under way. There will be 30 classrooms serving children from nursery through Grade 8.

Approximately half of the $10 million needed for the building and furnishings has been raised.

The school/community centre is expected to open in September and will house not only Or Haemet, but also a synagogue, mikvah, gymnasium, banquet hall and swimming pool.

It will also be the home of the Sephardic Rabbinate of Ontario, formed earlier this year, and its Medrash Torah Vehayim for adult Torah education classes.

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An assurance not kept

The government of Quebec last week tabled amendments to the French Language Charter the effect of which, among others, brings back to life the Commission de protection de la langue française which former premier Robert Bourassa abolished.

We understand and share Quebecers' concerns for protecting the French language against the incursions of global, cultural, commercial, and technological forces. Preserving and enhancing the culture, traditions and beauty of the French language is one of our society's chief objectives. Though this is, obviously, of primary importance for Quebecers, it is equally so for all Canadians. But, as we have previously written in this space, we believe that Quebecers and Canadians can best achieve the objective from the base of a strong, assertive, officially bilingual federal state. We therefore regret the decision by the government of Quebec opting to revive the commission.

The initiative by the government was widely viewed as a concession by Premier Lucien Bouchard to the hard-liners within the Parti Québécois. But its timing could not have been worse. The minorities of Quebec have not yet "relaxed" since the referendum. The post-referendum was too great a trauma. And events, rhetoric and political posturing since then, simply won't let them. There is an "edginess," a nervousness among the minorities palpable in their homes, on the streets, in the cafes, in the pubs and in the meeting halls. The language law amendments add to it. They make the present climate more stormy, rather than calm it down.

Opponents of the changes have already indicated that they will challenge them in court. The cycle of measure and counter-measure will spiral upward, accompanied inevitably on both sides by careless accusations and wounding rhetoric. Mutual trust will erode further.

When Bouchard recently spoke to the financial establishment in New York , he assured them that his government would direct its efforts to the economy and not to the politics of separation. How can the decision to bring back the "language police," as the commission is so tellingly, so poignantly referred to within the non-francophone minorities, be reconciled with that assurance? It cannot be.

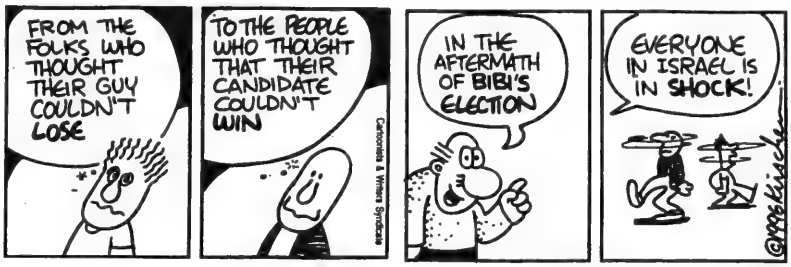
Slow learner

Marge Schott, the majority owner of the Cincinnati Reds, is a slow learner with a big mouth who does not belong in professional baseball.

Several years ago, she claimed that Adolf Hitler "was good at the beginning, but he went too far." This was just the tip of the iceberg of her shocking indiscretion. Not long afterward, fans learned that she had made vicious, racially-charged slurs about African Americans as well as Jews. Suspended for the 1993 season and fined $25,000 for bringing "disrepute and embarrassment" to the game, Schott seemed chastened by the humiliation of being asked to step aside.

Thankfully, we did not hear from her for two years. However, in an interview broadcast throughout the United States last month, Schott amazingly enough, repeated the tendentious phrase about Hitler which landed her in hot water in the first place. Following an outcry, Schott abjectly apologized for her empty-headed remark, but it was too late.

Last week, in a wise decision, baseball's powers-that-be forced her to give up control of the Reds through 1998. Schott disgraces the game of baseball. Anyone who defames minorities has no place in the counsels of a major sport like baseball. And someone who claims that Hitler was initially a positive force misreads and distorts history. Evidently, Schott cannot understand that her revision of history is intellectually and morally outrageous and simply unacceptable in public life today. In the interests of decency and of the integrity of baseball, her suspension should be made permanent. *S.K.*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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
Born June 20, 1929 Edgar Bronfman, philanthropist, past president of Seagram's in New York and president of World Jewish Congress. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Girl in interracial family angry at story

Weeks after your publication of the article about interracial adoption in the Jewish community, where our family picture was on the front page, I still feel that I must comment on it. Though Ron Csillag did a commendable job of researching the issues around adoption, our personal story was inaccurate and much of the positive information on the subject was omitted. This was a disservice to the many supportive members of our community as well as to those in other cities where we have lived.

The Orthodox community has come a long way in the past 15 years, granted somewhat more slowly than "the world at large," but still it has progressed. As a highly visible clergy family, we check on "community acceptance" before we move. Our move to Ottawa has been extremely positive. Our synagogue has been warm and loving to us. Our children's schools, Maimonides and Yitzhak Rabin, have been caring, accepting and supportive. Temple Israel, where I work, has also made us very welcome.

It is also true that people do stare at us (since we look like a miniature United Nations); however, most of the time it is the type of staring people do when trying to understand and assimilate what they are seeing. This is part of life and not necessarily negative.

Our "Toronto experience" was unpleasant for two of our children who went to shul (without the rest of our family) along with our friends' children; there, they felt stared at or ignored, and were left to play by themselves. They were sure it was a racial issue. I was most upset by this, since the children of that shul are largely educated in Orthodox day schools where the mitzvah of "welcoming guests and strangers" is taught. Apparently, people there are not "walking their talk." I am sorry we were not there to help our children and enlighten the congregation.

This article had the potential to enlighten and educate our people about accepting other Jews. In order to do that, a more balanced picture is necessary. True, these incidents occur, not only in Toronto, but in my hometown of Cleveland, too. But it is heartwarming to see the growth and changes people have made in their ability to accept "differences." Many people have said, "Yasher koach," or "Your family is wonderful." People considering interracial adoption need to understand the challenges they will face *and* the tremendous joy they will reap.

Our second daughter was very angry about the article and she was the impetus for my writing to you.

She wasn't in Toronto when this incident occurred and feels that no one has ever been mean to her because she's different and it is wrong to say otherwise. From the mouths of babes ... It is my hope that the positive elements of raising a very unique, wonderful, G-d-given family shine through the few clouds that may come our way.

Sheli M. Braun
Ottawa

Wrong date for Wallenberg stamp

The United States commemorative stamp honoring Raoul Wallenberg has not been issued as stated (*CJN*, May 30). The stamp is scheduled to be issued in 1997. Note the date at the bottom left hand corner of the stamp design.

Harold Alter
Toronto

There is diversity among men and women

In "Book of Ruth Speaks to Women" (May 16), Rachel Turkienicz writes that "Job responds to the loss of his children with a male response — the reason must lie in the world at large. Naomi responds to the loss of her children by internalizing the blame — she holds herself responsible. Women throughout time have reacted in precisely this fashion." But was the Book of Ruth written by a woman, representing only women?

In any case, this dichotomy is far too neat. A characteristic feature of all Jews, until recently, was the tendency to blame ourselves at least partially for historical catastrophes that other communities might have blamed entirely on the Babylonians, the Romans, the Spanish, the Cossacks and so forth. Both biblical books, Ruth and Job, offer profound insights into the human condition. Our common heritage is seriously diminished by playing one off against the other.

Intentionally or not, Turkienicz has adopted the essentialist position of many feminists (claiming not only the unity but also, implicitly, the moral superiority of women). Other feminists, though, have insisted on the "multivocality" of women (the multiplicity of their "voices"). In both cases, reality can be distorted. Those who believe that women are inherently good (unless corrupted by men) almost always believe that men are inherently evil or inadequate. Those who believe that women have varied or even conflicting attitudes don't always acknowledge the same diversity among men. Even our common humanity, therefore, could be diminished by this kind of commentary.

Paul Nathanson
Toronto

WISDOM OF THE AGES
"It is the worm that lures the fish, and not the fisherman or his tackle."
(Yiddish Proverb)

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Perspectives

Lubavitcher Rebbe was far more than a teacher

By RABBI ZALMAN AHRON GROSSBAUM

Although the sparsely furnished Bais Hamedrash at 770 Eastern Pwy. contained no more than 400 people, the message they were about to hear would shape the course of Jewish history. Some were well advanced in years, having come to America after World War I. Others had just escaped war-torn Europe. And there were American born rabbinical students who were attracted to Chassidism.

They gathered to commemorate the first *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Yoseph Yitzchak Schneerson, who died at the age of 70 after emigrating to America in 1940, broken in body but not in spirit. Most prominent amongst those in attendance at the *farbrengen* (chassidic gathering) was his son-in-law, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who for a full year had refused to consider the mantle of leadership.

But that night was different. From all corners of the world, proclamations signed by small groups of Chassidim from Montreal to Melbourne were presented to Rabbi Schneerson, appealing to him to assume leadership of the fledging movement. Finally, with much reluctance and humility, he delivered a chassidic discourse which fused philosophical concepts with a firmly rooted commitment to the needs of each individual Jew.

Now it became official: he was no longer "the Rebbe's son-in-law," no longer "the son of Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneerson, a noted scholar and Kabbalist." Now he was "the Lubavitcher Rebbe."

Quoting the Talmudic adage, "When you arrive in a [new] town, follow in their ways," the Rebbe offered a "statement." He declared: "There is *ahavat HaShem* — love of G-d, *ahavat Hatorah* — love of Torah, and *ahavat Yisrael* — love for a fellow Jew. These three are interrelated. There cannot be a love for G-d if there is no *ahavat Hatorah* and *ahavat Yisrael*. However, if there is genuine love for a fellow Jew, then eventually love for G-d and Torah will follow. These endeavors will form a cord of three strands which will endure and prepare the world for the arrival of Mashiach."

Wasting no time and sparing no effort, the Rebbe set the tempo to promote his three-pronged plan of action.

Ahavat Yisrael is based on the teaching of the Baal Shem Tov and thoroughly expounded in chassidic literature. The Rebbe taught, displayed and promulgated unconditional love of every single Jew, wise or simple, rich or poor, young or old, friend or foe. One could never discern any distinction in the eyes of the Rebbe. He opened the door of his study and the depth of his heart indiscriminately to all.

Three nights each week, when the Rebbe received visitors, the antechamber included the full spectrum of Jewish life. At a *farbrengen*, it was quite common to see a senior Chassid with a long white beard sitting next to a university student with an unkempt head of hair. To the Rebbe they had so much in common that their differences paled. The Rebbe felt the need and found the time to address young children who seemed to be lacking in maturity, teaching them to appreciate his message. So too, he saw the need to address seniors, some of whom were well advanced in years and found it difficult to focus or perhaps were dozing. To the Rebbe it was time well spent.

Ahavat Hatorah: Here too the Rebbe personified perfection and wholeness. From the simplicity of a verse in Bereishit to the depth of Kabbalah, from a page in Talmud to a passage in Midrash, they were all the word of G-d. His commitment and dedication to Torah was not restricted to *pilpul* (Talmudic extrapolation), Halachah (law) or Kabbalah, but rather he endeavored to fuse all aspects of Torah into a unified tapestry. An examination of the sedrah synthesized all of the facets of Torah. A clear understanding of the Agadah (Talmudic homiletics) consumed the Rebbe's attention with the same intensity as a halachic debate.

The Rebbe's approach to Torah transcended the pursuit of knowledge, intellectual prowess or historical value. To the Rebbe, it was the word of G-d, given to the Jewish nation as the bridge to holiness and G-dliness. He focused on the essence of Torah and its inherent connection to each and every Jew. To the Rebbe, the symphony within Torah reflected the diversity within the Nation. Thus the Torah could truly be considered the property of every Jew equally. For indeed, each person identifies with the essence of Torah while maintaining an affinity for a specific discipline.

Ahavat HaShem: The Rebbe embodied a commitment which was unwavering and unconditional. He believed, taught and personified perfect faith. The Talmudic statement "No bad descends from Heaven" was for him an absolute.

Thus when people came to the Rebbe with pain, problems or doubts, they left with comfort, courage and commitment. Even the most towering obstacles and heart-wrenching calamities were addressed from a perspective of Divine providence, albeit perhaps temporarily camouflaged. When the message came from the Rebbe, whose attachment to G-d was exemplary, it penetrated the psychological callousness of the listener and touched his soul. And indeed they came, committed, indifferent, leaders and children. People from all walks of life, from the four corners of the world. There were no barriers, neither in language, nor in culture.

In that very first *farbrengen*, the Rebbe quoted Rabbi Schneer Zalman of Liadi, the first Rebbe of Chabad, who stated that Chabad is apolitical, with an all embracing message to klal Israel. This, like all other pronouncements of the Rebbe was not empty words, but found its expression in practice without delay.

Shlichim were dispatched throughout the world. Some left for Morocco, where reaching Jews in small farming villages entailed travel on horse or donkey and the Shabbat meal consisted of canned tuna. Others were stationed as far away as Melbourne or Milan. They departed with empty pockets, lots of confidence and a heart brimming with thanksgiving that they could join the ranks of the Rebbe's brigade. With conviction and zest, they eagerly put into practice the Rebbe's mission statement which remains as perfectly intact today as the day it was issued 45 years ago.

In pursuit of the mission, their task was twofold: To expose, teach and enhance the standard of commitment and to bring about a brighter world permeated with the light of Torah and the observance of mitzvot.

The Rebbe promoted educational endeavors catering to the needs of children, students, families and seniors. To facilitate this mandate, schools, shuls, mikvahs and camps were established.

At the same time, the Rebbe revolutionized the "one mitzvah" approach which called on people to "taste" Yiddishkeit with no prior or post commitment. It began in 1967, when Jews of all persuasion flocked to the remnants of our Holy Temple and eagerly embraced the opportunity to express their Jewishness in some tangible form. The one mitzvah approach was further enhanced by mobile homes outfitted with *tefillin*, mezuzot, candlesticks and literature. The "tanks," as the Rebbe called them, reached destinations where conventional means of travel were ineffective or beyond reach. They were stationed at the Eiffel Tower, on Fifth Avenue and at the Joe Robbie Stadium. People began getting acquainted and comfortable with *t'fillin* and mezuzot, even if they were not ready for a comprehensive commitment.

But the Rebbe was not content. Notwithstanding the popularity of the *tshuvah* movement, which was evident all over the world and found expression even in the most alienated and seemingly assimilated families, we were still in galut, a condition unacceptable to the Rebbe, given the hardship, persecution and suffering of almost 2,000 years of exile.

He believed with perfect faith something that for many was an uncomfortable subject — to the extent that to some it was considered unJewish! To others, it was relegated as a study, almost no different than ancient history; perhaps intriguing, interesting, but far from the reality of the "real world." Not so for the Rebbe. From the very first day and throughout his 40-some years of leadership, he believed in Mashiach; and our efforts towards hastening his arrival were an integral part of the mission. The Rebbe envisioned a perfect world and universal peace, free of strife, war and hunger.

Indeed, during the last years of the Rebbe's sojourn in this world, he clearly stated that the arrival of Mashiach was at hand. He implored his Chassidim to sensitize the world at large to this reality by learning about Mashiach, and to contribute towards bringing this reality to fruition by doing more mitzvot and acts of kindness.

Then the unthinkable happened. Two years ago on the third day of Tamuz 5754, the Rebbe's physical presence was taken from us. We Chassidim and *schlichim* who had the great *z'chut* (privilege) to work with the Rebbe were orphaned, but not forsaken. Our hearts are scarred and shattered, but continue to beat with intensity. We may have been ravaged with grief, but our love and loyalty to the Rebbe would not allow us to waver.

In parshat Bamidbar, we read: "These are the children of Aaron and Moses on the day that G-d spoke to Moses." Then the Torah proceeds to record the children of Aaron, but make no mention of Moses' progeny. The Talmud notes: "He who teaches Torah to the children of others may consider them as his own." But why would the Torah offer this insight with respect to Aaron's children? Because it was Moses who petitioned G-d on their behalf and successfully interceded on behalf of Elazar and Etamar.

The Rebbe was not merely a teacher but a leader; he was not merely a guardian but a father, one who dedicated his entire life to the well-being of klal Israel and reb Israel. His concern for the individual was no less than his concern for the community. He sustained us, provided for us and interceded on our behalf with unconditional love.

The Rebbe never allowed for retirement, complacency or mediocracy. Time, talent and opportunity were a gift from G-d and should be utilized in the fullest measure. This legacy remains vibrant in the hearts and mind of all his *shlichim*, who continue their sacred calling with vigor, vitality and fortitude. We remain his children and committed to fulfil his wish and his lifelong ambition. He remains our father.

Oy Tate, have mercy on your children!

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Opinions

A significant change

Nearly two weeks ago, Israelis went to sleep thinking that Shimon Peres had won the election by a narrow margin; they woke up realizing that Benjamin Netanyahu had won by an even narrower majority. The "overnight transformation" is now sinking in. The last two weeks have been a period of intense self-examination and scrutiny, and of prolific analysis of the election campaign and the man who is now prime minister. Israelis recognize that a significant political and social change has taken place: how they are governed, by whom they are governed and how they see themselves — are all different.

By Shira Herzog

The new electoral system of direct elections for prime minister has had an immediate impact on negotiations for a coalition government with those parties that have indicated a willingness to join in. While the prime minister-elect is still subject to pressure from the three religious parties, Sharansky's immigrants' party and Kehalani's Third Way, they can no longer manoeuvre their way between two potential prime ministers as in the past.

Netanyahu's power as prime minister does not derive from his cabinet, but rather directly from the people. Indeed, the characteristics of a "semi-presidential" system have already been noted. Netanyahu himself has not engaged in an extensive consultative process with his potential coalition partners and there are indications that he will expand the powers of the Prime Minister's Office on security and economic matters, to incorporate a structure similar to that of the White House. However, Israel does not presently have a presidential system. The prime minister, Prime Minister's Office and Knesset will have to adjust to a new relationship, with a new set of checks and balances that have not yet been tested and that many view as too weak.

The Likud's return to power in 1996 differs considerably from its first terms in government, in 1977 and 1981. Then, Likud's rise marked the end of Labor's hegemony as the leading party in the Israeli political establishment. Likud altered the landscape of Israeli politics, made peace with Egypt and permanently changed the nature of Israel's presence in the territories. Likud's settlement policy throughout the '80s has had a profound impact on the nature of the arrangements that will be negotiated with the Palestinians. However, Israel's business, academic and cultural elites remained largely affiliated with the Labor party throughout the 15 years of Likud and then joint government, until Likud's defeat in 1992.

This time around, with a young, American-style prime minister and a crop of younger, talented politicians, Likud's challenge to Labor's support in these elites will be different. Most significant are the unprecedented criticism of the press' supposed pro-Labor bias by senior Likud spokespeople and Netanyahu's reported interest in encouraging the development of an intellectual capacity to better represent his economic and political views. Israel's intellectual community supports Labor, and intellectual content on the right has come primarily from nationalist religious circles. Netanyahu wishes to correct this imbalance.

In real terms, however, the division between Labor and Likud is no longer the dominant one in Israeli society. If the peace process continues successfully, the political space occupied by the two large parties will be dramatically transformed over the next decade, as social and economic policies become central issues. In this scenario, the differences in their position on the territories will become less and less significant. And, in any case, the last election showed that Israeli society is divided along several faultlines .

The cleavages between Jews and Arabs, religious and secular Jews, immigrant and veteran groups, and Ashkenazi and Sephardi Israelis — all are represented in the Knesset, for the most part outside of Likud and Labor. The state's founders' ethos of an Israeli "melting pot," which was exemplified in the labor establishment of the state'e early years, has given way in a few short decades, to a multicultural society in which ethnic, national, religious and sectoral identity is more important than a common identification with the state. There is not one definition of what an "Israeli" is. Israelis sense this, and in the coming months and years there will likely be important efforts to further understand this phenomenon and to move constructively towards the future.

A different election

Everyone asks: What will Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu and his government do with the peace process, which he has pledged to continue? What shape will it take and how will the Arab world react? While there is a pervasive human tendency to play the prophet, I will conquer my impulse and turn to something that is considerably more secure and accessible — and that is history.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

It has been said that the recent election was the "first time that Israel has chosen a prime minister by direct election." In the recent past, party conventions selected the leader and potential prime minister, while this time it was through a direct popular vote. Did anything of this kind ever occur before? The fact is that it did, albeit more than 3,000 years ago, in the time of the judges.

This was the period after Joshua, the successor of Moses, had invaded the land and begun to settle large parts of it. At his death, however, the 12 tribes were without a leader who could ward off the multitude of enemies that beset them all around. In addition, many people drifted away from traditional religious practices and intermingled with the native peoples, adopting their ways of life. The time during which all of this took place was the 12th to 11th centuries BCE.

Occasionally, when internal and external crises became too potent, the tribes would agree on the leadership of one person. Such leaders were called *shoftim*, which is generally translated as "judges." They combined judicial and military office and enjoyed the support of the people. Sometimes they came from well-established families and at other times they did not. For instance, Jephthah had all the wrong family connections, but when times were tough, the people came to him and said, "Be our leader." Amongst the *shoftim* was also one woman, Deborah.

What all of the *shoftim* had in common during a span of some 200 years, was their popular acclaim. While we cannot speak of elections in a modern sense, they were raised to their status by the people (and, the text several times adds, through the mysterious agency of God). They did not become kings who handed their office to their offspring. By stretching our terminology, we may indeed say that these leaders were "directly elected," and it was they who governed the tribes during two turbulent centuries of occupying and living in the Land of Promise — a practice that lasted till the end of the 11th century when Saul became the first king of the united tribes.

As I look at the recent elections, I find what was most remarkable was the way in which they were held. Despite the violent rhetoric that preceded them, and despite the unbelievably close result which testified to the deep rift that runs through the Israeli society, the result was accepted by the people. Whatever may lie in Israel's political future, one thing was proven in this election: a young country, separated by thousands of years from the experience of choosing its leader, has the democratic process firmly rooted in its soil. That alone is something to be marvelled at.

T.S. Eliot and anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism is in the news again, this time running the gamut from the *proste* to the literary elite. Marge Schott, owner of baseball's Cincinnati Reds, continues to prattle on about her views on Hitler, rephrasing a 1992 view that Hitler "was OK at first." As described in a recent article in *Sports Illustrated*, she really doesn't "get it" with regards to bigotry, and seems mired in an America of the 1930s or the 1950s.

By Morton Weinfeld

What is unclear is what steps embarrassed baseball officials can take against her. Under pressure, Schott has just agreed to withdraw from the day-to-day running of the team for two years. But she remains as owner.

But anti-Semitism infects not only boors and the ignorant. At the other end of the cultural spectrum, we find T. S. Eliot, the great British poet. A recent study by British lawyer Anthony Julius has called attention to the clear strain of anti-Semitism found in Eliot's poetry and other writing.

His volume, *T. S. Eliot, Anti-Semitism and Literary Form*, has caused a storm in the United Kingdom, though a belated six months after publication. (I have not yet read the book; so I rely on several reviews in what follows.) First Julius reminds us of the extent of Eliot's anti-Semitism. He then contends that Eliot's anti-Semitism is not a minor feature of his work, but is rather central to those texts in which it is found.

Julius is not the first to identify and analyse the anti-Semitism in Eliot's work and his private life. This prejudice apparently survived World War II and the revelations about the Holocaust. But Julius also criticizes the various literary commentators who have sought to rationalize or minimize that anti-Semitism over the years, lest it weaken Eliot's place in the canon of modern English literature.

It is no wonder that the British literary establishment has been uneasy in its response; apparently several publishers rejected the manuscript and critical reaction to the book was a long time coming.

Was Eliot an anti-Semite? In the view of the Anglo-Jewish intellectual Sir Isaiah Berlin, who knew Eliot, there is little doubt. When Berlin confronted Eliot about some anti-Semitic passages in his *After Strange Gods*, Eliot denied he was an anti-Semite. But in Berlin's view, "Eliot's beliefs were the same as Ezra Pound's. Only more cautious." Actually, this is not surprising since Pound discovered Eliot the young poet and served as his early mentor.

The case of Eliot raises the issue of how we should respond to artists who stand accused of bigotry, either directly in their work or in their private sentiments. American poet Ezra Pound, with his pro-Fascist and anti-Semitic blasts, American novelist Gore Vidal with his rants against the Jewish influence on American culture, actress Vanessa Redgrave with her anti-Israel tirades, and of course Richard Wagner with his anti-Semitic prejudices, are among the better known examples.

How should we respond to such artists and their work? If I recall correctly, after decades of opposition, the Israeli Philharmonic recently agreed to include a selection by Wagner in its repertoire.

I personally have no consistent response to these sorts of issues. I have always enjoyed Eliot's poetry and still rank *The Lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock* as one of my favorite poems. I am unclear how the fact of his anti-Semitism ought to be introduced into high school and university courses where he is taught, and how central it should become. On the other hand, I refuse to read or celebrate Ezra Pound, perhaps because he went so far as to broadcast Fascist propaganda into the United States during the war. Similarly, I will not pay to see a film with Vanessa Redgrave.

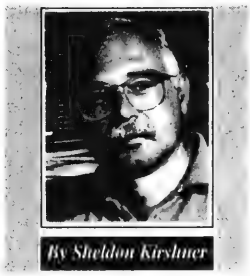
All these are idiosyncratic, subjective responses, and not artistic judgments. It is likely that Eliot's reputation, both as a person and as a writer, will be slightly tarnished as a result of Julius' book. So be it. Moreover, given the culture of Eliot's class and times, it is likely that other writers of the period are also ripe for a re-examination of their overt or covert prejudices.

One wonders whether Eliot's brand of anti-Semitism has declined or whether, in Isaiah Berlin's terms, it has simply become more cautious.

The Kirshner File

Goldhagen's thesis marred by glaring shortcomings

In this column last week, I delved into Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's much-acclaimed book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners* (Random House, $34.95), which is shaping up as the most important account of the Holocaust since the publication of *The Destruction of the European Jews* by Raul Hilberg.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Goldhagen, a Harvard historian, focuses his attention on the perpetrators, namely the German ones, and reaches the conclusion that "ordinary" Germans from all walks of life, many of them not even Nazis, willingly took part in the mass murder of Jews. Goldhagen ascribes their fanaticism to the virulent strain of eliminationist anti-Semitism which gripped German society from the 19th century to the Nazi era.

To illustrate his thesis, he concentrates on the Order Police, which carried out wholesale massacres of Jews and whose membership was largely composed of elderly reservists who were anything but Nazi zealots.

The lesson he draws from the social composition of the Order Police, and of unit 101 in particular, is that it was broadly representative of German society. Still more damning is the fact that its recruits could withdraw from killing operations without serious consequences.

That very few Germans exercised this option is explained by their deep-seated anti-Semitism. Jews were regarded as cancerous boils to be lanced from the body politic. "For those who believed that Jewry was locked in an apocalyptic battle with Germandom, to annihilate Jewry appeared just and necessary."

Goldhagen provides two other examples to bolster his thesis. First, able-bodied Jewish slave workers were ruthlessly exterminated, to the detriment of Germany's war production. Second, local German commanders, cut off from headquarters and under no compulsion to do so, took it upon themselves to organize death marches as Germany reeled in defeat in 1945.

Furthermore, he claims, only an insignificant percentage of Germans were opposed to the state's anti-Semitic policy. "Had ordinary Germans not shared their leadership's eliminationist ideals, then they would have reacted to the ever-intensifying assault on their Jewish countrymen ... with at least as much opposition and noncooperation as they did to their government's attacks on Christianity and to the ... euthanasia program."

In closing, he argues that Hitler's anti-Jewish policies won widespread approval because the Nazis merely unshackled "pre-existing, pent-up anti-Semitism."

Goldhagen's arguments, though quite often repetitious, are certainly persuasive at times. It is indisputable that "ordinary" Germans were complicit in the Holocaust. And it is plainly evident that the Nazi regime's demonization of Jews could not have succeeded without a deeply-ingrained anti-Semitic tradition.

Yet there are serious gaps in Goldhagen's scholarship. He vastly underestimates the role of indifference in human behavior. He glosses over the Nazis' ability to produce conformity in what was, after all, a totalitarian state. He offers no compelling evidence that German civilians en masse concurred with Hitler's eliminationist anti-Semitism. He fails to explain why the regime tried to suppress information about the Holocaust. He does not reconcile the high intermarriage rates in early 20th century Germany, which implied a degree of acceptance of Jews, with the vicious anti-Semitism which animated far too many Germans. And finally, he does not elaborate upon a central theme: If the Germans were such dyed-in-the-wool anti-Semites, why have the post-war Germans been able to reinvent themselves into "liberal democrats?"

Hiler's Willing Executioners is a provocative, sometimes brilliant, piece of work. But its shortcomings are manifestly glaring.

Golden age in Germany

The period from Germany's unification in 1871 to the rise of Adolf Hitler in 1933 was the golden age of German Jewry.

Until the end of the 18th century, the great majority of Jews in the German states had been on the margins of society. With emancipation in 1871, Jews were able to make advances which enhanced their acceptance and integration into the mainstream.

But, as Peter Pulzer shrewdly observes in *Jews and the German State* (Blackwell), Germany after 1871 was basically "a land of unequal opportunity," with most branches of the public services virtually barred to unbaptized Jews.

As Pulzer — an Oxford professor of government and public administration — points out in this rigorous study, conversion made all the difference.

Before 1918, for example, only one unbaptized Jew — Moritz Elstatter of Baden — managed to become a cabinet minister. Converted Jews fared much better. In the debate on Jewish emancipation, which lasted from the end of the 18th century to the 1860s, the consensus among liberals was that Jews should shed their peculiar ways and merge completely with Germans.

As a result of this mindset, civil service jobs, the diplomatic corps, university positions and army commissions were all but forbidden to unconverted Jews.

Despite these restrictions, some of which persisted well into this century, German Jews made a mark in various fields, notably publishing and finance.

Due to their status, most Jews were drawn to liberal political parties. According to Pulzer's breakdown, two-thirds of Jewish voters cast their ballots for the Progressive party. Of the rest, about half voted Social Democrat, while the remainder were largely scattered among the Centre party and the National Liberals.

However, in the first two decades of this century, a minuscule minority was drawn to left-wing revolutionary politics — namely Rosa Luxembourg, Kurt Eisner, Paul Hirsch and Ernst Toller.

Pulzer writes that World War I thrust an unprecedented number of Jews into major public positions. Albert Ballin — the shipping magnate — was charged with insuring that essential supplies reached the civilian population, while Walther Rathenau — the industrialist (and foreign minister in the early 1920s) — was recruited to increase the production of military equipment.

Yet, Pulzer adds, the sudden elevation of Jews into such prominence provoked an anti-Semitic backlash for their removal.

Anti-Semitic violence grew after World War I, and the assassination of Rathenau by a radical rightist was symptomatic of the poisonous climate. After 1923, only one Jew served as a Reich minister, and when Chancellor Heinrich Bruning wanted to offer a ministerial post to a Jewish candidate in 1930, he had to back down. Such was the temper of the times.

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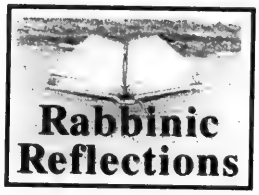


Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

Some unexpected answers

Can everyone be rich? Most people would answer, not really! Can everyone be wise? These are two of the four questions found in the first verse of the fourth chapter of a classical book in Judaism — Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers).

Ben Zoma asks: Who is wise? Who is strong? Who is wealthy? Who is honored or respected? He then gives unexpected but very meaningful answers.

He suggests that everyone can be wise, regardless of academic studies, professions or work. Wisdom comes from the commitment to keep on learning each and every day. We can do so from books, from people and from life experiences that we encounter in all walks of life. It is necessary to have an open mind and only then can we learn something each and every day.

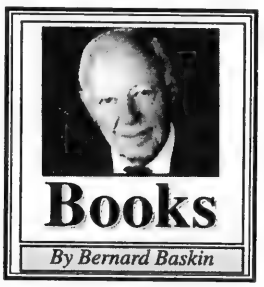
The second question, Who is strong? does not refer to physical strength, because that is a gift from the Almighty. Ben Zoma refers to spiritual strength to overcome temptations and not be carried away by anger or pride. This spiritual strength comes from Torah, mitzvot and wisdom. One who gives in to temptation may have temporary pleasure but does permament harm to himself.

The third question is Who is rich? It is not only a person with material possessions, but rather one who has the right attitudes to be content with what he has. People can be wealthy but never satisfied because they look over their shoulders and see that others may have more than they have. Consider yourself wealthy if you have good health, a good living and a good family.

The fourth question is Who is honored and respected? Ben Zoma gives a very direct answer — respect others and you will be respected yourself.

One of the fascinating aspects of study of the six chapters of Pirkei Avot is that there are so many interpretations that can be read into them. We can say that they are synonymous with four stages in life. When we are young, we want to acquire wisdom and be able to answer the many questions we have from childhood on. In our teenage and young adult years, we must learn that real strength is not to give into passions or temptations as we leave home, go to school and establish our own life. As we establish our own family life, we want to acquire material possessions, but equally importantly, the right attitude to them. Last but not least, every person wants to be respected and establish a good name in the community they live in.

I believe that Ben Zoma leads us in the right direction to make life more meaningful to ourselves and more beneficial to the community at large.



Books

By Bernard Baskin

Holocaust revealed

Beyond Imagination: Canadians Write About the Holocaust (McClelland & Stewart Inc., $29.99).

The Way To Freedom, by Zdzislaw Przygoda (Lugus Publications (no price ind.)).

In Posen on Oct. 4, 1943, Heinrich Himmler told an assembly of high ranking SS officers, "The killing of the Jews is the most glorious page in our history, one not written and one which will never be written." He then advised them to keep the mass extermination a secret that they should carry to the grave.

Every article, reminiscence or book about the Holocaust is an attempt to reveal the dread secret, to make the horror known to still uninformed and disbelieving men and women.

In *Beyond Imagination*, 21 of Canada's most eminent Jewish writers try through essays, memoirs, short stories and poems — to bear witness to the most catastrophic and inexplicable event of our century.

The well known political advisor Roy Faibish turned down the editor's request for a response because he found the task "too awesome, too awful ... it is beyond expression and I am unable to reply." He mentions Primo Levi, who killed himself when confronted by the need to understand the evil that led to the "final solution," and who said, "To understand is almost to justify."

Morley Torgov, after spending a vapid evening among upper class Toronto Jews wonders, "Who it is down through the ages that has been in control of this universe — God? Satan? Or are they, God and Satan, more or less equal shareholders and directors in this enterprise, with Satan running things Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, God in charge Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; both of them taking time off on the seventh day to play a little golf and, over Sunday brunch, plan new blessing and catastrophes? Are we humans simply one of their experiments that has gone wrong?"

For David Lewis Stein, novelist and journalist, the Jews as a people are drifting to the fringes of society. He muses that there are as many babies born in China in a single year (17 million) as there are Jews in the entire world. Pessimistically he concludes. "Our time in the spotlight is over. We Jews are going back to being a peculiar people on the edge of the history."

When she was a pupil in the Holy Blossom Temple religious school, Erna Paris, then 14, listened to a record of the ranting of Adolf Hitler. "The wild, shrill notes of rage emerging from the little turntable froze my blood." Heinz Warschauer, principal of the school, who played the record for the class, "slowly rolled up his sleeve so that we could see the purple numbers carved into his skin. His tatooed arm and Hitler's shrieking voice lodged themselves permanently in my memory."

Many years later, she met Warschauer sitting alone in a shopping mall. "He told me he had cancer ... he is dead now and I wish I had thought to tell him how much he had influenced my life. I didn't. I suppose I couldn't. It was too soon, and I was still to young to know."

Irving Layton, in a poem to his sons, implores them not to become victims, but to be, symbolically, "Gunners in the Israeli Air Force."

The contributions of Howard Engel, Larry Zolf, Leonard Cohen, Michael Marrus, Peter Newman and others in addition to those already indicated, help make this a many-sided and continually absorbing anthology.

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Zdzislaw Przgoda, now a Toronto resident of 83, tells a continually exciting life story: survival in German concentration camps, a sojourn in Israel, life in Canada as an engineer and participant in the manifold activities of Polish organizations.

The Way to Freedom is also an eyewitness account of the 1917 Russian Revolution, stirring events of World War I, as well as an interesting depiction of "life of the Warsaw society of artists, writers, theatre life and academia in prewar times." He writes, "My story provides unique resources for those who like to learn history not only from handbooks, but also from contact with eyewitnesses of the events."

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Jewish Life

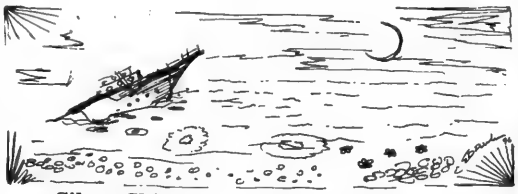
Recalling fallen soldiers of Britain's Jewish Brigade

By NETTA ZUKERMAN
Special to The CJN

Israel is unfortunately criss-crossed with memorial after memorial.

The following poem was evoked by the shallow rectangular memorial dedicated to 43 Jewish soldiers who formed part of the Jewish Brigade. They were killed on their way to join the Allied Forces and their bodies were never recovered. The name of each soldier is carefully recorded, together with his personal details.

The memorial is a shallow pool covered with approximately four inches of water. The stone prow of a ship silently stands on one side of the pool and wreaths of roses and flowers float on the water.



Silent Ships

Sea of faces
Seas of flowers
Seas ...
Silent prow
of stone ship
Stands on guard ...
Shallow waters
Cover unknown graves
Of young, young men,
Youths, once
Vibrant, joyous and quick.
Floating shadows
in unknown waters.
Reflections — reflecting
Wreaths of roses —
Floating, floating ...
Firmly anchored
Within our hearts.

Netta Zukerman, an occasional contributor to The CJN, *died in Vancouver on May 20. She was 73.*

Newsgroups one of best places on the Net to seek out information

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Did you know that a detailed history of China was foretold in the Book of Daniel? Or that *imot* and *imahot* are both acceptable translations of the word "mothers" in Hebrew? Or that the election of Benjamin Netanyahu is the best/worst thing that has ever happened to the Jewish people?

Those are just some of the facts and feelings you will read about on the Jewish Highway's Newsgroups. To get an understanding of the scope and power of Newsgroups, think of them as a worldwide collection of thousands of bulletin boards. When you find a topic that interests you, you post a message which can be seen around the world. Other people will see your message, respond to it and cause further reaction. Sometimes these discussions (or "threads") will result in a valuable exchange of information and opinion. All too often they degenerate into childish name calling.

Newsgroups began with the Usenet computer network back in 1979, long before anybody had heard of the World Wide Web or even the Internet. Lacking the graphics and sounds that have become a part of what makes the Web so inviting, Newsgroups still rely on the power of words. And unlike the structured pages of the Internet, Newsgroups succeed or fail depending on the input of their visitors.

For a more detailed description of the history of Newsgroups and how they work, visit **[http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/usenet/whatis/top.html]**.

For the purposes of this article, I will assume that you know how to read Newsgroups. If you don't, I suggest that you contact your Internet company for more information. Also, please bear in mind that your Internet provider may not give you access to every Newsgroup but may make more of them available upon request.

I have come across over 200 Newsgroups that touch on some aspect of Judaism or Israel (out of the over 18,000 groups which I have access to). Some of these Newsgroups have thousands of individual messages in them. Less popular groups are often empty. Unfortunately, I haven't found a central listing of Jewish Newsgroups.

But if you search Newsgroup titles for the words "israel," "jewish," "judaism," "mideast" or "shamash," you will be able to track down most of them.

When you do your search, you'll come across varied groups ranging from **[alt.music.jewish]** to **[soc.culture.jewish.holocaust]** to **[israel.jobs.misc]**. However, the most popular Newsgroups include **[soc.culture.jewish]**, **[soc.culture.israel]**, **[talk.politics.mideast]** and **[israel.lists.il-talk]**. Hot topics of discussion come and go. Predictably at the moment there is much debate about the Netanyahu victory and the role of the religious parties in his government.

Some Newsgroups are "moderated." That means that before any message is listed, an individual screens the message to ensure its contents are relevant to that Newsgroup. This helps weed out a lot of the kooks. But many Newsgroups are unmoderated. That means that anything (anything!) sent in is automatically posted.

So you are taking your good taste in your own hands when you peer into these groups.

There's no telling whether you're going to be pleased, amused or repulsed. Consider yourself warned.

A different kind of Newsgroup which you may have access to is called ClariNews and is worth checking out. Unlike other Newsgroups, you can't post a message to ClariNews. Rather, that's the place to go for recent international news stories from Reuters and UPI news services. Two ClariNews groups of particular interest are **[clari.world.mideast.israel]** and **[clari.news.jews]**.

But above all, Newsgroups remain one of the best places on the Net to seek out information, find people with similar passions and of course, get into a good debate.

Which brings us to that old joke that if you put five Jews in a room, you are bound to get six opinions. Thats nothing. Because thanks to Newsgroups, that room can now be occupied by thousands of visitors and presumably even more opinions.

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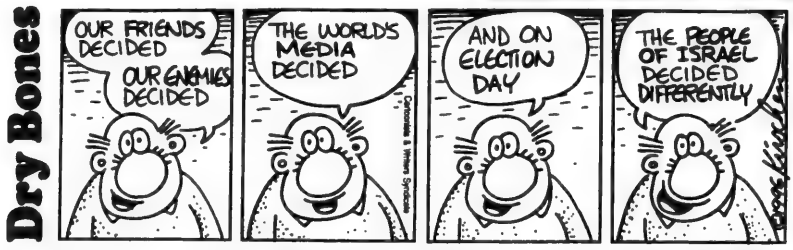

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נאום ההכתרה של נתניהו הוגדר ב"ידיעות אחרונות" כ"אחד הנאומים המזהירים ביותר בהיסטוריה הישראלית". הקשבתי לדברים והרגשתי שמדובר כאן במנהיג מסגנון חדש, שעוד לא ידעו כמותו בישראל. ושוב, יואל מרקוס בעיתון הארץ: " מה שעשה נתניהו בבחירת העיתוי לשובו לישראל, דרך השתלבותו בליכוד, בהשתלטותו עליו, בחירתו כמנהיגה ומועמדה לראשות הממשלה, מעיד שהוא ניחן באי אלו תכונות שאין בפוליטיקאים שהיכרנו עד כה במקומותינו". בנאום ההכתרה שלו הודה נתניהו במשפטים ארוכים לשמעון פרס, שלמרות חילוקי הדיעות העמוקים ביניהם, תרם תרומה כל-כך קריטית לישראל. ניסטה זו היכתה את כולם בשוק. הקהל בבנייני האומה, רובו אוהדי ביתי"ר ופעילי הליכוד היו בטוחים ששמו של פרס הוזכר כדי להקניט והחלו בקריאות "בוז". כשהבינו במה מדובר (ואלה שלא הבינו - היסה אותם נתניהו בועם) - הם החלו להריע בקול גדול. גם אנשי השמאל הקיצוני הודו שהתנהגותו של נתניהו יוצרת סטנדרט חדש. ברדיו שמעתי את נתניהו מדגיש שידרוש סיגנון דיבור חדש, ומתן רספקט לאדם באשר הוא אדם. בקיצור, אני אישית יצאתי אופטימי, ואיך אתם?

הונגריה, שמונה שנים של עצמאות:

הונגריה של שנת 96 הזכירה לי את ישראל של שנות השישים.אנו נוסעים בכביש חד מסלולי. כל עגלה, כל טרקטור ומשאית גורמים לפקק שנמשך מאתיים ק"מ (זוכרים את הכביש הישן לחדרה?). החשיפה הכלכלית לאירופה הביאה לכך שמחירי הדלק למשל, הם כמו בגרמניה, וכמותם גם שאר המחירים. אבל מה - כשהמשכורת הממוצעת היא 250 דולאר לחודש, רוב האנשים חיים בדלות ממש, ורבים מתחת לקו העוב. ההשוואה לישראל של 1996 היא בלתי נמנעת. בהונגריה 10 מליון אנשים, בדיוק כפליים מישראל, אבל תקציב הממשלה בהונגריה הוא 12 מיליארד דולאר, שליש מזה של ישראל. ולאחר ההשוואה לגודל האוכלוסיה - בישראל מוציאה הממשלה על כל אזרח פי שישה יותר מאשר בהונגריה. הצמיחה הכלכלית של ישראל בעשרים השנים האחרונות היתה מדהימה. היא קרתה דרך ממשלות ליכוד, מערך וליכוד לאומי. אין סיבה להאמין שביבי נתניהו, אם ימשיך לנוע לעבר שלום כולל, לא יביא להמשך התהליך.

SHMOOZIN

"I think it's a rule – if you say 'Good Shabbos' to someone, they have to say it back to you!"

Greater Toronto Area

Soldiers say Diaspora Jews unaware of Israel today

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Diaspora Jews seem to care deeply about Israel, but many are not knowledgeable about the country as it is today — particularly its army, according to young IDF soldiers who were in Toronto recently.

Yaniv Wainshtain, 21, a Navy officer, said that Israel isn't the romanticized version of a soldier holding a gun in one hand while working the field with the other. "The army is mostly very hard work."

Wainshtain and three other IDF officers were honored at a gala dinner and dance held recently at Le Parc by the Toronto branch of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel on behalf of the Canadian Zionist Cultural Association.

During their one-week stay in Toronto they visited Richmond Hill Community School, Associated Hebrew Day School's Danilack branch and Bialik Hebrew Day School, where *The CJN* followed them from class to class as they met with students.

Bialik students had collected over $4,000 to fund a lounge at an IDF base.

Their questions ran the gamut from "Do you know my cousin?" to "If you take weapons and destroy countries, won't they destroy you?"

Ofer Lerner, 23, an artillery company commander, told the Grade 1 student who asked the latter question that Israel is in "a difficult situation. It has peace with some neighbors but not others. Some of those countries want to destroy us, and we have to protect ourselves."

"We try not to create a new war," added Erez Chehanover, 24, a pilot in the Israeli air force.

When a Grade 5 class learned that Chehanover was an F-16 pilot, there was a collective intake of breath and the ultimate kids' compliment: "Cool!"

Chehanover has been in the IDF for six years and has four to go.

Israelis enter the army at the age of 18 for a minimum of two years (women) and three years (men). Officers take extra training and must spend more than the minimum time in service, explained Ety Abokasis, 21, a basic training company commander who teaches new soldiers about "weapons, discipline, values — the things every soldier has to know."

From left, Israeli soldiers Ofer Lerner, Ety Abokasis and Yaniv Wainshtain were guests of honor at a recent gala dinner.

The army is a strong unifying force in Israel, bringing together people of diverse religious backgrounds and varying political beliefs, said Wainshtain.

Although the army experience can shape soldiers' political opinions, it doesn't necessarily shape them in the same direction. While one of the four soldiers has shifted slightly leftward in political belief, another knows of people who have become more hawkish in the army.

"When I'm out of uniform, I think what I want to think," said Abokasis, "but it's not affecting my work. We do what we have to do."

Lerner urges Diaspora Jews to maintain a strong connection with Israel. "We are one people," he said.

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DEADLINE REMINDER

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Thursday, June 20

ALL THE WAY HOME

Friends of Yiddish presents *All the Way Home*, a concert of Yiddish song by **Beth Anne Cole** accompanied by pianist **Lona Davis** and guitarist **Brian Katz**, 8 p.m., Studio Theatre, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. Tickets $10 at Ford Centre box office or Ticketmaster 872-2222.

NEW YORK BASH

New York style party, the Absolute New York Bash, presented by New Leadership Division, Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, 8 p.m., Park Avenue in the Madison Centre, 4950 Yonge St. $20. 488-7649.

COMEDY NIGHT

Evening of laughter and nosh with hypnotist **Boris**, 7:45 p.m. sharp, at Comedywood, 800 Steeles Ave. W., sponsored by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Single Jewish Parents Group (30-50). $8. 633-5500.

Friday, June 21

ONEG SHABBAT SERVICE

West Toronto Jewish Community Association Oneg Shabbat service 7:30 p.m., Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Ave. **Sharon** 236-2054.

Sunday, June 23

LODZER CENTRE

Lodzer Centre Congregation breakfast minyan and discussion, services 9 a.m. followed by breakfast and an address by **Rabbi Yitzchak Witty**, executive director, Board of Jewish Education. Reserve. **Jenny** 905-731-6425 or **Dina** 636-6665.

PNAI MEETING

At the PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) meeting **Prof. David Goldberg**, Foundation for Middle East Studies, York University, gives an overall view of the recent Israeli elections, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. **Charles King** 783-7872.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jewish Genealogical Society annual meeting and program, Breakthroughs of the Past Year, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Non-members $3.

JEWISH ATHLETES

Jewish Athletes and Their Experiences in Professional Sports, discussed by **Monty Charness**, 8 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue.

STRENGTH TRAINING

Wellness Education Group of Baycrest Centre session, The Benefits of Strength Training for Older Adults, lecturer **Dr. Scott Thomas**, associate professor, Department of Physiotherapy, University of Toronto, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wagman Centre. $2 at door. Register by June 25. **Judy Chu** 785-2500, ext. 2340.

ART AND LEARNING

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning hosts An Evening of Art and Learning at the Kanner Heritage Museum of Baycrest Centre, 7:30 p.m. Lecture by **Rachael Turkienicz** on Woman of Valor: The Broken Stereotype, preceded by viewing of commissioned work of 32 Jewish artists. $18 until June 21, $20 at door. 905-764-1329.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395.

The Power of Kabbalah lecture on the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, 7:30 p.m.

The Astrological Sign of Cancer, lecture in Hebrew, 9 p.m.

Monday, June 24

YIDDISH CONCERT

Outdoor Yiddish concert presented by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto with Chutzpah Klezmer Band, soprano **Stella Walker**, tenor **Michael Mandel**, Jewish Folk Choir directed by **Esther Ghan Firestone** accompanied by **Lina Zemelman**, 7 p.m. Earl Bales Park. Bring chairs and blankets. In case of rain, concert at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. **Sylvia Lustgarten** 635-2883, ext. 155.

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What's New

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JEWISH MUSIC

One of the events of the American Conference of Cantors/Guild of Temple Musicians convention is a concert at Temple Sinai featuring works of Canadian Jewish composers performed by soloists (cantors from across Canada and the United States) choir and instruments. 8 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Free seminar on Health and Wellness in the '90s focusing on nutrition, exercise, rest and relaxation, posture, mental attitude, 7:30 p.m., Downsview Chiropractic Centre, 552 Sheppard Ave. W. 635-1818.

Tuesday, June 25

CANTORIAL ARTS

The 1996 convention of American Conference of Cantors and Guild of Temple Musicians presents a concert of cantorial arts and the world premiere of *The Ark of the Covenant*, chamber music work by **Milton Barnes** with choreography by **David Earle**, 8 p.m., Ford Centre for the Performing Arts.

NFJA ANNIVERSARY

New Fraternal Jewish Association 35th anniversary celebration features singer/producer **Stella Walker** in a program of Yiddish, English and French songs. Members $5, non-members $7. RSVP **Anne Harris** 226-1166 or **Esther Naistein** 663-0497.

Wednesday, June 26

STROKE RECOVERY GROUP

Bathurst Jewish Centre Stroke Recovery Group dinner, 6-9 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. $16 incudes dinner and entertainment. Wheelchair accessible. **Irene** 636-3591.

Thursday, June 27

ABOUT RABIN

Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital presents **Eitan Haber**, Israeli military journalist and chief aide to former prime minister **Yitzhak Rabin**, who shares his experiences and provides insights into Rabin's career, 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Information/tickets 633-5646.

And What Else Is New...

HEBREW SCHOOL

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School Sunday School program for children 5-12 years offers Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history, Bible, sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking, Purim party. Registration for 1996/97 now accepted. Previous Jewish education not a prerequisite. **Leslie Shapiro** 905-731-5054.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Artists in Residence: In Celebration of Life, an art exhibition and sale featuring creative works of senior-aged clients of Baycrest Centre, June 22-July 4 at Bau-Xi Gallery, 340 Dundas St. W. A portion of the proceeds will support creative art programs at Baycrest. 977-0600.

JUDAICA GALLERY

The Judaica Gallery at the Royal Ontario Museum represents the rich traditions of Jewish ceremonial art. Exhibit displays over 60 objects from the 1550s to the present day, including artifacts on loan from the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum and many borrowed from the private collections of **Henry and Bella Muller** of Ancaster, Ont., and **Dr. and Mrs. Fred Weinberg** of Toronto.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The sixth annual Baycrest Open-Golf Tournament fundraiser, July 9 and 10 at Glen Eagle Golf Club, Bolton. $250 per single entry, $1,000 per foursome per day. Exclusive $50,000 hole-in-one and prizes for all golfers. Registration and lunch 11 a.m., shot-gun tee-off 1 p.m., cocktails and dinner to follow. 785-2500, ext. 2573. Funds will support the building of the Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged and the Centre for Cognitive Disorders.

FALL HEBREW COURSES

Registration has started for the following fall daytime and evening courses with **Yael Lev**, 225-6151;

Conversational Hebrew, three levels, beginners to advanced. Ulpan as well as special classes for parents with children in Jewish schools.

Prayer Book Hebrew for those who have basic reading skills and want to improve them while learning the meaning of the key prayers.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups:

Grandparenting Through Divorce workshop, Tuesday, June 25. **Elinor Gertner** 905-882-2331.

Dealing With Anger: For Men, begins July 8. $75 for five sessions. **Gail Gould** 638-7800, ext. 241.

Positive Parenting Groups: Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins September; Single Parent Challenge, begins September; Successful Step-Parenting: Learning to Step Together, begins October; Living With Teens, begins September. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

at the JCC/BJC

BJC Summer Run, 10 or 15 km, Sunday, June 23, 9 a.m. **Grant Smith** 636-1880, ext. 374.

Register now for Ottawa/Hull fall rhapsody trip Sept. 30-Oct. 3 with BJC Senior Adult Services. Sightseeing, dancing, delectable dishes, shopping, cruising, casino. **Teme** 6636-1880, ext. 364.

Summer courses for seniors at BJC starting Monday, July 8 (seven weeks), Bridge beginners, 1-3 p.m., Bridge — bid and play, 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday, July 3 (nine weeks) Bridge — play of hand 1-3 p.m.; Friday, July 5 (eight weeks) Line Dancing 1-2:30 p.m. **Yvonne** 636-1880, ext. 259.

Toddler daycare spaces at BJC starting July. 636-1880, ext. 248.

For Seniors

Applications are being accepted for the Catskills Raleigh Hotel, Aug. 6-12. Trip co-sponsored by **Senior Adult Services, BJC** and **Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living**. **Teme Kernerman** 636-1880, ext. 364 or **Barbara Zigler** 225-2112.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; Catskills Homowack Hotel, all inclusive Aug. 4-11; Israel with a difference Nov. 4-25, see it the easy way, all inclusive. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., cultural series, **Heather Kassel** reviews *Six Degrees of Separation*, 2 p.m., Thursday, June 27. Space limited. Reserve. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Chai Dancers of BJC, a performing folkdance group for senior adults 55 plus, has openings for new dancers. Some dance experience necessary. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). There's a picnic in Earl Bales Park 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 and a general meeting, members only, Thursday, June 27. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: blood pressure check-up Thursday, June 27, 10 a.m., members free; Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 22-28; *Phantom of the Opera* Aug. 7; Sherway Gardens Aug. 8. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club final registration for *Lend Me a Tenor* Wednesday, June 26, at Stage West. A few rooms available for Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23 inclusive. Register at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursday 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group 10 a.m.

Young at Heart Seniors Catskills trips, Pines Hotel 10 days, $1,065 including Atlantic City, also Raleigh Hotel 10 days $1175, may include Atlantic City. Prizes included. **Helen** 785-2500, ext. 2724, 9-11:30 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. or **Doreen** 636-7124 after 6 p.m.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Canada Day celebration Wednesday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with guest speaker, greetings from local politicians, live entertainment, games for all ages, Bernard Betel Centre Creative Choirs, Canada's birthday cake, lunch ($3, sign up at Information Desk now). **Irina** or **Ruth**.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents **Jill Rich**, neuropsychologist, who talks on Memory, Monday, June 24, 1 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural group, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. June 26 is bingo. **Anna**.

Movie *18 Again*, Sunday, June 23, 2:30 p.m.

About People

NIF PRESIDENT

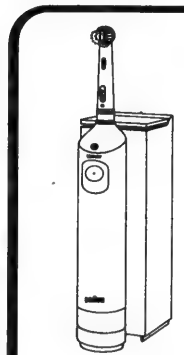
Ralph Garber, newly-elected president of the New Israel Fund of Canada, was dean of the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto and dean and professor of social work at Rutgers University and Washington University. He has lectured in Israel, Japan, Hong Kong, India and Europe and is recognized as an expert in international child welfare policy and children's rights. During his stay in the United States Garber was a board member of the Jewish federation in St. Louis and New Jersey and president of the United Way in New Jersey.

Ralph Garber

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky

LEO BAECK APPOINTMENT

Torontonian **Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky** has been appointed vice-principal of Hebrew/Judaic studies at Leo Baeck Day School. Rabbi Sidlofsky was ordained at Leo Baeck College in London, England and received his master of arts in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion Rhea Hirsch School of Education. Rabbi Sidlofsky has served at temples in Edmonton, Maryland and Massachusetts.



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Holocaust stamps highlight exhibition

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – The official philatelic showcard the Israel Postal Authority released at the CAPEX '96 international philatelic convention here last week bears the stamps of two countries — Canada and Israel — making it unlike all previous showcards Israel has released annually since 1981.

Both stamps were issued in 1995. The Israeli stamp commemorates the end of World War II and the liberation of the camps. The Canadian stamp, designed by Q30 Design Inc. of Toronto, is a stark remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the Holocaust.

Yinon Beilen, director of the Israel Philatelic Service, expressed gratitude to Canada Post for issuing the Holocaust stamp and for granting permission for it to be reproduced. As Beilen noted, the legend "Holocaust 1933-1945 L'Holocauste" appears on the stamp, while the word "Shoah" appears in both English and Hebrew in the margin. "To see Hebrew letters on a Canadian stamp, saying 'Shoah,' I'm very moved by this," he said.

Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, expressed pride that the organization had provided various Holocaust memorabilia to the stamp's design team. "I would like to compliment the government of Canada in taking the initiative with this stamp," she said. "Although right after the war Canada was closed to the survivors, as described in the book *None Is Too Many*, this situation has been corrected."

Zilberman also noted that Robert Engel, immediate past chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, is the only known living Canadian to be depicted in a stamp issued by Canada Post. Engel, whose profile appears on an ID card on the Holocaust stamp, was reunited at the convention with John Prince of Florida, a former school friend from pre-war Berlin who had recognized his likeness on the stamp. (See story below).

Glenda Rissman, one of four artists from the Toronto firm Q30 Design Inc. which designed the stamp, said that she and her partners were initially unsure if it could be done effectively. "My first thought was, 'How on earth are we going to summarize the Holocaust in the size of a postage stamp?'" she recounted.

There were also ethical issues to consider, she said. "We had to ask ourselves, 'Why should Canada commemorate a tragic event that it did so little to stop?' It was a moral dilemma.

"After talking with my father about it, I realized that if Canada Post came to us to design the stamp, it meant that they felt we could handle the subject fairly and honestly. And so it was a challenge we decided to accept."

The unique showcard released last week at CAPEX '96 by the Israel Postal Authority pairs Holocaust-themed stamps from Israel and Canada.

Rissman showed slides of various alternate designs for the stamp. One showed a yellow Jewish star imprinted with *Jude* front and centre, while another depicted an open passport, stamped with a 'J' for Jewish, that was burnt along the edges. Still others used sketches of the death camps rendered by Canadian artists Aba Bayefsky and Alex Colville.

All were rejected, however, in favor of the chosen design, which bears a montage of lean, desperate faces above a yellow Jewish star, a passport, and part of a blue-and-white striped prisoner's uniform. "Everyone agrees that Canada Post took a risk in going with our design, because it's not really a comfortable stamp to look at," Rissman said.

"It's a privilege to be able to use this medium to highlight our history and the diversity of our cultural traditions," said Ted Scott, manager of marketing and sales for Canada Post.

As well, he expressed "a tremendous sense of pride that the Israel Philatelic Service has chosen to honor us in this way."

Haim Waxman, the consul of Israel in Toronto, invited the several hundred dealers and collectors in the room to attend the international philatelic gathering in 1998, when it will be held in Israel to coincide with celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the Jewish state.

The Canadian Association for Israel Philately meets monthly in Toronto from September to June. For information, write to CAFIP, P.O. Box 33, 260 Adelaide St. E., Toronto M5A 1N1.

Stamp helps to reunite friends

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A piece of paper measuring just 3 by 4.8 centimetres has reunited two men who haven't seen each other in 60 years.

It was Canada's much-praised Holocaust stamp that twigged the memory of John Prince of Sarasota, Fla. More accurately, a small likeness at the bottom of the 45-cent issue got him wondering: was this the face of a pre-war boyhood chum who disappeared suddenly from their Berlin high school?

Prince's prodigious memory had not failed him. The face belongs to Toronto's Robert Engel, a schoolmate from the 1930s and now a well-known local Holocaust survivor and educator.

The two spent much of last week reminiscing about their salad days. Prince was in town for the World Philatelic Exhibition, held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

An avid philatelist, he first noticed Canada's Holocaust stamp in a collector's magazine. Among the collage of faces on the stamp was the small, half-shown one of a 17-year-old Engel, taken from his ID card, issued in Holland in 1941. The magazine said Engel was born in Berlin and was now living in Toronto.

A small portion of Canada's Holocaust stamp (inset) has reunited school chums Robert Engel (left) and John Prince of Sarasota, Fla.

"I said, 'Jeepers, that face looks familiar,' " Prince, 71, told *The CJN*. "Don't ask me why I remembered him. I just did."

He started calling all the Engels in the Toronto phone book. Eventually, a friend helped track Engel down and letters were exchanged.

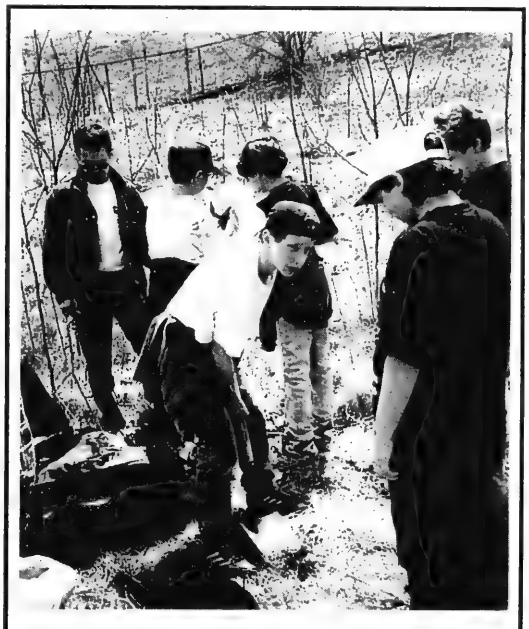
Even though he last saw Engel when the two were around 13, Prince said his old soccer buddy has changed little.

"What I do remember very vividly," Prince added, "is that all of a sudden, he was gone one day. I never got an answer about where he was."

Engel quit the Berlin high school in 1937. "I couldn't stand the anti-Semitism any longer," he recalled. "The teachers began each lesson with 'Heil Hitler!' We had race theory lessons every day." He ended up at a public school for Jews.

A non-Jew, Prince spent the war in Britain, flying for the RAF. Engel was arrested by the Gestapo one day before he was to escape to England and spent 2½ years at the Westerbork concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Holland, before being liberated by Canadian troops.

"We never really socialized," Engel said of Prince. "We just played soccer on the same team." Engel doesn't recall much of his erstwhile friend, except "those eyes. They're very familiar."



STUDENTS HELP TO SAVE DON RIVER

The grade 7 students of United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus, were involved in an environmental project to save the Don River, at North York General Hospital. Brian Katz, a social worker at the hospital, who spearheads the project, walked the group through the area and explained how it is being replanted and beautified for the public's enjoyment. The students planted trees that they had donated to the project and received a certificate of appreciation.

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Abella receives Distinguished Alumnus Award

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Rosalie Silberman Abella, a judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal, recently became the first woman to win the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Law Alumni Association of the University of Toronto.

Since graduating from the University of Toronto Law School in 1970, Abella's career has included such appointments as chair of the Ontario Labor Relations Board and the Ontario Law Reform Commission, sole commissioner on the Royal Commission on Equality in Employment and service on the Ontario Human Rights Commission. At age 29, she became the youngest person ever to be sworn in as an Ontario judge.

At the recent Law Alumni dinner honoring Abella, speakers including former Ontario premier Bob Rae, Justice Kathryn Feldman, former Ontario premier David Peterson, Lorna Marsden, president of Wilfrid Laurier University, and R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, all praised Abella for her legal brilliance, her social conscience and her warmth and charm as a friend.

Messages of congratulations were also read from Bertha Wilson and Claire L'Heureux Dube, the first two women to sit on the Ontario Supreme Court.

"In my life, there have been few people I have admired so much and who have contributed to the province so exceptionally. She is an advocate for the people and

Rosalie Abella

stands as a role model to many," said Rae.

"It is a measure of Rosie's humanity that she has befriended all the people sitting here today," said Peterson. "This enormous humanity runs through everything she does. She has a sense of love that makes her a great person and a great judge."

McMurtry expressed his delight that with the different political streams represented in the room, everyone was in agreement about Abella's accomplishments. She has encouraged and supported many people in their careers and she is a wonderful role model for women. It is a great joy to have her as a friend, he said.

In accepting the award from Charles Dubin, retired chief justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal, Abella, who was born almost 50 years ago in a refugee camp in Germany, to parents who survived the war but lost a young son, said, "Nothing about this evening or my career seems inevitable to me ... From the beginning of my life nothing was expected, yet everything was hoped for.

"One cannot be born in the shadow of the Holocaust and live with two Jews who survived it, without believing in an exaggerated sense of justice. In our house there was no silence about the past and they never cried when they told the story. I never don't cry when I hear it."

She praised her father, who was a lawyer in Europe and who died while she was in law school. She said he taught her the nobility of law.

"I grew up in a joyful home, where I learned that the only thing to fear is intolerance ... to take nothing for granted, fear no future and work hard. My father's inspiration is all around me."

In addressing the friends who praised her, Abella said one of the joys of aging is watching your friends take over the world.

"Next to chasing my husband [Irving Abella], going to law school was the best decision I have ever made. The legal profession welcomed me with civility. In the over 25 years since I graduated, my faith in the law has not yet been shaken."

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Reena Foundation chair Ron Hoffman (left) presents an award of appreciation to CFTO anchor Ken Shaw, who emceed the foundation's annual gala dinner last week. Over 600 supporters, friends and family enjoyed an evening of Broadway entertainment. Funds raised will go toward the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, slated to open in 1997 in Thornhill. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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Bloor JCC chapel more than just a comfy corner

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The chapel in the Bloor JCC is one of the best-kept secrets in this community.

Tucked away in a corridor off the main lobby, the broadloomed chapel with its plush seats and stained glass is an oasis.

But it is more than just a pretty, comfortable corner. It offers morning services Thursdays, Sundays and at Rosh Chodesh, and it sponsors community events like last month's weekly lunch-time Jewish history lecture series, with Rabbi Mark Dratch. The chapel also does outreach to the Jewish residents at Castleview Wychwood Towers, a nursing home in the vicinity.

The chapel congregation is made up of some 45 regulars, most of them over 65. They have been getting together at the JCC for the last 20 years to exercise, schmooze and daven. Several were members when the facility was located on Brunswick Avenue.

The chapel was started 23 years ago by some members of the JCC Athletic club who were saying Kaddish and wanted to daven at the JCC on Sundays before playing handball.

They put together a minyan and found "a cubby hole" to meet in, said chapel president Leonard Bernstein. "It's the only Jewish athletic facility in North America with a chapel on the premises."

Coleman (left) and Leonard Bernstein are two of the founders of the Bloor St. JCC chapel. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Eventually the JCC allocated some space — an old janitorial closet — for the chapel, and they got a Torah from a former shul on Berkeley Street in the east end, Bernstein said.

He and brother Coleman refurbished the space in 1975 to create the chapel, which is dedicated to their late brother Michael, a soldier killed in World War II.

There is a minyan at all services, but Sundays the place is packed. The weekly kiddush is a time for kibbitzing and schnapps.

On the Sunday when Louis Kozlov sponsored the kiddish in honor of his mother's yahrzeit, he recounted her personal history, that of a widow who bought a grocery store to support her family.

He concluded by expressing his gratitude for the chapel fellowship. "You're all such a great bunch of people," he said. "We should be thankful that we have such a group."

His words were echoed by many other congregants, including Nancy Salem, the one woman who attends service regularly. When she began 12 years ago — at the time she was a JCC employee — some of the men resented the presence of a woman, but as they got to know her their acceptance grew quickly, she said.

"There is such warmth and camaraderie from these men. You're greeted every time. When my youngest was bar-mitzvahed Leonard Bernstein held a breakfast.

"At the loss of my parents, he made sure there was a large minyan. They all came to the cemetery and the shivah house. Leonard has always been there for me. He's been the uncle I never had."

Leo Takefman credits Bernstein with keeping the chapel going. David Nemtzov is the cantor, but there's no rabbi. Everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter how well he reads.

Abe Greenstein even made a tape of the service for people who have "forgotten how to daven," he said. "I cut a tape for a man and after three or four weeks he stood up and said the first prayers. I stood in the back and I cried."

Most of the men work out at 6 or 7 a.m. They daven at 8. By 9:30 they're gone, the chapel lights are off and the doors are locked. Only early-birds are aware that the JCC chapel congregation exists.

Doctor helps save Yiddish books

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Seymour (Simkha) Frydrych is a 44-year-old Toronto doctor who makes house calls of a different kind — he picks up old Yiddish books. One winter day, he even brought bread and milk on request to an aged Jewish woman in the Bathurst-Sheppard area, when he stopped in to get a book.

Frydrych, a general practitioner at the Mount Dennis Medical Centre in west Toronto, is a *zamler*, a collector for the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Mass., which distributes the volumes to schools and universities.

"I'm happy to do this because I think this is the way Yiddish will be preserved, not as a day-to-day language, but as a reminder of a proud, living language that existed for 900 years."

A son of Holocaust survivors, Henry and Eileen, who live in Toronto, Frydrych said he learned to write and read Yiddish from his parents and from his late grandparents, Max and Esther Rabinowicz, also Holocaust survivors, who lived with his parents.

He and his wife Rochelle have four children who can understand Yiddish and are being taught to read it by Frydrych's parents.

One of the books he picked up was a Yiddish grammar, published in Warsaw in 1908 and never before seen at the Yiddish Book Centre. The grammar, which had been gathering dust in a Toronto attic, has become part of the centre's research library.

Frydrych's *zamler* partner is Robert Goldenberg of Fort Erie, Ont. The doctor often picks up books in the evening or on weekends when Goldenberg can't make it to Toronto, and the latter sees that they get to Amherst.

Frydrych, a Thornhill resident, invites calls to his office, 416-763-1171, from anyone who wants their Yiddish books to get a new life.

Age fails to slow 90-year-old Goldberg

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — With a father who walked to synagogue until he was 101 years old, it is no wonder that Sam (Sender) Goldberg feels spry at 90.

"Keep busy," is Goldberg's simple credo for a long life. "Until recently I walked four or five miles every day and delivered Meals on Wheels. Family is also important; without it you're a nobody," said Goldberg, whose wife Freda (Bobi) died about nine years ago.

When he arrived in Canada from Poland in 1919, Goldberg remembers harder yet conversely, better times. "When we came to Canada there were no rich immigrants. Sixty percent of us had no indoor facilities and we had to take showers at public stalls in order to get hot water. Of course, we never saw cars. We were happy though; we didn't know any better.

"People today are out of wack, I think. They need huge houses, fancy cars — so many have become show-offs. We were happy to take a walk after work and meet with our friends. We were satisfied with what we had. Today, there are too many expenses — cars, boats — and with all that they are not as happy as we were."

Anti-Semitism was far more virulent when he was young, however, Goldberg concedes.

"In 1947, I bought a small cottage in Keswick for $2,950. My wife was happy to spend summers there with our two daughters and our son. When my nephew wanted to buy a cottage there, however, he was told his children would not be safe on the beach. We were later told it was all right for us to be the only Jews in the community, but they were afraid of too many Jews moving in. Of course, we moved out. I became afraid for my children."

With a smile, he talks about his stint as the first person in Toronto to fight city hall. "We owned a stationery store at Dundas and Shumack streets and after six years, the city wanted to tear it down to make room for apartments. The bailiffs had to throw me out and I went to court for more money."

Almost 40 years later, things have not changed, his daughter-in-law Tzippy Goldberg laughs. Even after he bought the condominium where he now lives alone, he did not have the heart to move out of house in which he had lived with his wife for many years."

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Jews unable to deal with success: Dershowitz

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish continuity today is threatened not by outside forces, but by Jews unable to deal with their success in society, asserts Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz.

"We have to accept the possibility that we are entering a time when we are not threatened," he said, echoing the warning of philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre that "without enemies there are no Jews."

Some Jews are abandoning Judaism, Dershowitz said, "because they are negative Jews. They fought without knowing what they fought for."

Jews must replace negative Judaism with positive Judaism, he said. "We must be Jews not out of guilt, but because of [Judaism's] positive values."

Dershowitz was the keynote speaker at Aish HaTorah's Evening of Jewish Pride, which honored Ed and Fran Sonshine. Over 1,000 people attended the event, held at Le Parc in Thornhill.

While acknowledging that there is still anti-Semitism "in Russia, Romania, even in my country and in yours," it is "marginalized," Dershowitz said, not supported by the state, the mainstream population or the church.

"We have never been wealthier, or less subjected to persecution. Being a Jew does not disqualify you from success — even university presidents, including the president of Harvard University, are Jews.

Ed and Fran Sonshine pose with the plaque announcing the establishment of the Sonshine Jerusalem Fellowship program. [Barry Shainbaum photos]

"Look at [Natan] Sharansky — the Jews of silence are now free and serving in the Knesset."

The greatest danger, he said, is a lack of understanding and pride in our heritage.

"America has been good to the Jews, but the Jews have been so good for America and Canada. We have more than paid our way. We are full-fledged citizens of the countries we helped build."

Never reject the claim that we contributed disproportionately, he said. "Don't deny the accusation that we control Hollywood — we earned it, by the sweat of our brows and by playing by the rules."

Jews have reached the point where we can lead "free, open and successful lives. The nightmare is that as a result, so many will choose not to follow the traditions of Judaism."

He slammed the results of a survey of university students that said many would not insist on choosing a Jewish spouse.

"We have to understand it would be unthinkable to share our lives with someone who does not share our values."

Alan Dershowitz

Monies raised at the gala event will be used for the Sonshine Jerusalem Fellowship Program, the Canadian component of Aish HaTorah's popular Jerusalem Fellowships, which send university-aged students from all over the world to study at Aish HaTorah in Israel and to develop leadership skills and training there.

Former Jerusalem fellows Elana Carr and Marc Terris spoke of the pride and passion for Judaism that they developed through their experiences in the program.

In an interview, Ed Sonshine, a lawyer, businessman and philanthropist, told *The CJN* why he and his wife Fran, who is an active communal worker and a recent president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, chose this method of contributing, rather than a building.

"Education is the greatest thing. My father, a Holocaust survivor, told me that it is the only thing that 'they' can't take away from you."

One thing that attracted him to Aish HaTorah, he said, is "their bedrock belief that if you make people understand [Judaism], they will like it."

Rabbi Noah Weinberg, founding dean of Aish HaTorah, praised the parents of the Sonshines, all four of whom were Holocaust survivors, saying they "didn't look for revenge — they looked to build, and they built such beautiful children, concerned for the future, and filled with Jewish pride."

Allan Silber, chair of the organization's 1996 fundraising campaign, said this has been "the best campaign ever."

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Academics examine Jewish studies

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The first-ever national conference on Canadian Jewish studies organized by Montreal's Concordia and Toronto's York universities was historic by mere virtue of the fact that it took place, organizers said.

It was billed as an opportunity for Canadian scholars to have "their own forum in which to exchange ideas."

But a consensus also emerging from the two-day event, partially funded by Heritage Canada, was that the conference by and large lived up to its billing and helped set the stage for a second session at York in the spring of 1998.

"We set up this conference as a chance to map out the major news and research work in Jewish studies," said Concordia's Prof. Michael Oppenheim, one of the local organizers with colleagues Ira Robinson, Norma Joseph and Frank Chalk.

"This will allow academics in their respective fields to identify what resources exist throughout Canada and excite people into seeing what others are doing."

The two days of talks seemed to offer something for everybody — ranging from the most recent Canadian-Jewish Holocaust research to one field Oppenheim said was gaining popularity within Jewish studies programs — women's studies.

One paper delivered by Reena Zeidman of Queens University, for example, focused on Lesbianism in Halachic Discourse.

Other more well-worn topics included The Jewishness of the Jewish State.

In an interview, Oppenheim acknowledged that the conference theme — A Heritage in Transition: Jewish Studies in Canada — had nothing to do, as some might have thought, with the actual state of health of Jewish studies across Canada.

While that's an issue that will hopefully be addressed at the next conference, Oppenheim said, Jewish studies are generally thriving, especially compared to only 30 years ago, when those departments simply did not exist.

At Concordia, for example, Oppenheim said there are now four full-time Jewish studies professors within the Department of Religion and the number of classes has increased yearly.

Michael Brown, director of York's Centre for Jewish Studies, said decades ago, such programs were offered on the university curriculum as "handmaiden study" to courses on Christianity.

Jewish studies at Concordia and York were bolstered significantly in 1993 with the endowment of a Chair in Canadian Jewish Studies by Multiculturalism Canada (now the Department of Canadian Heritage).

That Chair at the two universities hosted the Montreal conference and is helping to pay for new research, a "community outreach" advisory board and future endowed professorship at Concordia.

At York, the Chair is serving to enhance the activities of the Centre for Jewish Studies, which also holds undergraduate and graduate classes, conducts research and performs its own "outreach" to religious and community groups.

Internet anti-racist a hit with students

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Clad in blue jeans and sweater, sleeves pushed up, his long wavy hair falling to his shoulders, British Columbia-based Internet anti-racism crusader Ken McVay, looked, as he himself told the approximately 400 high school students, "like an old hippie on a bad hair day."

The students assembled last month in a McMaster University lecture theatre for Hamilton's third annual Holocaust Education Seminar.

It made for instant rapport with McVay's young audience, as he spoke to them in their own language about the racist statements, neo-Nazi propaganda and Holocaust denial they might encounter on the Internet.

Students and teachers alike were impressed with McVay, and one teacher commented, "He obviously got through to them."

Using quotes from various hatemongers, McVay demolished their statements one by one, often pointing out their absurdity and at the same time, cautioning the students to question such statements.

Their purpose is to sow hatred, McVay said. "Remember that, the next time the Heritage Front stands outside your school recruiting. You need to develop a mindset that questions everything.

McVay reminded the students that the Holocaust has been irrefutably documented, even by the Germans themselves.

He called Holocaust denial "Hitler cleansing" and "making Hitler respectable," adding, "I want to teach you to have contempt for the lies of [Toronto pro-Nazi publisher] Ernst Zundel."

From coast to coast

JIAS changes give more control to communities

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) of Canada is in the process of devolving into a structure run more directly by local communities.

Behind the plan, more than a year in the making, is a desire to make JIAS a more efficient and grassroots oriented organization.

But the restructuring also raised initial concerns among some national lay leadership and front-line staff that increased federation influence over JIAS would undermine its autonomy, as well as threaten JIAS jobs and more fundamentally, services to immigrants and refugees.

Those worries, however, appear to have been assuaged by a new model of service coming into effect locally July 1:

A "Welcome Centre" staffed by workers of JIAS, the Jewish Education Council, Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Family Services/Baron de Hirsch, the YM-YWHA, and other relevant agencies, as a means to provide a holistic, more integrated, and "seamless service" approach to processing and integrating immigrants and refugees.

"This will mean getting a bigger bang for the buck," said Montreal JIAS director Joel Moss. "The staff will work together and form one staff team, a continuum of services."

Plans also are to locate the Welcome Centre, whose planning committee was chaired by Laya Feldman, outside Cummings House to make it more approachable for new arrivals.

The Welcome Centre's provisional board of directors, which supersedes the Council of JIAS Montreal as of July 1, will include representation by JIAS, FEDERATION CJA, immigrants and relevant Jewish agencies.

Just how increased local control of JIAS — a simiar process is also taking place in Toronto — will affect its national scope of activities remains to be seen. At the very least JIAS national would continue its advocacy mandate on behalf of immigrants and refugees.

But Moss did acknowledge that the JIAS restructuring could result in direct funding of local JIAS activities by Federation CJA — rather than by its traditional funder, CJF Canada — although this has not been finalized.

As well, like other national and local Jewish bodies, JIAS is undergoing budget cuts: eight percent for '96-'97 nationally, and six percent in Montreal.

While JIAS staffers have been assured they'll keep their jobs with the new restructuring and budget cuts, there are no guarantees that this will remain the case indefinitely.

Moss said the cuts would most likely affect services, such as "financial assistance programs" for some new immigrants, who will instead be able to make use of low-interest JIAS loan programs requiring eventual repayment.

According to outgoing JIAS president Robert Kleinman (who has been succeeded by Adrian Albert of Edmonton), there is little question that the JIAS restructuring will give FEDERATION CJA more say into JIAS affairs, but the bottom line is that "it will improve services to immgrants" and make JIAS more directly "answerable" to the community it serves.

Ber Lazarus, a JIAS front-line worker (he is an intake/volunteer program coordinator) who sat in on most of the meetings involved in the restructuring, has overcome initial concerns, saying "it seems everyone is more or less on board."

Still, he suggested that only time will tell if the new Welcome Centre operates as "seamlessly" as it is hoped.

Filmon visits Israel

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — It was the opportunity of a lifetime, says Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon of his first visit to Israel last month.

Filmon, the 1996 Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner honoree and his wife Janice were among 1,000 people who participated in the JNF mega-tour May 8 to 20 in celebration of Jerusalem's 3,000th birthday.

Filmon says he was excited about seeing the places associated with the birthplace of three of the world's major religions, as well as the sites of some of mankind's earliest recorded history.

"Israel has such a diverse geography in such a small land mass," he says. "We travelled from the Golan Heights to the Negev Desert to the Mediterranean Sea. I was struck by the tremendous transformation of desert and semi-arid wasteland to productive and green agricultural land."

With his engineering background, Filmon was particularly interested in the tours of water management systems and reservoirs. "I have never seen anything like them before," he recalls.

The tour included stops in Tel Aviv, Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan Valley and Jerusalem, where the visitors went to the Western Wall and Yad Vashem. They also went to Bethlehem's Manger Square and Masada.

As a politician, Filmon took a special interest in the Israeli political campaign. He was struck by the fact that unlike Canada, the state of the economy was not an issue at all. The Israeli economy, he noted, has been registering double digit growth rates. Over one-million people have been absorbed since 1990 and the unemployment rate has decreased from 10 percent to 7.5 percent.

Filmon said he would love to return to Israel again one day, it's hoped, with his children.

SMORDIN NEW BBC PRESIDENT

Winnipeg lawyer Lyle Smordin (left) was recently installed as the new president of B'nai Brith Canada, replacing Brian Morris (right).

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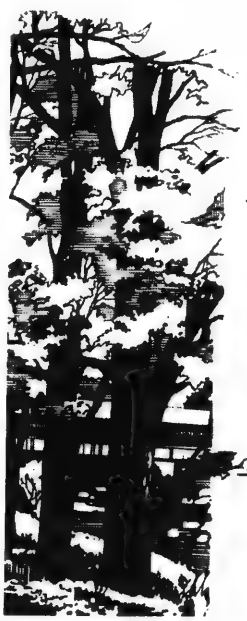

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From coast to coast

Children's Choir sings poems from Theresienstadt

By MOURÁ WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — *Out of Ashes*, a work for children's choir based on four poems by Theresienstadt child survivor Inge Auerbacher, had its premiere performance here recently at a concert commemorating the liberation of the death camps and the 20th anniversary of the Hamilton Children's Choir.

At the work's conclusion, the overflow audience at Christ's Church Cathedral rose to a standing ovation. Most, said choir artistic director David Davis afterwards, "were in tears."

Set for choir, oboe, synthesizer, percussion and shofar, *Out of Ashes* is the work of Ancaster composer Robert Rivers. It was specially commissioned for the 40-voice choir by Davis, who had been searching for poetry about the Holocaust suitable for children — and which could be set to music — when he came across *I Am A Star*.

Auerbacher spent three years in Theresienstadt from age seven to 10 with her parents, who also survived. Her second book, *Beyond The Yellow Star To America*, also for children, has just been published in Canada by Royal Fireworks Press of Downsview.

Overwhelmed by music, performance

Now living in Jamaica, N.Y., she was in Hamilton for the premiere and a rehearsal.

She was "overwhelmed" by both the music and the children's sensitive performance, she told *The CJN*.

The composer "has captured the spirit extremely well. It really honors the 1½ million children [killed in the Holocaust]."

Before starting on his commission, Rivers consulted with both Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Beth Sholom, who pre-recorded the sound of the shofar, heard to stunning effect at one point in the work, and with Dr. Nadia Rosa, also a Theresienstadt child survivor and co-chair of the local Yom Hashoah committee.

The piece has been recorded and will be available on CD. For more information, contact the Hamilton Children's Choir, 252 James St. N., Hamilton, Ont. L8R 2L3.

The choir has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York, where "we will definitely perform *Out Of Ashes*," Davis said. The piece will also be the main work during the choir's tour of the Maritimes this summer.

WHO WERE THOSE MASKED WOMEN?
Masked co-chairs of the Le Bal Masque for the Israel Cancer Research Fund (from left) Annette Wine, Andrea Obront and Sharon Liss are pleased with net proceeds of $225,000 from the recent evening, which will benefit cancer research.

Winnipeg BJE names new education director

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Corresondent

WINNIPEG — A longtime Winnipeg educator has been appointed the new director of education of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (BJE).

For the past 20 years, Jack Solomon has been a vice principal and principal in Winnipeg School Division No. 1 schools. He assumes his new duties, replacing Dr. Arnold Carmel, on July 1.

Solomon says he's excited about the challenges the next three years present. The most significant challenge, he notes, will be the transition from the existing BJE schools to the new campus, which opens in south Winnipeg in September, 1997.

"From what I have heard, there is some concern in the north end about retaining a Jewish presence there," he says. "The board is trying to address that problem."

Solomon sees himself first and foremost as an educator. Although his background is secular, he is well aware of the importance of a Jewish education.

"The combination of Jewish and general studies experiences is what makes our Jewish school system unique.

"I recognize that within our community are those who observe an Orthodox tradition and those who are more secular. We want our schools to be as open as we can to all elements of the community. We are morally obligated to position ourselves so that we can educate as many Jewish children as possible."

Solomon notes that he comes to his new role with no ties to any particular interest groups. He says he's hoping his experience in the public school system will benefit the BJE.

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Toronto doctor performs new heart surgery technique

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – A 44-year-old man with a defective aortal valve became the first local patient to undergo extremely complicated open-heart surgery, adapting his own pulmonary valve in its place and implanting a new pulmonary valve from a donor.

The operation was performed by Prof. Tirone David of Toronto, regarded as one of the world's leading heart surgeons, as part of an international symposium on cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery in Jerusalem.

The unusual surgery was carried out in Shaare Zedek hospital and viewed via closed-circuit video by hundreds of doctors and nurses from around the country.

David calmly answered questions from a panel of physicians, and even joked during the three-hour operation, as he moulded and secured the valve tissue, using hundreds of sutures. The patient's heart was restarted with an electric shock after his body was kept alive on a heart-lung machine.

David praised a senior Shaare Zedek scrub nurse, who seemed to anticipate his every move, even though such surgery had never been performed in the hospital before.

Meanwhile, a new U.S. technique for saving the lives of inoperable heart patients based on the anatomy of reptiles, which have no blood vessels was presented in a lecture. The method, developed by Prof. Alex Zapolansky, of San Francisco, involves the drilling into the cardiac muscle with lasers to supply it with blood.

The laser is used to tunnel into the heart muscle and infuse it with blood, instead of trying to repair the patients' coronary arteries, which are close to useless. Zapolansky said he had performed the procedure on 200 inoperable patients, and that their quality of life has much improved.

Hundreds of cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons from around the country, as well as guests from Egypt, Jordan, the autonomous areas, North America, Europe, Turkey and Panama attended the two-day symposium.

Shaare Zedek campaign proves successful

TORONTO — Over 300 people recently crowded into the garden of Michael and Barbara Bregman's Forest Hill home to join in the tribute being paid to his parents, Lou and Yetta Bregman, by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

The event was the culmination of several months of campaigning to establish the Lou and Yetta Bregman Fund in Neonatal Intensive Care at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem.

The fund was originally established in order to purchase state-of-the-art intensive care stations for the treatment of at-risk newborns, said Bernie Abrams, the foundation's national president. However, he said, the campaign was so successful that it exceeded its original goal and sufficient monies have been raised to endow the Woman and Infant Operating Theatre in the Bregmans' name instead.

This facility will be part of the comprehensive Woman and Infant Centre currently under construction at Shaare Zedek. Slated to be completed within a year, the centre will incorporate all services for newborns and for women of all ages, including maternity, gynecology, gynecological oncology and in-vitro fertilization.

Social work centre planned for Baycrest

TORONTO — A $3-million gift to the Baycrest Campaign from Ben and Hilda Katz will be used to create the first Centre for Gerontological Social Work of its kind.

A collaboration between the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the new centre will research and provide education and training opportunities for doctoral and post-doctoral social work students at a level that meets internationally recognized standards of excellence.

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Reflections and Gratitude

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Looking back, it is interesting and instructive to reflect upon the many changes and development that have unfolded in the Jewish community since we opened: two world wars, a devastating holocaust, the creation of the State of Israel, an acculturalization process to North American society, a struggle to maintain Jewish identity in an increasingly open and assimilative environment, and the challenge to perpetuate in this context the religious precepts, values, ideals and lifestyle of our historical commitment to Torah Observant Judaism.

These changes have been massive and rapid, and have tended to destabilize the Jewish home and society. They have highlighted more than ever the role of tradition and intensive Jewish education and knowledge in meaningful Jewish life.

For over 3,000 years, a commitment to intensive and lifelong Jewish education and study has been one of the foremost religious and cultural imperative of our faith and peoplehood. It has earned for us the sobriquet "the people of the book" and has contributed significantly to our dynamism and durability. It has been and continues to be a prime contributor to Jewish continuity, and has always constituted a core objective of our school during its 80 years of existence.

We at Eitz Chaim are proud that thousands of our graduates have carried into their adult lives the skills and commitment necessary to implement Torah observance, Jewish learning and Jewish community services as a lifelong process.

We at Eitz Chaim also recognize that the success of any educational institution is a direct function of the quality and effectiveness of its principals, teachers and support staff. While lay leadership is important to provide impetus, financial wherewithal and underlying philosophical orientation, our society has in the main ceded the obligation and daunting task of formal Jewish education to professional educators.

We therefore publicly express our deep gratitude and debt to our principals, Rebbeim, teachers and staff, past and present. The Board, parents, graduates, 1,100 students and the many supporters of Eitz Chaim Schools thank them for their professionalism, dedication, care, concern and ever increasing success. YeYasher Kochachem.

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Netanyahu not intimidated by Arab threats

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Israeli Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu has declared that Arab threats would not affect the way his government pursues the peace process.

"We are not impressed by various declarations of [Arab] leaders, nor do threats intimidate us. In fact, they have an opposite effect," Netanyahu said last week.

Netanyahu made his comments as Arab leaders planned to convene in Cairo to discuss the right-wing leader's election and its impact on the peace process. Several participants have already expressed concern that the incoming Israeli government would take steps to hinder the continuation of the peace process.

While Netanyahu has pledged to continue the peace process, in particular negotiations with the Palestinians, he has indicated that he will take a more hard-line stand than the outgoing government of Shimon Peres.

Netanyahu opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state and any withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The top priority in any peace accords his government pursues will be security, Netanyahu said.

"The supreme test of any agreement we make, and any agreement that has been made, will be security," Netanyahu said, adding, "There will be no compromise on this issue."

Meanwhile, Netanyahu said he still expects to present his government for Knesset approval within the next week.

As negotiations to form a coalition continue, Netanyahu's Likud Party and the National Religious Party (NRP), which won nine seats in the elections, reportedly reached agreement last Thursday on ministerial appointments.

Under the agreement, the religious Zionist party would head up the Education Ministry, as well as the Transport and Energy portfolios that are to be combined into one ministry, according to Israeli news reports.

The Likud-NRP accord also called for rotating the Religious Affairs portfolio between the NRP and Shas, the Orthodox Sephardi party, which won 10 Knesset seats.

Likud continued to negotiate with other potential coalition partners, including Tsomet, The Third Way and Yisrael b'Aliyah.

But Yisrael b'Aliyah leader Natan Sharansky was reported to have rejected a Likud offer for the Industry and Trade portfolio, along with two deputy ministers in the ministries of Absorption and Education.

Sharansky was quoted as saying that he was committed to bringing social change, but could not do that with those appointments.

COALITION AGREEMENT WITH SHAS
Israel's Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu (left) shakes hands with Rafael Pinhasi of the religious Shas Party after signing a coalition agreement on June 16. As the 14th Knesset opened on Monday, Netanyahu was still working feverishly putting together a new government. See story on page one. [RNS photo]

Jerusalem key to peace: PLO

By BILL HUTMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – If Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu removes the question of Jerusalem from negotiations with the Palestinians, it will likely mean an end to the peace process, Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO official in Jerusalem, told foreign diplomats at Orient House last week.

"The Orient House is the centre for peace in this area," he said. "Closing Orient House means closing the negotiations."

Representatives of the consulates of the United States, France, Italy, Turkey, Sweden, Greece, Spain, the Red Cross and the United Nations attended the meeting, which Husseini described as "a regular meeting to brief them about the peace process and the situation in Jerusalem."

Several of the foreign diplomats said Husseini was very forceful about Palestinian insistence that Israel seriously enter negotiations on the future of Jerusalem as called for in the Oslo accords, or face a collapse of the peace process.

"If someone will say no negotiations on Jerusalem, that Jerusalem is not part of this agreement, I don't believe this peace process will have any chance," Husseini told reporters after the meeting.

He also warned of the ill effects that will result if Netanyahu goes through with the threat to close Orient House, the PLO headquarters in the city.

Husseini said despite his concerns over Netanyahu's plans, he is guardedly optimistic that, in the end, the new government would move ahead with the peace talks.

"Anyone who listened to Mr. Netanyahu the candidate must be worried," he said. "But listening [to him after he was elected], we have heard something else. There is hope."

Palestinian gunman sought

JERUSALEM – Security forces continued their search for the Palestinian gunman who killed an off-duty Israeli police officer and wounded his wife in a shooting last week in the West Bank village of Bidya.

The attack was the second in two weeks that Israeli officials suspect was carried out by Palestinian gunmen.

In the attack, Meir Alush, his wife, Nitza, and their son, about 18 months old, had stopped at a toy store in Bidya, a village that straddles the trans-Samaria highway.

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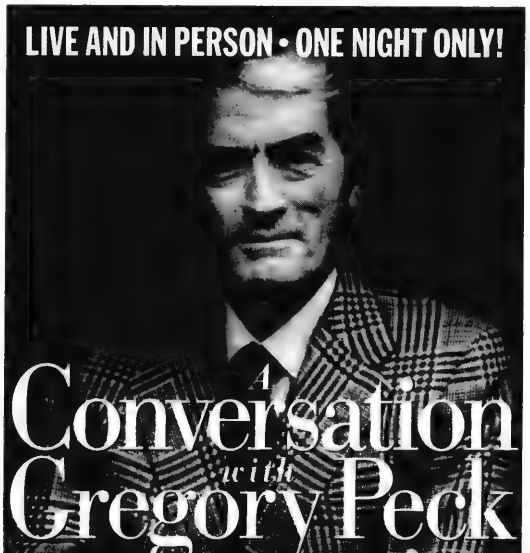

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The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners." We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

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Military agreements thrown into jeopardy

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Ordinarily, the fall of a government in Turkey barely evokes a ripple of concern or interest in Israel. But the resignation of Turkey's prime minister, Mesmut Yilmaz, on June 6 was anything but a blase piece of news to informed Israelis.

A day after Yilmaz stepped down, the Turkish president, Suleyman Demirel, once again asked the leader of the pro-Islamic Welfare party, Necmettin Erbakan, to try to cobble together a government.

In last December's general election, the Welfare party, which has grown increasingly popular in recent years, won a plurality in parliament. At Demirel's behest, Erbakan attempted to form a government. When he failed, Yilmaz and his bitter rival, Tansu Ciller, stitched together a shaky right-of-centre coalition and thus staved off an Islamic regime.

Now Erbakan has been given another chance, and if he succeeds, Turkey — a staunchly secular country whose population is overwhelmingly Muslim — will get its first Islamic administration since the rise of the modern Turkish state in the 1920s.

If Erbakan's party takes over, Israel's strategic relationship with Turkey, bolstered of late by a series of unprecedented military agreements, will be imperilled. Cognizant of this possibility, Israel's president, Ezer Weizman, conferred with Demirel in Turkey last week.

The military co-operation accords were signed last February by the director-general of Israel's Ministry of Defence, David Ivry, and Turkey's deputy chief of staff, Gen. Cevik Bir. A month later, during Demirel's visit to Israel — the first by a Turkish president — the pacts were formally ratified.

Vehemently opposed by the Welfare party, these agreements came on the heels of an exchange of high-level visits by Israeli and Turkish personalities.

In the wake of the 1993 Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and the PLO, Turkey's foreign minister visited Jerusalem. Subsequently, Ezer Weizman turned up in Ankara, and Tansu Ciller, the prime minister of Turkey, visited Israel.

As a result of these meetings, largely made possible by Israel's rapprochement with the PLO, Israel and Turkey upgraded their political, economic and defence ties. Israel had always sought close links with Turkey, the first Muslim nation to establish diplomatic relations with Jerusalem and still the only Muslim member of the NATO alliance.

But Turkey, eager to cultivate the Arab world, was never as eager and kept Israel at arm's length. Indeed, during the 1980s, Turkey downgraded its relations with Israel. However, with the Oslo peace agreements and with the end of Israel's isolation in the region, Turkey modified its position toward Israel.

Under the terms of Israel's military compact with Turkey, the two countries will conduct a security dialogue, share intelligence data and carry out joint air, sea and land exercises. Furthermore, Israel will renovate Turkey's fleet of Phantom jets and the Israeli Air Force will be permitted to train in Turkish air space several times annually.

As expected, the agreements have been excoriated by Turkish Islamic fundamentalists, by Arab countries and by Iran.

Last month, a lone gunman, upset with the treaties, attempted to assassinate Demirel. Taking his cue from this incident, Erbakan, referring to Israel's two-week bombardment of Lebanon in April, chided the government for entering into agreements with "Jews who bomb our Muslim brothers."

Stung by his denunciation, Yilmaz reportedly suggested that Turkey might reassess its contractual obligations to Israel. Yet within days of his alleged remark, the vice-admiral of Turkey's navy arrived in Israel as scheduled, the Turkish Foreign Ministry denied that Turkey was getting cold feet and Turkish Foreign Minister Emre Gonensay expressed unequivocal support for the arrangements.

Arab states, predictably, have poured scorn on Turkey's new relations with Israel. On June 9, Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia urged Turkey to reconsider its agreements with Israel. Iran, a non-Arab Islamic state, has attacked the accords in the most vociferous terms.

Despite the fierce criticism, Turkey is holding fast. Gonensay has stoutly defended Turkey's policy, saying it is in Turkey's best interests. And Turkey's ambassador in Tel Aviv has said, "We don't want to deal with Israel behind closed doors any more."

Turkey has sound reasons for cozying up to Israel. Turkey is at odds with Syria over water resources, borders and Damascus' overt backing of Kurdish rebels. And, of course, Turkey is extremely wary of Islamic fundamentalism of the kind espoused by Iran.

But if the Welfare party vaults into power, Israel's solemn agreements, and its very friendship, with Turkey will be thrown into dire jeopardy, creating an immediate challenge to Benjamin Netanyahu, the incoming prime minister of Israel.

The Week in Israel

June 10

• Five Israeli soldiers were killed and eight wounded, three seriously, in a Hezbollah attack in southern Lebanon. The attack was the deadliest in the area since a U.S. brokered cease-fire two months ago halted cross-border fighting between the two groups. The five soldiers were Lt. Lior Ramon, 21; Lt. Yishai Shechter, 21; Staff-Sgt. Gavriel Idan, 20; Staff-Sgt. Amir Ben-Moshe, 21; Sgt. Yaniv Roimi, 21.

June 11

• Jerusalem mayor and potential cabinet minister Ehud Olmert will face charges in connection with a financial scandal in 1988, when he served as treasurer of the Likud party. Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair decided to prosecute Olmert for suspected involvement in creating false receipts and other misdeeds during the party's election campaign that year.

June 13

• The head of the Palestinian security force denied reports that some of its senior members threatened to stop the crackdown on Hamas if the peace process did not move forward. Jibril Rajoub said the Palestinian security service was continuing the policy established before the Israeli elections.

• Officials close to Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu said he hoped to present his new government to the Knesset within the week. The Likud leader held talks with heads of the parties with which he is negotiating.

June 16

• An Arab gunman shot and killed an off-duty Israeli police officer and wounded his wife in the West Bank village of Bidya. The youth fled from the scene of the attack, the second in two weeks that Israeli officials suspect was carried out by Palestinian gunmen.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

• Five hundred people plan to attend the World Zionist Organization General Council from June 17 to 20.

Coalition deals pave way to new government

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Foreign Affairs, Mordechai (a high-ranking general) for Defence and Meridor, the most likely candidate for Finance – suggests a pragmatic policy intended, in part, to reassure the international community of the government's moderation.

The guidelines of the new government – which are to be signed by all coalition partners – call for unconditional negotiations with Syria, but insist on Israeli sovereignty over the Golan; favor Palestinian self-rule but reject an independent state; and make continued negotiations conditional on the Palestinian Authorities' (PA) fulfilment of all the PA's previous commitments. There is no mention of Israeli adherance to commitments of the previous government concerning the Oslo accords.

The guidelines state that the government will guarantee the existence and security of Jewish settlements, including their link to the State of Israel, but say nothing about expansion.

In religious matters, the guidelines promise to make all conversions performed in Israel subject to the approval of the Chief Rabbinate. The proposed change is intended to counteract a recent Supreme Court decision which requires the state to recognize Reform and Conservative conversions performed in Israel.

The government guidelines will effectively prevent that, thereby placating the religious parties whose members stridently oppose Reform and Conservative conversions. (The status of Israeli Jews who converted abroad will not be affected.)

The government also undertakes to maintain the status quo in religious affairs, promising to look into necessary legislation to restore the status quo if it has indeed changed. (There is no mention of which status quo.)

Part of the agreement with UTJ calls for not offending religious Jews in areas where they form a residential majority. Analysts say that could lead to the closing of some streets on Shabbat.

The coalition guidelines also give the government two weeks to pass the controversial "Norwegian law," which would require all ministers (except for the prime minister and his deputy) to resign their Knesset seats and serve solely as cabinet ministers. The seats would then be filled by other party members. The law, which would bring in 16 additional MKs, has been criticized as an unnecessary public expense.

Netanyahu, who has 45 days (until the end of July) to form a government, had promised to set one up by the opening of the 14th Knesset on June 17, but missed that deadline.

Israel, Turkey reaffirm military pact

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The party's leader, Necmettin Erbakan, has been a vocal critic of the military accord, though in recent days, as he confronts the chance to form a government, he has softened that stance.

During his visit, Weizman also addressed a UN-sponsored international conference on the future of the world's cities.

The Israeli president used his speech before the Habitat II Conference to offer a reassurance that Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu would pursue the peace process, despite some of his hardline comments during the election campaign.

"The commitment of Israel, its people and its leaders, in the past, the present and the future, to the attainment of peace, is unshakable," he said.

In his meeting with Demirel, Weizman conveyed a message from Netanyahu, in which the incoming prime minister underscored his commitment to attaining regional peace and to strengthening Israeli-Turkish ties.

In a separate development, Arab representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGO) at the Habitat II Conference promoted Jerusalem as an Arab and Islamic entity.

The Islamic Congress for Jerusalem, based in Amman, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority were among the Arab groups with delegates at the June 3 to 7 NGO forum.

Housing in the West Bank was discussed at several sessions, and the Israeli government was condemned for destroying homes of suspected terrorists, said Harris Schoenberg, director of UN affairs for B'nai B'rith, who attended the meeting.

Criticism of Israel has been a typical feature of the non-governmental gatherings that run parallel to the governmental portions of UN conferences.

Anti-Israel feelings were evident at the last such UN gathering, the conference on women held last summer in Beijing.

The Habitat II conference was called to examine how nations could improve the conditions of cities and provide adequate shelter for their populations.

Nearly half of the world's population live in cities and it is estimated that more than two-thirds will inhabit cities by the year 2015.

Although housing traditionally has not been a Jewish issue, participation in the conference is important because "as a community, we must also be vocal on issues related to humankind," said Schoenberg.

He added that a Jewish presence at such international gatherings is also necessary to build coalitions with other groups.

A Jewish presence at this particular conference demonstrated solidarity with Turkish Jewry at a time when anti-Semitism is on the rise here and the Welfare Movement is seeking to form the next government, he said.

JTA correspondents Naomi Segal in Jerusalem and Deborah Leipziger in London contributed to this report.

Ottawa opposes arrest of Palestinian activist

OTTAWA — Canada has protested the arrest of a prominent Palestinian human rights activist and suggested the incident could affect Ottawa's aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA).

Dr. Eyad Sarraj, a psychiatrist who leads the Independent Commission on Citizens' Rights and heads the Gaza Mental Health Program, was arrested earlier this month. Reports said he was charged with assaulting a police officer and possibly, with possession of drugs.

This was Sarraj's third arrest in six months for speaking out against Yasser Arafat's government. In a recent *New York Times* interview, Sarraj called the PA "corrupt, dictatorial and oppressive," and said he was "100 times" freer during Israel's occupation.

In a letter to Arafat, Canada's ambassador to Israel, David Berger, protested Sarraj's arrest, and embassy official Louis Simard made Ottawa's views known at a press conference with the Palestinian leader.

Sarraj's mental health clinic has received funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and from the Ministry of Health.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy told reporters last week that Sarraj's arrest could affect Canada's $70 million aid package to the PA.

Ministry spokesperson Rodney Moore told *The CJN* that Canada expects Sarraj to have access to a lawyer and be afforded due process.

"Canada expects the PA to ensure that the right to freedom of opinion and the press is respected," Moore added.

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Orthodox rabbis condemn belief in messiah's resurrection

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – An organization representing more than 1,000 mainstream Orthodox rabbis has passed a resolution condemning the belief of many Lubavitch Chassidim that the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson is the Messiah.

Members of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) passed the resolution at its annual convention in Spring Glen, N.Y., on June 12, a week before the second anniversary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's death.

Some Lubavitchers – no one knows exactly how many – continue to believe that the Rebbe is the Messiah, though he died June 12, 1994 at the age of 92, and few of them are able to describe that event as their leader's death.

Instead, many describe the third day of the month of Tammuz on the Jewish calendar as "the day the Rebbe ascended on high."

Before the Rebbe's death, many Lubavitch Chassidim believed that he was the Messiah and had not yet revealed himself to be the redeemer because the Jewish people did not merit it.

At issue now is the fact that a significant segment of the Lubavitch movement continues to believe – and is publicly promoting that belief – that the Rebbe will be resurrected as the Messiah.

There are also a few members of the messianic camp who believe the Rebbe never died at all, but is simply not yet ready to reappear.

At the same time, other Lubavitchers have acknowledged their beloved leader's death and have dedicated themselves to carrying on his work, reaching out to Jews wherever they may be.

The author of the RCA resolution, Rabbi David Berger, has publicly urged the mainstream Orthodox community to distance itself from the large messianic faction in Lubavitch by not raising money for the chassidic group.

The alternative, he says, risks altering "the basic contours of the faith."

The single-sentence resolution, which was passed by consensus, reads: "In light of disturbing developments which have recently arisen in the Jewish community, the Rabbinical Council of America in convention assembled declares that there is not and has never been a place in Judaism for the belief that Mashiach ben David [Messiah son of David] will begin his Messianic Mission only to experience death, burial and resurrection before completing it."

The resolution does not mention Lubavitch by name, because the RCA's leadership wanted to be careful "not to deprecate or castigate" the entire chassidic group, said RCA president, Rabbi Rafael Grossman.

The original version of the resolution had named Lubavitch, but the reference was taken out in the end, Rabbi Grossman said, because "there is a substantial part of Lubavitch leaders who do not hold this view, and among those who do hold the view, there are some wonderful, dedicated Jews; so it is not our intention to deprecate these people, but to make it clear that this view is not in the Torah tradition."

It is rare for one Orthodox group to publicly criticize another, even if not by name, and the response among both factions of the Lubavitch was strong.

U.S. survivors of Nazi camps can get German compensation

By TOM TUGEND
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LOS ANGELES – American citizens imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps can seek restitution from the German government through a new U.S. government program.

"It is essential that those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis receive reparations for what they lost," said U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, who announced the program June 13 at the Simon Wiesenthal Centre here. "We can't calculate their loss in mere money, but we can seek to redress their losses."

The Holocaust Claims Program is an outgrowth of the case of Hugo Princz, who battled the German and U.S. governments for 40 years to obtain reparations for the 38 months he was held in Treblinka, Auschwitz and Dachau. His parents and six siblings died in the camps.

Princz, now 73, was born to a naturalized American businessman in what is now Slovakia, making him a U.S. citizen at birth. Although the family had American passports, they were imprisoned by the Nazis.

In September 1995, the United States and Germany signed an agreement under which Princz and 10 other American survivors shared a one-time payment of $2.1 million from the German government.

The new program gives other U.S. survivors of the Holocaust until Sept. 30 to file claims with the U.S. Justice Department's Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL

Site is the traditional burial place of King David

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Like many holy sites in Israel, the Cenacle and adjoining Tomb of David, on Jerusalem's Mount Zion near the Zion Gate, are sacred to multiple denominations of three world religions. A tradition persists that this is the burial place of King David, the legendary Hebrew monarch whose fateful arrival in the city 3,000 years ago is currently being celebrated in a wide range of Jerusalem 3000 activities throughout the land.

Tradition also has it that numerous other Hebrew kings were buried here, and that a large room upstairs was the location of Jesus' Last Supper -- actually a Passover seder.

Before 1967, many Jews would come here to pay homage to King David, even while faced with convincing scriptural evidence from the first Book of Kings that David was actually buried east of here, within the walls of his own city.

One wanders through several rooms and halls, eventually arriving at a small chamber that houses a stone tomb, over which a curtain with Hebrew lettering has been draped. The tomb is fenced off by a metal rail. The chamber is actually an antechamber to a slightly larger room that was once a mosque.

The Tomb of David. [Bill Gladstone photo]

Until the Six Day War, the Tomb of David was perhaps the most frequently visited Jewish holy place, simply by virtue of its accessibility. Until 1967, the Old City of Jerusalem was part of Jordanian territory and hence off-limits to Jews.

The Cenacle, a building connected with this sacred site, has served at various times throughout the centuries as a mosque, synagogue and a church. Not surprisingly, it reflects a host of architectural styles. It has Turkish elements, is of Crusader construction in part, and contains Roman art, Greek art, and a Hebrew motif in the grapes and vine leaves depicted in the stonework.

Because the old masonry is subject to deterioration over time, the building has been the target of a $3 million (US) restoration in recent years. Lamar Baker, a Christian stone-mason from the Collingwood area north of Toronto, spent nearly three months on the site recently to help with repairs.

Indicating a section of masonry, Baker explained that since only mud was placed between the bricks in olden times, seedlings sprout and grow from the walls, eventually causing serious damage. He has repaired this section of wall using modern techniques and a special cement mix to keep the bricks together for a long time to come.

"It's a great privilege to work on these stones, some of which were put into place thousands of years ago," he said.

A different sort of restorative work must eventually be done on the Zion Gate, which is deeply pockmarked from fierce shelling that occurred here in 1948. The gate, which was built in 1540, forces those who pass through it to change directions as a defensive measure.

Beside the Tomb of David is the Museum of King David, a small and reportedly somewhat eccentric institution connected with a yeshivah. If you're so inclined, you might better spend your time across the street at the Chamber of the Holocaust, the country's first Holocaust museum.

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Sephardi shul built in 16th Century

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Why, the astute traveller might wonder, was the 400-year-old Yohanan Ben Zakai Synagogue in Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter designed so that one must descend three metres below street level to reach the main floor?

The answer, as it happens, has more to do with religious chauvinism than with architectural science. The largest and earliest of four adjoining Sephardi synagogues in the Jewish Quarter, the shul was built in the 16th century by Jews who had been expelled from Spain.

Its construction was subject to Ottoman regulations that required a Jewish place of worship to be lower to the earth than a mosque, and no closer to heaven than any neighboring building.

Unfortunately, there's an even more striking example of religious disrespect associated with this historic complex of synagogues. After the renascent state of Israel lost the Old City of Jerusalem to the Jordanians in 1948, the synagogues were further damaged, then looted and – the ultimate degradation – used by the Jordanians as garbage dumps and pens for sheep.

Ezra Gorodesky, a part-time custodian, points to a photo on the wall, one of many in a small gallery documenting the condition of the synagogues as they were when recaptured in 1967. The photo shows a building in virtual ruin with crumbling walls, debris strewn everywhere and sunlight streaming through the roof.

"This is what we came back to," Gorodesky announces gruffly, as if the destruction happened just yesterday. "I couldn't believe it when I walked back into this rubble! Just think what would happen if we ever did that to a mosque! Boy! We'd have the whole world down on us!"

The main synagogue was named after Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakai, who, according to tradition, taught his pupils in a Beit Hamidrash on this spot in the first century of the Common Era. The second synagogue, named after the prophet Eliyahu, possesses an ancient chair which Eliyahu was said to have used and a marriage canopy which the exiles had brought from Spain. .

The third synagogue, known as the Istamboli, once was the focal point for a congregation of Turkish Jews, while the fourth and smallest, known as the Emtzai or Central Synagogue, was supposedly the most extravagantly decorated before its destruction.

According to Gorodesky, soldiers of the Israeli Haganah hid in the Holy Ark of the main synagogue while fighting the Jordanians in 1948. As the Old City fell, the soldiers were killed or became prisoners of war.

In as many aspects as possible, the restoration was faithful to the design and spirit of the originals. Holy arks, pulpits and candelabrum were brought from Italy, Turkey and Gibraltar to replace the old ritual articles. Gorodesky credits the superb reconstruction to the good sense of Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's renowned former mayor, and to the financial largesse of donors such as the Rothschilds and the Joseph Katz family of Pittsburg.

From the outside, the complex presents a modest appearance. Inside, one gets a sense of spaciousness and clean design, if not grandness. One notes trademark elements of Byzantine and Muslim architecture such as the Moorish-style "camel-back" windows and gothic arches and vaults that are purposely assymmetrical to avoid the suggestion of a cross.

Gorodesky leads the visitor back to the main synagogue, where workers are erecting a chupah – a marriage canopy – and decorating it with vine leaves. In a few hours, a couple from Australia will be getting married here, he explains.

The synagogues are in constant use by a host of congregations. They include a congregation from eastern Europe known as Minhag Ashkenaz and another consisting of Jews from Oriental countries. A third congregation represents the historic Spanish and Portuguese community of Jerusalem, thus providing a sense of continuity and a valued link with the past.

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Israel's Arab citizens called a 'bridge of peace'

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

Within Israel's Green Line borders of 1967, some 800,000 Arabs live as Israeli citizens. They hold Israeli passports and were represented by three elected MKs in the last Knesset.

About 85 percent are Muslim and 15 percent – roughly 120,000 – are Christian. One of the most eloquent spokespersons of the Christian-Arab community is Antoine Shaheen, a former city councillor of Nazareth and director of the northern region for Israel's Tourism Ministry.

Israel's Christian-Arab citizens can be subdivided into Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Coptic, Maronite and other denominations, but according to Shaheen, they are completely united in their support of and loyalty towards the Jewish state.

"Belonging to the State of Israel is very important to us and we believe that it has been the secret of our success," said Shaheen in a recent interview in Jerusalem.

"Since 1948, we have been loyal citizens of Israel and we link our future with the future of Israel."

Arab attitudes have changed enormously since the days when no Arab nation recognized Israel and those Arabs who chose to live peacefully within Israel were condemned as "collaborators," said Shaheen.

"The first positive step of the Arab world was when Egypt made peace, and a few years later it was Jordan. After the murder of the late prime minister [Yitzhak Rabin], we saw many Arab representatives attending the funeral and having many bad feelings about this murder. This shows that the camp of peace is growing."

Numbering 300,000 in 1948, the Arab community in Israel has served as "a sort of bridge of peace" between Israel and the rest of the Arab world, said Shaheen.

As a Roman Catholic active in church affairs in Israel, he has long attempted to persuade the Pope to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, a step that the Vatican took in 1994. Now Shaheen says he would like to see the Pope fulfil his promise to visit the Holy Land.

"In the year 2000, the Christian millenium, we are expecting as many as five million tourists. But if the Pope comes, the expectation in Christian circles is that we'll have many, many more. Imagine the Pope coming here and making an appeal to all Christians to visit the Holy Land. We would have to put everybody in tents!"

Many of Israel's Christian Arabs are of Palestinian origin and have a "sympathetic feeling" toward the Palestinians, Shaheen said.

"About the Palestinians, I will tell you that the general feeling is that we want this question to be solved," he said. "The minute these negotiations began, everyone was happy. We want peace to be concluded between Israel and the Palestinians. But this does not mean that we identify with violent acts or even with the intifada."

Israel's Christian Arabs have been strong opponents of terrorism, said Shaheen, who declares that most Arabs today are for peace. "I think that those groups that plant bombs are against Islam, against Christianity, against Judaism, against all religions. This is not a way to solve a problem. The world Islam means 'submission to the will of God,' and there are frank verses in the Koran that speak against committing suicide and against killing innocent people. This should be clear."

A member of the board of governors of Haifa University, Shaheen says he prefers to see a glass of water as half-full. Instead of emphasizing differences, he prefers to focus on the many points in common between Catholicism and Judaism.

"Our religion is more than half Jewish," he said. "We believe in the Old Testament and we believe in the New Testament. So I see it from a positive point of view because we have so much in common with the Jews. I sometimes call myself a Judeo-Christian, as they were in the second century."

As for the future, Shaheen characterized Israel's Christian Arabs as being overridingly optimistic. "We think that peace will overcome terrorism and violent acts," he said. "I don't think the terrorists have the least degree of hope of achieving their objective.

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by Bill Gladstone

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The books focus on key cultural and historic aspects, providing background that is always practical and thorough. Readers appreciate the easy readability, the personal voice that occasionally emerges to offer insider's advice and the novelistic sketches of local color and traditions that are presented intermittently in small print.

The books are written with the underlying assumption that travelling does broaden the mind and that travellers want to soak in local customs without getting soaked themselves. The books list hotels and restaurants, but are always considerate of travellers' pocketbooks.

Lonely Planet's "travel survival kit" for Israel ($21.95) is pretty much encyclopedic in scope and crams some 60 maps and floor plans into 470 pages. It treats the country in seven regions, including the "Occupied Territories," and presents additional sections on Geography, Flora and Fauna, Government and other topics. Its 19-page thumbnail essay on History tiptoes so delicately and successfully through this subjective minefield that it deserves praise as a journalistic masterpiece.

The book's coverage of a few emerging sites, such as the Beit Guvrin caves and the tunnels beneath the Western Wall, could be improved, however. The volume was first published in 1989 and updated in 1992, so a third printing is overdue.

Printed in a jewel-toned, full-color format, Knopf's recently-released guide to the Holy Land ($35) makes a selfish travelling companion, in that the tall-and-narrow volume may occupy all your time. Its 480 pages are an encyclopedia bursting with riches that are reminiscent of *Life* magazine at its best. Luscious paintings, photographs, maps and fold-outs jump out at you: Nomad's Tents, Crusader Architecture, Chagall's Windows, Masada, Costumes of the Chassidim.

Translated from a French original compiled by a large team of researchers and editors, this first American edition is lively, extraordinarily detailed, original and fascinating. Put simply, the book is a Rolls-Royce.

Some Solomonaic wisdom: Travel Talk recommends Lonely Planet for first-time visitors to Israel. For repeat visitors, Knopf makes a wonderful complement.

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An Ancient Boat: Ten years ago, during a period of low water levels, an ancient boat was found buried in the muck along the shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. Archeologists were quick to recognize the antiquity of the vessel, since its planks were held in place by a mortise-and-tenon method of joints common about 2,000 years ago.

Measuring about seven feet long and seven-and-a-half feet wide, the well-carpentered vessel had sailed these waters in roughly the 1st century of the Common Era. Clay pots and oil lamps found in the mud around the vessel served to confirm its age.

Although much of its planking seemed intact, the boat was waterlogged and as fragile as wet cardboard. To preserve its delicate structure, the vessel was encased in a fibreglass shell, raised by crane, then submerged in a holding tank. To keep the wood from disintegrating, the water in the wood cells was replaced with wax.

On display at Kibbutz Ginnosar along the shore, the boat has excited intense interest. Nautical historians say it is a unique relic that has revealed much about ancient sailing conditions on the Sea of Galilee. The kibbutz regularly screens a short documentary film that outlines the boat's history and significance.

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Israeli dancing was the Israel Day "dessert" for these Pleasant Avenue Public School students.

[Frances Kraft photo]

Israel Day program a hit

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Young students at Pleasant Avenue Public School and Cedarvale Public School had a taste of the Middle East at a recent Israel Day program.

Orit Praag, departing *schlichah* for Habonim Dror, brought a team of volunteers to each school to supervise challah-making and Israel-related games and art projects. Volunteer Na'ama Mader collected a boxload of students' "secret wishes" to be inserted in the cracks of the Kotel.

Nava Gibson, who has a master's degree in cross-cultural communications and material culture, explained how indigenous plants and flowers are used in Israel for holidays.

The program, in which approximately 250 children took part (150 at Cedarvale, 100 at Pleasant), was a joint venture of Habonim Dror and the Canada-Israel Forum, sponsored by the Israel Experience Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

This year's event was considered a pilot project, although Praag had brought a similar, smaller-scale program to Pleasant Avenue P.S. two years ago. Organizers hope to bring Israel Day to more schools next year.

Students learned about Israel's larger cities, its three main religions, and how to say hello and peace in Hebrew and Arabic.

"It was a very rewarding experience," said York University student Justine Apple, who ran a bingo-game based on knowledge of Israel.

Not just falafel

Praag had set out to create a meaningful study experience, she said. "Israel is not just falafel."

The day concluded with Israeli song and dance. Mickey Lewin, musical director of Camp Shalom, sang and played his guitar. "This is the dessert," said Praag, smiling.

"I think it's a valuable experience to learn about other cultures," said Patti Durkee, a Grade 5 teacher at Pleasant. "We're always trying to promote multiculturalism. Anything that enhances that is valuable, and a number of students are from Israel. An appreciation for others is something we're always trying to promote."

"It was fun," said Grade 6 student Jill Edelstein.

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Tribute to Israel

Sakhne's dreamy landscape makes it a treasure

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

One of the most beautiful spots in Israel, Gan Hashlosha National Park, better known to locals as Sakhne, offers tranquil pools of crystal turquoise water from a natural spring, gently flowing across a dreamy landscape of outstretched palm trees beneath a perenially blue heavenly dome.

Situated in the Lower Galilee near Mount Gilboa and Beit She'an, about 40 kilometres south of Tiberius, Sakhne attracts about half a million visitors per year, or about 2,000 people on an average day. But the spacious grounds rarely seem crowded for the many families that come to swim, picnic and frolic here.

With its many inviting pools and waterfalls, Sakhne is a favorite spot for Israelis and foreign visitors alike. *Time* magazine recently named the park one of the world's top 20 tourist sites.

Children enjoy using the water slide and participating in various staged activities. Ramps and other facilities for people with disabilities allow the wheelchair-bound to refresh themselves in these waters as well.

The water flows into the park at a rate of 2,400 cubic metres each hour at an even temperature of 28 C year-round. While its sulphur content of 930 milligrams per 1,000 litres makes it unsuitable for irrigation, the water is ideal for swimming.

Since it's conveniently situated on the road between Tiberius and Jerusalem or even Tel Aviv, many Israelis stop here for lunch or a refreshing dip enroute. The park's cafe and restaurant specializes in fish dishes direct from the productive fish-ponds of Ner David, an adjoining kibbutz.

There are two museums in the park. The first is the Wall and Tower Museum, which details conditions of early kibbutz life. The second is the Archeology Museum, which displays ancient objects found near Ner David as well as artifacts from the Mediterranean region.

Established in 1936, Ner David is known as the first kibbutz built by natives of Eretz Israel, as opposed to immigrants from Russia and other countries. Its founders were the pioneers of the region, and erected the wooden tower that is visible along the road.

Today the kibbutz grows vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers and operates a large fish farm. According to spokesperson Michael Yedid, Ner David is a leader in the fish-farming industry and operates a major research laboratory in association with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Since it is located on the road to a border crossing into Jordan, which is only about 10 km away, Sakhne has received some Jordanian visitors in recent years.

"Ever since we opened the border to Jordan, many Jordanians have come here to swim and have lunch," said Yedid.

Sakhne is open every day except Yom Kippur.

Gan Hashlosha National Park is one of Israel's most beautiful spots. [Bill Gladstone photo]

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Ten Canadian Jewish books honored for excellence

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – Isaac Bashevis Singer once said, "One can have too much of anything – even kreplach," but the winner of the 1996 Louis Lockshin Memorial Award for Children's Literature disagrees.

"One cannot have too many books – or read too much," said Gary Clement in his acceptance speech at the eighth annual Jewish Book Awards evening, held recently at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Ten Canadian Jewish books were honored with prizes totalling over $4,000. The awards were co-sponsored by the Koffler Centre of the Arts, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

"The purpose of these awards is to encourage publication of [Canadian, Jewish] books," said Bernard Katz, host and co-chair with Adam Fuerstenberg of the Jewish Book Awards Committee.

The awards honor books of many genres, including children's literature, fiction, history, biography and Yiddish translations. The 10 awards handed out this year were the most yet given.

Actor Marilyn Lightstone, gave dramatic readings from two of the award-winning books, *Found Treasures* and Shel Krakofsky's *Blind Messiah*.

Sheldon and Judith Godfrey hold their award-winning book *Search Out The Land* at the Jewish Book Awards. [Sidura Ludwig photo]

"I understand this is a *heimishe* crowd this evening, so I'm going to put on my glasses," Lightstone told the audience before she began.

Known for her roles in the CBC production of *Anne of Green Gables* and *Road to Avonlea*, Lightstone has also received awards for her roles in the plays *Lies My Father Told Me* and *The Tin Flute*.

The themes of the award winning books ranged from the Holocaust to Jewish identity to Jewish equality. Several awards recipients referred to the importance of the books, not only for their literary enjoyment, but also for their role in maintaining cultural identity.

Freida Forman, one of four editors of *Found Treasures*, an anthology of stories translated from Yiddish, said, "The root of translation means to bring over or to carry over. Which is what we are doing with these stories. We are bringing over a culture."

The following awards were given out:

The Betty and Morris Aaron Prize for Biography or Memoir: Eva Brewster, *Progeny of Light/Vanished in Darkness.*

The Joseph and Faye Tannenbaum Award for Canadian Jewish History: Sheldon J. and Judith C. Godfrey, *Search Out the Land: The Jews and the Growth of Equality in British Colonial America 1740-1867.*

The Louis Lockshin Memorial Award for Children's Literature: Gary Clement, *Just Stay Put.*

The Bessie and Harry Frisch Memorial Award for Jewish Fiction: Agnes Jelhof Jensen, *Dilemma.*

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem Award for Holocaust Literature: Eric Koch, *Hilmar and Odette.*

Koffler Centre of the Arts President's Award for Jewish History: Erna Paris, *The End Days. A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny and the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain.*

> *'Bringing over a culture'*

The Izzy and Betty Kirshenbaum Foundation Award for Original Translation from Yiddish: editors Frieda Forman, Ethel Raicus, Sarah Silberstein Swartz, Margie Wolfe, *Found Treasures – Stories by Yiddish Women Writers.*

The Penina Rubinoff Memorial Award for Biblical Scholarship: Shoshana P. Zolty, *And All Your Children Shall be Learned.*

Rachel Bessin Memorial Award for Writing for Young People: Walter Buchignani, *Tell No One Who You Are.*

The Henry Fuerstenberg Memorial Award for Creative Writing in Poetry: Shel Krakofsky, *Blind Messiah.*

Artist revels in bold color

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Tova Raz's first love is art; her second is theatre. She was able to combine both when she created not only the backdrops, but all of the artifacts for the Jewish National Fund/Canadian Zionist Federation musical co-production, *Our Jerusalem — Gan Yaldei Yisrael*, celebrating Jerusalem 3000.

"I'm thrilled when I see my work brought to life onstage," she says.

Raz, who came here from Israel in 1986, spent the first five years accepting orders for a range of Judaica including beaded and appliqued Aron Kodesh curtains, chupahs, tallesim, matzoh covers.

"I had to earn a living," she says, "but I always dreamed of being a full-time artist."

Now she can indulge that dream.

Her training in Israel — she studied drawing at the Avni Institute and graphic design at ORT, where she later taught — prepared her for a decidedly individual approach.

She revels in color and prefers large scale projects, often working outside on her spacious apartment balcony in good weather, surrounded by masses of potted flowers in yellow, reds, pinks, purples, banked against greenery.

Tova Raz created the backdrops for *Our Jerusalem*.

For the United Jewish Appeal Walkathon culminating in North York's Centennial Arena, she constructed and painted two walls with a pathway between, symbolizing entry to Jerusalem. Successful participants completed their walk when they passed through to the Holy City.

Enhancing organizational events is a welcome challenge. "I like to make them cheerful, attractive," she says.

When she isn't fashioning theatrical sets or special event concepts, Raz explores mixed media, focusing on the unusual. A portrait of a woman's face features haunting blue-green eyes which are actually peacock feathers, offset by hair and necklace of gold painted beads.

Hebrew lettering, which she considers the most beautiful of any, fascinates her. At a group show, Let it Be Light, presented at Holy Blossom Temple by Toronto Israeli artists, her contribution is a burst of color, yellows on dark canvas, with Hebrew words in gold, radiating from the fiery core.

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Enigmatic Wiesenthal profiled

By JOSEPH SERGE
TAB News editor

TORONTO — Simon Wiesenthal is an enigma. Ever since Adolf Eichmann's capture in 1960, Wiesenthal's name has become synonymous with the term "Nazi-hunter."

Why is he idolized by many and yet discredited by others, including members of the Mossad and the World Jewish Congress (WJC) And how much, in fact, did Wiesenthal have to do with the capture of Eichmann?

In the biography *Simon Wiesenthal, A Life In Search of Justice,* (published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, distributed by Douglas & McIntyre Ltd.) Hella Pick skillfully attempts to answer these and other questions. It is a thoughtful and objective book on Wiesenthal's controversial life.

Wiesenthal's professional life as a "Nazi-hunter" – a term the author is not entirely comfortable with – began with his liberation from the Mauthausen concentration camp – one of 13 camps Wiesenthal was imprisoned in. Right after the war, Wiesenthal submitted to the American War Crimes Unit a list of 91 names of Nazis he had come across. From then on , Wiesenthal has spent his whole life trying to bring Nazis to justice.

From the beginning Wiesenthal hasn't been interested in vengeance. "Right at this juncture Wiesenthal was already anxious to put on record the names of Nazis who behaved well. The 1945 document lists two men at the [camp] who had shown Wiesenthal such decency during his time spent under their regime.

Wiesenthal's aim has alway been justice. He refuses to let anyone involved – no matter how remotely – with the Holocaust live the rest of their lives as ordinary people.

"Justice has always been Wiesenthal's leitmotiv: justice that goes beyond acknowledgment of guilt and beyond apology... [Wiesenthal] has been consistent in arguing that punishment has to be individual, never collective, but that those suspected of war crimes must be exposed to the rigors of the law."

Wiesenthal, as Pick soon found out, is an amazing storyteller – a stickler for details – but she was soon to find out his stories were sometimes contradictory. However, she dismissses this for two reasons: The recollections of a man who'd been through his Holocaust experience can sometimes be tainted and also, no one denies Wiesenthal can be egotistical.

It may be his ego that forced him to work as an individual, starting his own documentation centre and refusing to work with other groups. This egotism has been criticized by others – perhaps out of jealousy – and has been partly responsible for the rift between him, the WJC, Mossad agent Isser Harel and Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld.

The amount of work Wiesenthal has been involved in is too immense for Pick to write about completely and instead, like any good biographer, she focuses on the most important and controversial events

These include his work in hunting down Franz Stangl and the notorious Odessa File, Josef Mengele (who was never caught), the sadistic female camp guard Hermine Braunsteiner (who was caught in New York), Karl Silberbauer (the SS man who ordered Anne Frank's arrest – he was arrested but never convicted) and Adolf Eichmann.

"Without doubt, the origins of Wiesenthal's fame and of his legend as an intrepid hunter of Nazi criminals stem from the Eichmann case. But so also do the attempts to discredit him with question marks over the extent of his contribution to Eichmann's eventual capture by the Mossad in 1960.

Perhaps the most bitter person is Harel, former head of the Mossad and leader of the team that spirited Eichmann away from Argentina. Harel's biggest regret is that because it was a covert operation, the Israeli government prohibited him from writing about his own role in the Eichmann capture for 15 years.

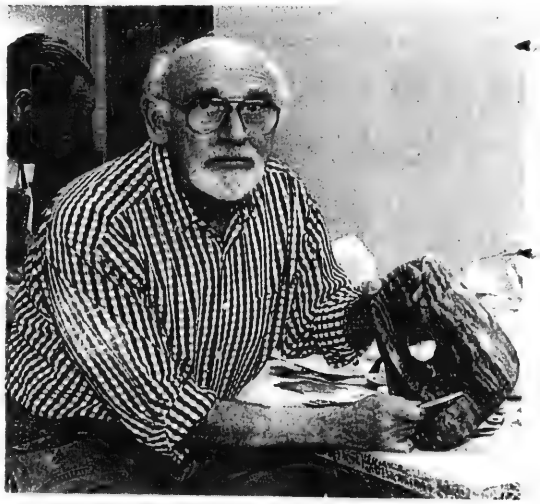
By that time, Wiesenthal's *I hunted Eichmann* had turned him into a celebrity. By 1975 when Harel published his account of the capture in *The House on Garibaldi Street* (where no mention is made of Wiesenthal), Wiesenthal's name was inextricably linked to Eichmann and Harel, no longer a Mossad chief, was living in obscurity near Tel Aviv.

Pick's biography also touches on Wiesenthal's other big controversy – Kurt Waldheim. "Wiesenthal has been demonised by fellow Jews for persisting with the contention that there was insufficient evidence to charge Waldheim with war crimes. Contentiousness and jealousies that regularly plague Jewish life have been put on display for all the world to see."

Pick claims that his refusal to accuse Waldheim of war crimes blemished his reputation in the United States and prevented him from securing a Nobel Peace Prize. But as stated earlier, Wiesenthal was never after vengence and he never believed in witch hunts. Although he believes Waldheim was a liar, "calling him a liar was still a far cry from branding him a war criminal and that is an allegation Wiesenthal has steadfastly refused to make."

Pick never denies that Wiesenthal's life story is full of miracles on a mythological scale and definitely full of controversy.

And throughout the book, she picks out Wiesenthal's faults and exaggerations. Written in straightforward prose, unblemished by the archaic prose of some biographers, it is a fair evaluation of Wiesenthal: "Wiesenthal has been an exemplar, and yes, it has been a hero's life: not just a Jewish hero's life, but a hero of our epoch."



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Whatever Happened to Susi?

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Can a single event, however seemingly minor, change one's life? In Grace Stocken's case, the answer is a resounding yes.

Thanks to a radio program about European Jewish refugees she heard by chance one day, Stocken — a typically middle-class British housewife — discovered her true origins.

Grace's poignant journey of discovery is related in *Whatever Happened to Susi?* The documentary is to be broadcast on Vision TV on June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The story really begins in Munich, Germany, in May 1939, when Grace and her 3-year-old twin sister were sent out of harm's way to Britain by their Jewish mother.

Originally named Susi and Lotte Bechhofer, the girls were adopted by a Baptist minister and his wife from Wales. Renamed Grace and Eunice, Susi and Lotte were given a strict evangelical Christian upbringing.

Although the sisters were aware they had come from an orphanage, they knew nothing else about their background. As a result, Grace and Eunice (who died at the age of 35) grew up with a sense of loss and rootlessness.

But after listening to the abovementioned radio program, Grace — a married woman by now — decided to establish her real identity.

The quest led Grace to the United States and Germany, where clues turned up about her ancestry.

In a suburb of New York City, she was united with Orthodox Jewish relatives who taught her the rudiments of Judaism and gave her information about her late mother, Rosa.

In Munich, she learned more about Rosa and also about Rosa's common-law relationship with a German man — Otto Hald — who deserted her before the birth of the twins.

And in Leipzig, Grace met a woman who, unbeknownst to her, was her half-sister.

This, of course, is the stuff of great emotion and sentiment, and to the credit of the film, it all comes off without a trace of mawkishness.

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Eye on Arts

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CANTORS AND CONCERTS GALORE

Concert In The Park: This year's Outdoor Concert of Yiddish Folk Music in Earl Bales Park, North York, scheduled for June 24 at 7 p.m., celebrates the memory of famed Yiddish writer Shalom Aleichem on the 80th anniversary of his death.

The line-up includes the acclaimed Chutzpah Klezmer Band, singer- comic Stella Walker, tenor Michael Mandel and the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, directed by Esther Ghan Firestone and accompanied by Lina Zemelman.

Admission is free; bring chairs or blankets. In case of rain, the concert will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., North York. 416-635-2883, ext. 155.

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Cantors Convention: Drawing delegates from around the world, the American Conference of Cantors and the Guild of Temple Musicians hold their 43rd annual convention in Toronto, June 23 to 27.

The conference features such workshops as Taking Care of Your Own Voice, with Dr. Arnold Noyek, and The Age of Computers and Music, by Ted Labow. As well, two public concerts are associated with this prestigious cantorial gathering.

A gala concert of Jewish music by Canadian composers, performed by the Elmer Iseler Singers and featuring solos by some of North America's finest cantors, takes place at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., North York, June 24 at 8 p.m. Adults $18, seniors $10. 416-487-4181.

An Extravaganza of Cantorial Arts and the world premiere of Milton Barnes' *Ark of the Covenant*, with choreography by David Earle, is performed at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, June 25 at 8 p.m. Adults $18, seniors $10. Tickets available at the Ford Centre box office, the Holy Blossom Temple office or by phone at 416-789-3291, ext. 224.

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Wex Waxes Poetic: A German-language production of Michael Wex's play *God In Paris*, which premiered at the much-celebrated Ashkenaz festival at Harbourfront last summer, has been doing well on a tour in Germany, and Wex is flying there this week for a brief stint in the four-person cast.

The full title of the play is *God In Paris: The Life Of A Yiddish Poet*, and it tells the story of a fictitious Yiddish literateur. Wex calls it a "semi-musical" and credits Heiko Lehmann of Germany, with whom he collaborated by e-mail, for writing the songs.

"It's been playing to non-Jewish audiences on and off since October," he said. "We've gotten good reviews. People are generally getting it over there, which was not the case when we did it in Canada."

According to the playwright, whose wry comic monologues have made him a legend in international Jewish storytelling circles, *God In Paris* focuses on a character "who is not exactly sympathetic and whose expressed attitudes are not be to identified with the author. The main character is a provocateur in many ways: very much against the gentiles, and very obnoxious."

In addition to his writing, Wex works as a translator of Yiddish novels, rendering them into suitable English prose. His current project is a translation of *Dos Vintshfingerl* (*The Magic Ring*), a major novel of Mendele Mokher Seforim, who is generally recognized as the earliest of the three established patriarchs of Yiddish letters.

"It's one of those classics that even in Yiddish circles is discussed more than it's read, because it's long and difficult," Wex said.

"A critic named Fishman, who was also a Yiddish writer, said sometime around 1910 that if all of East European Jewry were to be wiped out, you could reconstruct the entire society on the basis of this book."

Wex himself is writing a novel that he described as a full-length prose treatment of *God In Paris*. And when that isn't occupying him? "I'm working on another stage show for Germany, which we're hoping to have up and running by October."

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In Brief: Beginning this week and continuing to Oct. 20, the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) is running J.J. Tissot: Prints from the Gotlieb Collection, an exhibition of prints and paintings by French artist J.J. Tissot (1836-1902). The collection was donated to the AGO by former U.S. ambassador Allan Gotlieb and his wife Sondra.

Wiesenthal contest winners:

The response to our Simon Wiesenthal biography contest was quite phenomenal. We were overwhelmed with responses but unfortunately we only have five copies of *Simon Wiesenthal, A Life In Search of Justice*, by Hella Pick to give away.

And the winners are:

- Marla Howard of Dollard Des Ormeaux, Que.
- Faye Zeidman of Thornhill, Ont.
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- Shyffra Shuster of Chomedey Laval, Que.

All contest winners will be sent a copy of the book by the Canadian distributor Douglas & McIntyre Ltd.

Thanks for all those who entered the contest.

Jewish Contemporary Singles continues to thrive

Jewish Contemporary Singles, an introduction agency serving the Jewish community since 1985, is thrilled to announce its **1 year anniversary** under the **new management of Jennifer Sharpe**.

In this first year, Jennifer has expanded the client base tremendously and has enjoyed much success in matching couples. Jennifer takes pride in her uncanny ability to match people who really belong together and people become "paired" often on their first or second date. Our first couple became engaged in April and we have had several others since then!

Jennifer has a degree from U of T in Sociology with special emphasis on interpersonal relations. She has been a well-known and popular Wedding Consultant in the Toronto area for the past 7 years which has allowed her to meet many men and women in the Jewish community. These contacts continue to enhance J.C.S.'s client base.

Jewish Contemporary Singles is run based on a **personal approach**. Jennifer consults with each new member personally for about 45 minutes as well as having them fill out a questionnaire. This allows her to listen while the member "tells her their story" and information about who they are and what they are hoping for in a mate. Jennifer's approach to matchmaking is "warm and thoughtful". Although using a dating service is becoming a growing trend in how singles are meeting these days, Jennifer is aware and sensitive to the stigmas people may have, so she tries to keep the process as "friendly" and "uninstitutional" as possible.

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Another record-breaking month for the Jewish Singles Registry

May was a record-breaking month for new memberships at the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto, and the rest of the summer looks great, so says director Rob Singer. In a little over three and a half years the J.S.R. concept of letting members choose for themselves who they would like to meet by viewing biography/profiles and photographs has swept Toronto singles with a passion. New members are joining on a daily basis, a good portion of which are referrals from friends who are already part of the J.S.R. Most new members are dating within a week or so of joining the service. IT IS THAT EASY! **Membership is now well over 1,000 members.**

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT

Mazel Tov is in the air as yet another J.S.R. couple will be walking down the aisle in just a few months. It has also been reported that two other couples will be announcing their engagements by summer's end. No doubt about it ... if you are looking to meet other Jewish singles, be it for friendship, dating, or even marriage, the time is **now** to register with the Jewish Singles Registry.

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WHAT'S NEW

There is a lot of exciting things happening at the J.S.R. but just exactly what they are, Singer is keeping quiet about. "We are working on many new projects, both external and internal designed to put the J.S.R. in the forefront for the 21st century." he says. "A lot of time and effort has already been put into these projects and as soon as we are ready to announce them *The Canadian Jewish News* readers will be the first to know."

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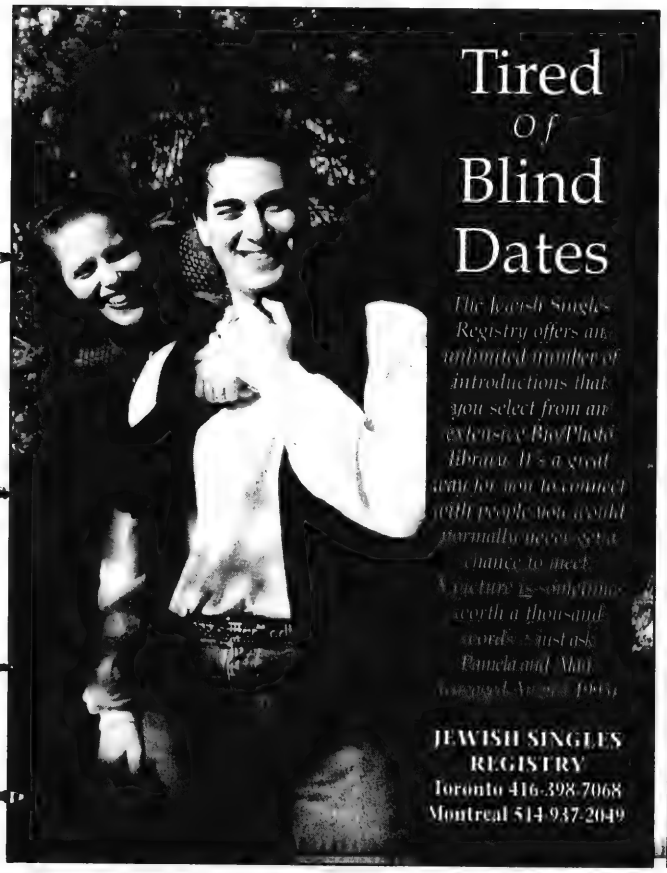
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Focus' owners Tibor Klein and Ethan Ticktin are opticians; Julia Biberberg and Marianna Saltsov are student opticians. They and all the dedicated staff at Focus enjoy talking with customers, to discover how to meet their needs and preferences. "We've expanded through the years," says Julia; "but our motto has not changed: 'Your vision is our concern'."

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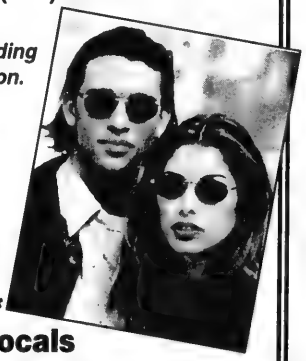
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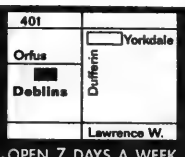

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Blue Jays draft Toronto high school hurler

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Blue Jays could use some pitching, but they may have to wait a few years before Josh Glober is ready to fit into their lineup.

Glober, 18, was the Jays' 50th round selection in the recent amateur draft. A right-hander who throws for Leaside of the Metro Toronto League and for Upper Canada College (UCC) Blues in the Toronto District College Athletic Association (TDCAA), Glober was on cloud nine after being chosen by his favorite team.

"I was pretty excited. It didn't sink it. It still hasn't sunk in," he said.

A longtime Blue Jays fan, Glober isn't ready to commit to the team by signing a pro contract. Although being selected by the Jays was a heartening "pat on the back," he's not sure he's ready to give up his academic future for the tough grind of the minor leagues.

A week after being drafted, he gave every indication that focusing on his academic future took priority over his athletic one.

"I don't expect to sign. I probably won't," he said. "I have high school left and hopefully I'll go down to the United States and play college ball there."

Glober, who's completing Grade 12, expects to do some scouting of his own next year as he searches for a U.S. college to attend. Warm weather and the state of North Carolina are on his mind. He's hoping to earn a scholarship to either Duke or Wake Forest, but failing the scholarship route, he may enrol at one of the schools anyway.

He believes that he'll improve with time, get stronger and may be a higher pick when he re-enters the draft after his third year of college.

Right-hander Josh Glober of UCC Blues was a draft pick of the Toronto Blue Jays.

At six foot two, 162 pounds, it's clear he could put some meat on those bones. If he gets stronger, there's a good chance he'll be able to improve on his 82 mph fastball, his best pitch. Although he tosses more fastballs than any other pitch, his arsenal includes the curve and a changeup.

He got the chance to show his wares last May at an evaluation camp in Toronto that was attended by scouts from the Jays, the Twins, the Padres and the Mets.

"It felt good to be recognized as one of the better players in the area, but I didn't think too much of it," he said. He knew of other guys who'd participated in previous camps and hadn't been drafted.

After warming up, he was asked to throw about 35 pitches and that was it. It appears, however, that was enough. Next thing he knew, Bill Byckowski, Blue Jays' director of Canadian scouting, was calling, telling him he'd been drafted.

In his first game for Leaside after the draft, he admits he felt "sort of weird," but he played well at shortstop, his fielding position.

His UCC coach Bart Badali thinks Glober has what it takes to make it at any number of U.S. colleges, but the pros, well that's a much tougher proposition. Only one of 14 who sign with major league clubs ever get to play in the majors, he says.

Still, he likes what he sees in Glober. "He's got control. He has three good pitches he can throw for strikes, a fastball, a sidearm fastball and a curve," Badali said. The sidearm fastball comes into a right-handed hitter like a left-hander's curve, he explained.

"Josh is very dedicated, very athletic and he knows the game. He's very focused and goal-oriented," he said.

A baseball player since he was eight, Glober didn't start pitching until he turned 14. Badali believes that relatively late start gives him an edge over others of the same age. Many pitchers who've been throwing hard since they were 10 develop sore arms by Glober's age, he said.

Glober developed a strong arm playing shortstop and like other kids, he practised interminably, playing "wall ball" with friends by pitching a tennis ball past a batter who was standing in front of a wall that served as a backstop.

In Grade 10, he laced up his cleats for UCC and this season, the Blues, ranked fifth, lost in the TDCAA's quarter finals.

Earlier in the season, he led the Blues to a 10-2 win versus a team from Detroit.

Last year, he notched a 10-1 record with Leaside to go with a 2.69 ERA.

Glober comes by his athletic predisposition honestly. His father, Saul, was an Olympian on the Canadian basketball team in 1968 and he represented Canada four times (1965, '69, '73 and '77) at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, winning three bronze medals.

Saul also played in the Intercounty Baseball League, where he was known as a power hitter.

Correction

In our story last week about Jews in the NBA, we incorrectly reported that Dolph Schayes coached the Philadelphia 76ers to the league championship in the 1965-66 season. In fact, the 76ers won the Eastern Division regular season title that season but lost the Eastern Division final to Boston, which went on to win the championship.

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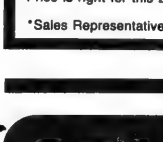

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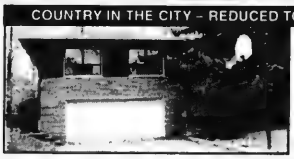

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Canada Employment Centres for Students are made for people in your shoes. They open in May each year to offer job hunting assistance to students. Boards post advertisements for available jobs in the area. Each ad has a job description and contact information.

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The centres also offer weekly seminars on where to look for jobs and how to prepare strong resumes and cover letters. Some offices have computers that can be used by students visiting the centres. Application forms for government positions are also available.

To find the centre in your city or town, look in the blue pages of your phone directory under the listing Human Resource Development Canada, find the Employment & Insurance office in your area, and call the Employment Service number.

Many United Way-funded agencies also offer employment assistance. The YMCA has a Youth Employment Services office with job placement assistance and counselling available to those who qualify. Many neighborhood services also offer help.

Some camps are also still looking for staff. Provincial camping associations maintain lists of these places. Camp experience is an asset in getting one of these jobs and many positions require lifesaving qualifications that include the National Lifeguard Service certificate and Bronze Cross. Jobs are in a variety of areas including counselling, water sports, maintenance, kitchen work, professional staff.

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Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

Musical looks back nostalgically at Casino Theatre's 'den of iniquity'

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In some places it was called a "den of iniquity," but many Torontonians have a warm spot in their memories for the old Casino Theatre, where the Sheraton Hotel now stands.

"What we put on was kindergarten stuff compared to what's available in popular entertainment today," said Murray Little who ran the Casino for 25 years.

And yet the popular burlesque house manager was summoned before the Toronto Police Commission in 1944 to answer complaints from church people about language and actions on stage. The commission took no action.

But the police did stop the Casino from running Sunday midnight shows. And the Casino shows were always under surveillance.

"We had well-behaved audiences and in all those years we only had to call the police in once to break up a fight not related to anything on stage," the former manager said.

The reason may be that the Casino, unlike burlesque houses in some U.S. cities, had no runway to bring the strippers close to the paying customers, said Dr. Barry Little, 63, one of three sons of the manager, who worked in the theatre. Barry and his brothers, Gerald, 65, and Alan, 60, were "candy butchers," ushers who sold confectionery during intermissions.

The theatre's history was the subject of *Four a Day*, a musical presented last October to an audience of 500 in the Celebrity Concert Series produced by Ruth Morawetz and written by Patrick Rose and Barry Little.

With only three performers, it still managed to evoke the flavor of the Queen Street theatre, including the drum roll that punctuated every ribald joke and Gypsy Rose Lee's advice to put on a show "that keeps the customers in and the cops out."

In its first year, 1936, it cost 10 cents to attend the Casino in the morning, 27 cents in the afternoon and 35 cents at night, said Barry Little who emceed *Four a Day*, which attracted hundreds of the Casino's former patrons.

Later the Casino changed its format to include headliners along with its chorus line, strippers, comedians and movies. Among the stars who appeared there were Louis Armstrong, Phil Silvers, Vic Damone, Eartha Kitt, Henny Youngman, Mel Torme, Ella Fitzgerald, Victor Borge, Ethyl Watters, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Sammy Davis, Frankie Laine and the Three Stooges.

"Burlesque was an art form of its own, separate from vaudeville, but the performers used to steal material from vaudeville skits and change it," said Little.

At the age of 86, Murray Little, and his wife the former Lillian Applebaum, can look back on an eventful life in show business. "When the Casino closed down, live theatre in Toronto was dead. Now it's bigger than it ever was. I enjoy musicals like *Showboat* and *Crazy for You* but I don't like rock and roll music and I don't like the violence, corruption and sex so prevalent in the movies," he said.

In 1935, Murray Little was horrified to find the body of Abraham Applebaum, his father-in-law, at the Roxy Theatre, the Casino's predecessor, murdered in an apparent robbery attempt. The crime remains unsolved.

When the Casino closed, Murray Little changed his high-pressure job to become a movie projectionist at the Don Mills Theatre, no longer in existence, and the Varsity Theatre in the ManuLife building.

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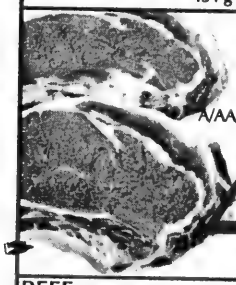

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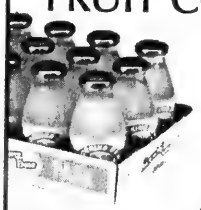
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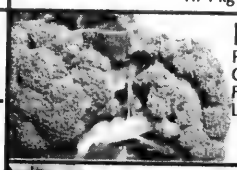

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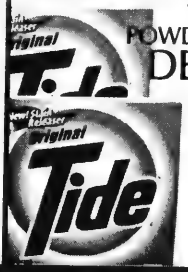

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Peace process uncertain

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Revival of the peace process appears uncertain, as Israeli and Arab leaders have accused each other of placing obstacles in the way of continuing negotiations.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last Sunday charged Arab leaders with trying to set preconditions for peace negotiations and thus interfering with chances of moving the process forward.

He was reacting to the closing statement of the Arab summit in Cairo last weekend warning Israel that further peace efforts would be jeopardized if the Netanyahu government deviates from the land-for-peace principle which has been the basis of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations since 1991.

The threats emanating from Cairo and Israel's terse response came as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was scheduled to visit the region to assess the latest developments in the peace process. He was expected to visit Israel on Tuesday and Egypt on Wednesday.

"To achieve peace, there must be no preconditions," Netanyahu told reporters Sunday night. "We won't dictate to them and they should not dictate to us.

"Any attempts to set preconditions in negotiations would endanger Israel's security. We must get rid of preconditions, so that Israel and the Arab states can move forward with the peace that is the hope of all of us."

Earlier in the day, speaking in Kiryat Gat at the opening of the annual assembly of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Netanyahu said the most fundamental requirement of the peace process is that "it cannot be made hostage to any preconditions."

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STANDING BETWEEN PROTESTERS

Soldiers stand between young children from the West Bank settlements and left wing protesters who travelled to Hebron to demonstrate against the continued presence of the IDF in the heart of the city. ***Please see related story on page 25.*** ***[RNS photo]***

Southern Baptists' call poses 'threat'

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Another chapter in the long and often acrimonious story of Christians bent on converting Jews is being written, with the passage this month of a proclamation bluntly encouraging members of the huge U.S. Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) to evangelize Jews.

The development poses a direct threat to Canada, warns Jews for Judaism, the counter-missionary group.

At its recent annual meeting in New Orleans, the SBC overwhelmingly passed a resolution calling on its 15.6 million members to evangelize Jews. The convention – the largest Protestant denomination in the United States – also appointed a full-time minister to reach out to the Jewish community.

The controversial move – seen by some as dealing another blow to Christian-Jewish relations – signals a new and "dangerous" trend because it puts in writing what many evangelical Baptists on both sides of the border may have already been doing or felt the urge to do for years, said Jews for Judaism's Canadian director, Julius Ciss.

"It's a threat in that it will rekindle the embers of certain Baptists who have been sitting on the fence," Ciss told *The CJN*. "This is now official policy and it will get them off the fence. They'll think now it's OK to go after Jews."

Ciss said the policy could also have a "dangerous spillover effect" on other Protestants, who may now feel emboldened to missionize Jews.

If the call is taken seriously, Ciss said, it could unleash potentially hundreds of people with a new purpose: convert the Jews in order to "save" them.

According to one report, the SBC has nearly 5,000 missionaries across North America.

Ciss also warns that members of other Christian groups which, unofficially at least, single out Jews for conversion, will "beat a path" to the well-funded Southern Baptists for money to subsidize their efforts.

The SBC resolution, which passed without debate, states that adherents are "indebted" to Jews, and claims there has been "an organized effort on the part of some either to deny that Jewish people need to come to their Messiah, Jesus, to be saved; or to claim that Christians have neither right nor obligation to proclaim the gospel to the Jewish people."

It further quotes a passage from the book of Romans admonishing that the Gospels be spread "to the Jew first and also to the Greek [gentile]."

Finally, the nub: the resolution calls on members to "direct our energies and resources toward the proclamation of the Gospel to the Jewish people."

Jews involved in dialogue with Christians will wait and see how other Christian denominations will react, remarked Rabbi David Levy of Kitchener, Ont., who chairs Canadian Jewish Congress's interreligious affairs committee.

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Poetry Champ

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The poem is a salute to the courage of Aaron's sister, Carol Sussman and her 11-year-old son Joseph who is hearing impaired.

Stroh Elected

TORONTO – Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion has been named as president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis. He succeeds Rabbi Wayne Allen.

Ice-T Draws Heat

TORONTO – The Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed anger over the lyrics in rapper Ice-T's new album, *Rap Games Hijacked*, claiming it reinforces Jewish stereotypes.

ISRAEL

Low Marks For Israel

JERUSALEM – Administrative detentions and ill-treatment of Palestinian prisoners continued to lead Amnesty International's list of Israeli human rights violations last year.

The organization's report on 1995 noted that more than 600 administrative detention orders were issued against Palestinians, in addition to two against Jews.

Furthermore, the maximum period of detention was increased from six months to a year in February 1995.

Jewish Studies Centre

RAMAT GAN – Bar-Ilan University will establish the largest international centre for Jewish identity studies in the world, it was recently announced at the university's 40th anniversary alumni reunion.

JA Decision Delayed

JERUSALEM - The Russian government has postponed its decision on whether to allow the Jewish Agency to continue operating in its territory, a two-person agency delegation reported last week.

WORLD

Nazis Welcome

PARIS – The leader of France's extreme-right National Front has said Nazi collaborators are welcome in his anti-immigrant party.

"The National Front welcomes all French people who have not dishonored themselves, whether they fought in the Resistance or worked for Vichy," Jean-Marie Le Pen told a news conference.

Argentine Reparations

BUENOS AIRES – The Argentine government will pay $12 million to the Argentine Jewish community as reparations for the July 18, 1994, bombing of the Argentine Mutual Aid Association.

Russian Grads

NEW YORK – A new chapter of Russian history was recently written when a class of 17 young scholars and archivists graduated from Russian University for the Humanities with degrees in Jewish history, culture, languages and archives.

Removing Photo Display

WASHINGTON – Tommy Baer, international president of B'nai Brith, has sent a letter to Boutros Boutros-Ghali, secretary general of the United Nations, asking for his help in removing or updating a large photo display in the UN building.

Nazi Grave Found

MINK – A mass grave of about 10,000 people killed by the Nazis during World War II has been discovered in the Belarusan capital of Minsk, a Defence Ministry official reported.

The 402-metre long ditch holding the remains of thousands of people apparently executed by submachine guns was discoverd on the outskirts of the capital.

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Multiculturalism, diversity said key to unity

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO — "Multiculturalism and diversity should and must unite us as Canadians," said Max Bernard, chair of the National Unity Committee for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Bernard and pollster Donna Dasko were speakers at a symposium on Canada's future, held recently at the Park Plaza Hotel. Each spoke on a panel where they discussed the future of Canada and Quebec.

"We must focus on definition not recognition," said Bernard, as he urged Canadians to recognize and accept both their cultural differences and their common Canadian heritage.

"I am proud to be Jewish, Quebecois and Canadian," he said.

Dasko, vice-president of Environics is a self-proclaimed cynical baby-boomer. She was more cautious in her approach and spoke of the change in Canada's values over the past two decades. Canadians have lowered their expectations of their government, she said, blaming this on a deflating economy.

"We have to start reassessing our ability to do and tailoring our country to suit our needs," she said.

Max Bernard

Backed by a number of charts and statistics, Dasko showed a vicious cycle in the Canada/Quebec relationship.

"Canada wants Quebec," she said, "but doesn't want to give more."

She said 63 percent of Canadians polled were opposed to giving Quebec more power. As well, 53 percent were opposed to recognizing Quebec as a distinct society.

Bernard referred to Canada's frustration. "Canadians are tired of dealing with the constitutional debate," he said. "We want to deal with other issues."

But he refused to admit that Canadians are giving up on Quebec. "If we continue to believe that opinion, we're blowing it."

There is, however, a lack of communication between separatists and federalists, he said.

"What we need to do is ask the separatists what they want and then talk about it." He suggested drawing up a "wish list."

"If separatists could succeed in defining what they want for themselves, it would be much easier for the rest of Canada to define their needs," he said.

As well, he cited the importance of including youth in constitutional debates. "The solution may be to bring together 10 to 12 young people and let them define Canada."

His words came, appropriately, after Craig Kielburger, 13, had expressed a similar idea. Kielburger, the founder of the organization Free the Children, said he believes that 10 young people could solve the unity problem better than adult politicians, because they would come to the issue with a clean slate.

"I wasn't alive during the first referendum in Quebec [1980] and I had to learn about Rene Levesque and Pierre Trudeau through history books like I learned about Julius Caesar."

He spoke of youth's passion for a united Canada. "We the young people want to feel the vastness of the land in our bones and the greatness of the people who founded it."

He emphasized that Canada should focus on bringing people, not provinces, together.

Bernard echoed the same message by encouraging more communication between regions. "If we had consensus," he said, "we would not have to worry about separation."

The symposium was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, the Council for Canadian Unity and York University.

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Self-portrait of young soldier uplifting, melancholy

From the editor's desk

Every now and then, one comes across a book whose impact is like a hand reaching out from the sky, a sudden ethereal force touching your heart, stopping you where you stand.

Last week across my desk, I received such a book. It is called *Alex - Building a Life: The Story of an American Who Fell Defending Israel, Told in His Letters, Journals and Drawings.*

The Alex of the title is Alex Singer. He was killed on Sept. 15, 1987, the day he turned 25. He was deputy commander of a company of Givati soldiers. He had gone to rescue his commander who had been cut down in an ambush in southern Lebanon. He was killed attempting to save him. A third soldier was killed on the same spot trying to extricate both Alex and the commander.

The book is remarkable.

Like the sound of the wind blowing through trees on a high mountain it is melancholy and inspiring at the same time. The reader "meets" an extraordinary young man, whose death we come to mourn; and whose life we come to celebrate. The short biographical facts of Alex's life are written on the back flap of the book's jacket.

"Alex Singer was born in White Plains, N.Y., on Sept. 15, 1962, the second of four brothers. In 1973, Alex, then 11, went to Israel with his family. During their four years in Israel Alex attended Israeli schools, including one year at a kibbutz high school. Returning to the U.S. in 1977, Alex went to high school in the Washington, D.C., area and then to Cornell University where he concentrated on Russian and Jewish studies. Alex spent his junior year studying at the London School of Economics as well as travelling in Russia, Spain, Italy and England. His senior thesis, "Letters from the Diaspora," which grew from these experiences, won him Cornell's highest honors. Following graduation, Alex studied Arabic then put it to use during a trip alone to Jordan. At the end of 1984, Alex immigrated to Israel. He was drafted into the Israeli army in February 1985, volunteered for the paratroops, became an officer in October 1986 and a platoon commander in the Givati brigade in May 1987."

The book is a compilation of Alex's letters, notes and drawings from his years at Cornell until two days before his death, individual brush strokes of an uplifting, passionate self-portrait painted on a canvas at times intense and raging as the open seas, at times calm and serene as a slow stream in a country meadow. It is poetry and prose. It is trite and poignant. It is funny and it is sad. It evokes laughter; it evokes tears.

Maimonides, Plaza de Tiberias in Cordoba as sketched by Alex

In an elegiac afterword, Alex's mother, Suzanne, describes how they made the decision to publish Alex's writings and drawings.

"On Mount Herzl we were surrounded by hundreds of people, some of whom had known Alex, and many others, unknown to us or to Alex, there to honor his commitment to Israel and the Jewish people...Then the casket was lowered into the soil of Jerusalem and, passing the shovel among us, we threw the stone-filled earth into the grave. We buried a son, a brother, a joyous and loving companion, an inspiration, a promise without bounds, We buried someone who had walked with God, whose choices had been measured by the commandment of tikun olam, the Hebrew commandment to repair the world under the rule of God, and whose life, while only 25 years, had been marvelously full and whole. We left him on an exquisite hilltop in the country and city he loved.

"In Jerusalem, during the shiva, we passed among us the three journals, Alex kept while he was in the army. We looked at the drawings...of places where he had stayed or guarded or rested on manoeuvres and of the people he had served with. We read the entries... laughed...felt his physical and emotional pain...and shared his elation with the challenge of platoon command....The decision to exhibit Alex's art and publish his writings was taken in Jerusalem as we mourned...

"In front of the window in my office hangs a reproduction of a medieval stained glass depicting Noah standing at the window of the ark, hand outstretched, releasing a dove. I think of Alex. Many years ago we released Alex to the world. He had been a gift in trust to us, whom we nurtured and loved and taught, but when the time came, we set him free. Now it is our task, empowered by his energy and joy, to use what he created in order to send him again into the world."

Next week, fittingly, on the 20th anniversary of the death of another young Israeli soldier who fell defending his fellow countrymen, Yoni Netanyahu, I shall publish excerpts from *Alex- Building a Life.*

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Greater Toronto Area

Jewish war vets honor police

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – The foyer and main hall of Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill was a sea of ribbons, regalia and military and police finery recently, when the Jewish War Veterans of Canada held a Police Appreciation Night gala dinner.

"This evening is meant as a tribute to the men and women who risk their lives so that we may enjoy the quality of life that we all share," said co-emcee Hy Shulman, one of many speakers to praise the police. But perhaps U.S. Consul Dean Dizikes said it best:

"I've never felt so safe in my life as I have in Canada," Dizikes said. "All we ask of the police is that they never fail to catch the guilty party and they never harass an innocent bystander. And they must do this every day. They're easy to take for granted."

The banquet, which began with a number played by a kilted bagpiper, drew dozens of dignitaries including Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman, Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall and North York Mayor Mel Lastman. Police from Metro Toronto and surrounding areas, as well as members of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Moshe Ronen and Manuel Prutschi represented the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The banquet hall was filled with badges, berets, pins, poppies, RCMP red tunics and tiny flags from the five allied nations of World War II. The white-uniformed Royal Regiment of Canada military band played everything from *Rule Brittania* to the theme from *Schindler's List.*

Maj.-Gen. Reg Lewis toasted the Queen. Sam Pasternack of the Jewish War Vets presented a cheque for $10,000 to the Ontario Police Chiefs, to be used for their favorite charity, the Special Olympics for the Specially Challenged. Trees were planted in Israel, plaques awarded, gifts exchanged and many verbal tributes paid.

"The police forces of Ontario have set a standard of excellence, not just for Ontario but for all of Canada," said Sidney Lindon, chief judge of the Ontario Court of Justice.

Candles were lit for Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, France and the former Soviet Union for their roles in World War II, as well as to commemorate partisans, resistance and ghetto fighters.

More candles were lit to honor members of Canadian police forces killed on duty.

"When communities respect and honor us," said Toronto Police Chief David Boothby, "it makes us more determined to do things that are right and things that make this country the great country that it is."

"I can't begin to tell you how much I have appreciated the support, help, dedication and loyalty that I have always received as a police officer in Toronto from the Jewish community," said retired Toronto police chief William McCormack, who received a standing ovation.

Terrorist attacks will continue despite concessions: historian

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Terrorist attacks of the sort that saw buses being blown up in Jerusalem will increase in the future and will be directed at Jews anywhere in the world, author-historian Stephen Berk told an audience of 250 people at Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently in a talk sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

"In a perverse sense, this provides another meaning to the notion of the unity of the Jewish people. Islamic terrorism is aimed at every Jewish man, woman and child. Jews in Argentina, Italy, France and England have felt it. Thank God you have not felt it in Toronto."

Israel has less control over security since it turned over the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority, said the former college professor from Schenectedy, N.Y.

"The relinquishing of territory has made terrorism a greater problem. Before, when Israel controlled Gaza and the West Bank, Israel had an intelligence network that could pre-empt terrorist attacks. This is not an attack on the peace process. I'm simply stating a simple fact," he said.

In Berk's view, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat allowed Hamas and Islamic Jihad to carry out some terrorist acts. "Arafat is no fool. Arafat knows what got him to the White House lawn, what got him to Madrid, what got him certain concessions from the Israelis. It was terrorism that got him these things. So I think that Arafat wanted a certain amount of terrorism to move Israel along."

There has also been a religious component to Islamic terrorism against Israel, Berk said, since Islamic doctrine in the Koran asserts that the Jews are an inferior and marginal people. For many Arabs, he said, the establishment of the Jewish state "is a great stain in the honor of the Arab people."

"Given the difficulties of the contemporary Middle East and the desire of many Arabs to gravitate to the orbit of extreme fundamental Islam, there will be more organizations like Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad, saying the only way out is more attacks on Jews," he said.

A dramatic change in terrorism occurred in the 1980s with the advent of state-sponsored terrorism by such nations as Libya, Syria and Iran, Berk said. Citing the raid at Entebbe, he reminded listeners that Israel is the only country prepared to defend and rescue Jews anywhere in the world.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Israelis for their remarkable achievement" of founding a vibrant, viable and successful Jewish state, he said.

"Decency demands that we help the Jewish victims of terrorism," he said. "Decency demands that we come to their assistance, but so too does Jewish tradition. We should not stand by when Jewish blood is shed."

SCHOOL'S OUT

...END OF AN ERA

Associated Hebrew School supervisors, from left, Isobel Berlin, Ruth Kurtz and Irving Eisner were honored at a recent reception on the occasion of their retirement. Together, they have over a century of combined experience as educators. [Frances Kraft photo]

Campus projects get grants

TORONTO — Three Jewish campus projects run under the auspices of Jewish Campus Services (JCS) of Greater Toronto have each received a significant grant from Hillel International, the Washington, D.C.-based international umbrella body for Jewish campus organizations.

- The 1996 Canadian Jewish Law Student Association (CJLSA) Leadership Development Conference received the Jacob Burns Endowment in Ethics Campus Grant.
- The Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Peer Support Group was awarded funding to publicize its work. Hillel indicated the program would be a model for other campus groups across North America.
- Funding has also been awarded for a student-led International Jewish Film Festival to be held this fall at the University of Toronto. The festival is being developed by U of T's Jewish Student Union in conjunction with other organizations and academic departments.

Zac Kaye, director of JCS and a recipient of a Shalom Hartman scholarship to attend the annual seminar for campus professionals at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem this July, said he is delighted at the diversity and quality of the programs that the various campus groups submitted.

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Israel said singled out for unfair UN treatment

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – The United Nations (UN) ignores some of the world's worst human rights violations while it continues to brand Israel as a flagrant abuser of human rights, says Anne Bayefsky, an expert on international human rights and a law professor at the University of Ottawa.

Although attitudes at the UN have warmed slightly towards Israel since the Oslo accord of 1993, Israel is still "subject to treatment unlike any of the 185 member states," said Bayefsky in a recent luncheon address to the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation at the Park Plaza Hotel.

"Israel's enemies have recognized human rights as a vehicle to attack Israel," she said. "The UN serves as a stage for this campaign .... It's a breeding ground for anti-Semitism and neither the medium nor the strategy of anti-Semitism has changed since the signing of the Oslo accord."

Some four out of 10 special reports on human rights issued by the UN secretary-general focus on Israel, and the UN Human Rights Commission has put Israel at the top of its agenda for the last 20 years, Bayefsky noted.

"You must remember that for 17 years, until five years ago, the self-determination of the Jewish people was called racism," she said. The same states which put Israel at the centre of human rights abuse are themselves the worst violators of human rights. ... Israel is the classic diversionary tactic."

Since the signing of the Oslo accord, hostile resolutions towards Israel from the UN General Assembly (GA) have decreased by one-third, the language of the resolutions has been moderated and the GA has passed a resolution supporting the peace process, Bayefsky noted.

However, Israel has been refused entry into both the Asian and the Western nations regional groups at the UN, which "means exclusion from the vast number of UN posts and bodies. This exclusion is a clear breach of the UN's obligation to secure the sovereign equality of all its members."

As well, Israeli diplomats prior to Oslo were "treated like lepers in the context of UN society. They weren't invited to UN functions and they weren't spoken to .... That attitude has changed. In the last few years they're getting dinner and luncheon invitations and they're being treated more like human beings."

Asked why Israel should stay at the UN, Bayefsky asserted that to quit the world body "would be a capitulation to those states that specifically seek to marginalize Israel today. Israel should take a more active role at the UN than it does, and refuse to be marginalized."

The UN's many resolutions against Israel "harm Israeli interests in the long term," Bayefsky said.

"I can't see how it is irrelevant that for 30 years there has been an incessant campaign to libel Israel as the archetypal violator of human rights in the world today.

"It has made a difference to Western attitudes towards Israel, and they play themselves out in the long haul," she said

Croatia's plans concern community

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish community of Croatia is "very concerned" over new policy directions adopted by the country's government that are an attempt to whitewash its fascist past, a visitor to that Balkan nation said here recently.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman has announced plans to rebury the remains of Ustashe fascists at the Jasenovac concentration camp where hundreds of thousands of Jews, Serbs and Gypsies were their victims, said Esther Bem-Guth, vice-chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region.

Bem-Guth, a native of Croatia who recently returned from a 16-day visit, said members of the country's Jewish community are outraged by that proposal and they point to other developments that are equally disturbing.

They noted that a new law being considered by Croatia's parliament seeks to offer compensation for properties that were confiscated by the Communists after 1945. That would in effect compensate Ustashe fascists who seized Jewish-owned property in 1941 and leave Jewish heirs and the community out in the cold, she said.

In addition, the community continues to participate in annual protests over the renaming six years ago by Tudjman of Zagreb's Square of the Victims of Fascism, where Jews were rounded up and deported to concentration camps. It is now called the Square of Croatian Heroes, which refers to their Ustashe killers, she said.

Other developments that concern the Jewish community are the wide availability of books written by Ante Pavelic, the head of the wartime Ustashe government, and Tudjman's plans to eventually return Pavelic's remains from Spain and rebury them in Croatia.

Sweetheart business deals

Tudjman has surrounded himself with wealthy expatriate fascists who are benefitting from sweetheart business deals arranged with like-minded sympathizers in government and private enterprise, Bem-Guth said.

The community is facing "a touchy moment" due to the direction being taken by the government and an apparent revival of Croat ultra-nationalism, she added.

Tudjman, who once told a reporter that he thanked God his wife was neither Jew nor Serb, has been criticized in some Zagreb newspapers for his desire "to reconcile Ustashe murderers with their victims and to make it look like all were equally victims," Bem-Guth said.

The plan to rebury Ustashe men at Jasenovac is "like reburying the bones of SS officers in Auschwitz," she added.

Slavko Goldstein, former president of the Jewish community, has written to Tudjman to complain about the recent developments and the community's current leader, Ognjen Kraus, spoke out against the renaming of the square at an annual rally that's held there on May 9.

While the Jewish community is concerned over political trends in Croatia, there is no mass exodus of people. The population remains steady at around 1,000, mostly in the capital Zagreb. Some Jews who fled Sarajevo remain in the city but most have been relocated in Israel, Europe and elsewhere, Bem-Guth said.

Bem-Guth, who was hidden by Italian farmers during the Holocaust, said she was impressed by the Zagreb Jewish community's "vibrancy." Its annual Passover seder is well attended, it maintains a kindergarten with a Hebrew teacher from Israel and it publishes an English-language magazine on local concerns. It recently published a book of commentaries that focused on World War II, she added.

Bem-Guth said the community believes it could solve many of its financial problems if the compensation law was pushed back to 1941. Prior to the war many Jews willed their property to the community but as the proposed law now stands, compensation will benefit "those who stole it from the Jews."

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Ministry failed to stop internal racism: report

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It took almost six years, but Ministry of Education employee Charles Chan was finally vindicated after raising a complaint about workplace harassment that included racist threats, verbal abuse and physical assaults.

In a decision released last week, the Ontario Crown Employees' grievance settlement board found that the ministry failed to take steps to stop the harassment, did not take it seriously and even encouraged it by its feeble response.

In a scathing critique, the board suggested the ministry "had done little, if anything, to address the racist culture that had existed in the mail room for years."

The decision noted that Chan and other employees were terrorized for years by a cabal of two employees and a manager who used racist insults.

It also pointed out that the manager in the downtown mail room where Chan worked, Steve Nodillo, "had an intense hatred of Jews."

In testimony accepted by the grievance board, Chan is quoted as saying that the manager "made no secret of his intense anti-Semitic views ... He referred to Auschwitz death camp as the 'toaster oven,' the 'barbecue' and the 'smoke stack.' He often stated at work as well as outside that 'Hitler was the greatest man that ever lived.'

"In 1987, Nodillo had pictures of Hitler in uniform in his office ... He had one picture of Hitler in plain view, taped to the wall above the photocopier. In his office, Nodillo would pull out a bottle from his desk, pour a drink and make a toast saying, 'To the day Hitler died.' If anyone disagreed with his views, he would say, 'Then you can forget about applying for jobs in the mail room.' "

Other evidence indicated that one of the mail room employees, Tony Alexis, assaulted Chan on three occasions and threatened Chan and other employees at other times. (Alexis was convicted of assault in criminal court based on a complaint by Chan that the ministry said it could not act upon.)

Despite numerous complaints by Chan to Nodillo and to senior management, the board concluded that "the employer failed to deal with the complaints ... to any acceptable standard.

"Had the [ministry] treated the complaints seriously and made proper investigations, [Chan] would not have had to face the continuing harassment at the hands of Nodillo and Alexis," the board concluded.

The board criticized an internal investigation sponsored by the ministry as inadequate and found that "the manner in which the employer conducted itself, intentionally or not, encourage Alexis and other like minded people like Heinz to intensify their harassment of [Chan] subsequently."

Gary Shaul, president of OPSEU local 503, which represented Chan before the board, said none of the three who harassed Chan is employed in the ministry anymore.

He called the grievance process, which began with a complaint in 1990, had hearings spread over 2½ years and whose decision took another 2½ years to come, as "very frustrating."

"The complaints weren't taken seriously. In fact, the ministry went to a great expense to defend themselves in these actions. We always felt there were people (in the ministry) who shared Nodillo's views, who protected him or else were paralyzed and didn't know what to do," he said.

He also criticized the ministry for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars fighting the case.

Since Chan's complaint, the government has instituted anti-harassment education and reporting measures, he said, but anti-racist training had been cut off due to a lack of funding.

Reform urges end of SIRC

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Reform party is calling for termination of the civilian watchdog group that oversees Canada's spy agency and its replacement by a parliamentary committee on national security.

The Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) has covered up the truth and whitewashed the activites of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) when the spy agency infiltrated the Heritage Front, charged Reform MP Val Meredith.

Writing a minority opinion in a report by the House standing committee on justice and legal affairs, Meredith stated: "It is clear there is no place in the review process for a group of patronage appointees who believe they do not have to answer to Parliament."

Meredith was referring to a report by SIRC, the civilian watchdog appointed to oversee CSIS's operations, which examined the spy agency's infiltration of the white supremacist Heritage Front by a mole, now known to be Grant Bristow.

In March 1994 the *Toronto Sun* reported on the infiltration of the Heritage Front by CSIS, noting that Bristow was instrumental in getting the white supremacist organization off the ground and had provided its organizational backbone.

Bristow had provoked a harassment campaign against anti-racists, had spied on members of the Jewish community and had convinced Reform to hire Heritage Front members to provide security.

Heritage Front members were also seen at Reform events, prompting Reform spokespersons to claim there was a campaign to discredit the party, which was vying for political support with the then-ruling Conservative party.

Following news reports of Bristow's infiltration of the Heritage Front, SIRC examined the case and reported to its parliamentary masters that while there were some excesses, infiltrating a potentially dangerous white supremacist group did pay dividends.

Meanwhile, Parliament's subcommittee on justice and legal affairs conducted its own investigation and its report was released last week. The majority wrote that the committee "based its work on a detailed, critical consideration of the SIRC report ... In the subcommittee's view, the leadership of the extreme right and its most prominent emerging organization, the Heritage Front, were appropriately targeted."

Referring to the CSIS mole, which the majority declined to identify as Bristow, the committee recommended that "the ministerial direction on confidential human resources be further revised so as to clearly prohibit ... human sources from engaging in illegal or discreditable [conduct] ... Harassment, intimidation, or incitement to violence on the part of a human source should be prohibited."

The majority of the committee also questioned "whether the presence of a CSIS source or sources was a positive factor in the growth of the Heritage Front" and suggested that "SIRC could have more effectively pursued this issue."

The majority of the committee noted that "the source" had begun associating with white supremacists in 1987. CSIS concluded in 1990-91 that "extreme right wing organizations and their related activities were viewed as petty criminal in nature and not to constitute a threat to the security of Canada." That raised the question of the continued need to infiltrate the Heritage Front, the committee stated.

Turning to a threat of possible violence against leaders of the Jewish community, which law enforcement did not communicate to the community leadership, the committee recommended creation of a notification procedure.

A third, joint dissenting opinion prepared by the Bloc Quebecois and Reform, found that Bristow was key to the strength of the Heritage Front. "Had the source not been part of the Heritage Front leadership, its activities might only have been petty criminal in nature and the investigation would have been terminated at an early time," their conclusion states.

In a fourth, dissenting view presented solely by the Bloc Quebecois, MP Francois Langlois writes that former solicitor general Doug Lewis "perceived the Reform party as a threat to his own party and at the very least condoned CSIS's targetting of the Reform party as a threat to Canada's security.

"It must be stated clearly that the Reform party has suffered political damage because of the Heritage Front affair and that this operation was viewed sympathetically, if not authorized, by the very highest levels," Langlois wrote.

The Bloc MP goes on to write that SIRC witnesses refused to cooperate with the parliamentary committee and their evidence was characterized by "mental evasion" and "contempt of Parliament."

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Education as safeguard

Spring brings summer. Usually, the end of spring changes into the beginning of summer almost invisibly, as subtly as light green metamorphoses to dark green or a windbreaker substitutes for a parka.

But the end of spring also brings the end of the school year. In most communities across this country, the end of the school year means that students will be graduating, reaching higher on the ladder of life to another educational rung.

Some graduations are relatively simple affairs as when senior kindergarten evolves into Grade 1 or elementary school into middle and high school. Some graduations are more sombre, marked with special ceremonies in which the graduates are older and are asked to wear special robes befitting the occasion. Sometimes they even wear special hats. These graduations are often called convocations.

But whatever they are called and whatever the extent of the ceremony, all graduations are significant moments for the graduates, their teachers, their families and their community.

For the youngest graduates, the occasion will mark a change from sitting in circles to sitting in rows; building blocks give way to reading blocks. For some it will mean stepping out of the relatively moderate pressures of middle school to the relatively severe pressures of high school. For others it will mean leaving the familiar ways of high school for the unknown ways of university or college or a job. For the oldest graduates it will mean settling into "life" with a degree or two of uncertainty, eventually building a home and, after a time, guiding their own young graduates in the first tentative steps toward that imposing ladder.

Education is the very bedrock into which every precious pillar of our society is embedded and the means by which the values of our civilization are safeguarded. Therefore to all who are graduating we extend deep-felt congratulations. Graduation is an achievement worthy of note and of pride. And to all whose life's-work is teaching our children, the educators, we convey our gratitude.

And as best hope

We also make special note of and congratulate the graduates and the educators within the Jewish school system. For, in addition to being guardians of civilization's highest values, they are the guardians of Jewish values, the next links in the chain of Jewish history, the next line of Judaism's perpetuators.

Most community leaders have finally concluded that Jewish education is the key to ensuring " Jewish continuity," still the chief topic of debate at federation tables across North America. It is for good reason that continuity remains the chief topic. In 1939, the global Jewish population was approximately 18 million. Six years later, the number had been brutally reduced to approximately 12 million. Today, more than 50 years after the war, that number still hovers near 12 million. Thus the Jewish people stand at a crossroad. The path we take on our march to the horizon of the next millenium will determine whether there will be enough of us to join the march a century later.

Whenever the debate on continuity is finally resolved, it is our fervent hope that our leaders will understand that the true test of our commitment to Judaism and to the Jewish people will not be measured by how much we receive and retain from our parents, but rather, by how much we pass on to our children.

In congratulating the graduates within the Jewish school system, it is therefore imperative that we also acknowledge they are our best hope of ensuring the march will continue from one generation to the other.

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
June 29, 1947: Abe Yanovsky of Winnipeg won the Canadian Chess Championship for the fourth time in five years. He later claimed eight Canadian chess trophies and became a member of Winnipeg city council. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Do you own land in Israel?

Between the two world wars, Jewish people, especially residents of Eastern Europe, acquired plots of land in Israel, known in those days as Palestine.

The purchase of land was made with both the intention of fortifying the Zionist settlement in Palestine and the intention of coming to the country and finding in it a foothold.

It has to be noted, however, that most of those people never saw Israel, since the purchase was carried out by proxy.

The Holocaust put a tragic end to such intentions and dreams. Most of the buyers of land died during the war, not having told their kin about the purchase.

In the course of my work, I have traced about a hundred plots of land in the region of Haifa, including the names of their rightful owners, but unfortunately, I have managed to trace only a small number of legal heirs to those plots of land.

It is reasonable to assume that some of the offsprings of the land owners had emigrated to your country after the war, with no inkling of their legacy in Israel. I have a list of names of some of the land owners.

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Crucial role of Rabbi Samuel Cass

I was most interested in the article by Shira Herzog (*CJN* Jan. 25) in connection with the debate between her father, Ambassador Yaacov Herzog, and Arnold Toynbee.

The article was beautifully written, but there was one glaring omission, the name of Rabbi Samuel Cass, who at the time was director of the Hillel Foundation at McGill University. Rabbi Cass was delighted that Herzog had consented to debate Toynbee. He immediately offered the facilities of the Hillel Foundation and he became the go-between who negotiated between Herzog and Toynbee.

Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat
Montreal

Mayor promotes Israel trade

I wish to commend Mayor Pierre Bourque for his recent visit abroad. The fact that our mayor has chosen to go on an economic mission to Israel is a clear indication that he is very much concerned about the future economic development and potential of his city.

Several economic trade deals are being arranged between Israeli and Montreal firms. These contacts can help to benefit both sides as Canada and Israel enter on a free trade agreement scheduled to begin early next year.

Akiva Gitelman
Montreal

A memorial to Munich Jews

The archive of Munich, since 1994, has been preparing a memorial book on a biographical basis about Munich Jews who were persecuted, expelled or murdered by the Nazis. Documents, pictures, testimonies and eyewitness accounts about the persecution of the Jews in Munich between 1933 and 1945 are sought. Call Pnina Zilberman 416-635-2883 Ext. 144.

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Looking for Harry Ackerman

I am trying to locate my cousin, Harry Ackerman. He was born in Kupel, Russia, and emigrated to Toronto in the 1940s. His father's name was either Hershel or Leibish. He hasn't corresponded with my family since about the 1950s.

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Perspectives

Religion in Israel after the election

Faith cannot be coerced

By RABBI ISMAR SCHORSCH

We teach our children the following midrash: When God completed the Torah, He offered it to the various nations. Each rejected the Torah in turn. But when God came to the Israelites, they chose to say yes; they answered *Naaseh v'nishmah* (We will do and we will listen).

My belief is that Conservative Judaism is the most authentic contemporary expression of rabbinic Judaism. But I know that only a variety of choices will offset the chaos of individual freedom. The State of Israel belongs to all Jews – secular or religious, Conservative, Reform or Orthodox – and is not the preserve or monopoly of any single sector of the Jewish people. The recent national elections endanger that sacred principle.

With one-quarter of the new Knesset being Orthodox, the likelihood is that there will be more religious coercion and exclusivity, not less. An assertive Knesset can render the Supreme Court ever less effective in protecting the rights of the victims of religious discrimination. The exceedingly modest progress toward religious pluralism for Jews, achieved at great cost and anguish over the past few years, is now imperilled by legislative initiative and administrative sabotage.

I fear the following dire consequences: the new Knesset will move swiftly to plug the loophole in the law identified by the Supreme Court on conversion; funds for religious alternatives in education will be cut; and more American Jewish leaders will foolishly call for the dismantling of American Jewry's greatest organizational achievement, the United Jewish Appeal, the very embodiment of unity in diversity.

In this brave new Israel, conversion is declared a part of the religious monopoly exercised by the Chief Rabbinate, despite the past harm inflicted on the national welfare by slighting the Ethiopians and stonewalling the large number of prospective Russian converts. The Chief Rabbinate claims the authority to review the conversion of any immigrant from abroad, threatening to discredit the vast majority of conversions done annually in the United States and provoking a replay of the bitter 1988 confrontation over "Who is a Jew?"

Less visible but no less harmful is the threat to alternative education. Championed in the past years by Israel's Ministry of Education and spearheaded by the Conservative Movement, alternative education in the Israeli public school system has been embodied by our TALI (the Hebrew acronym for enriched Jewish studies, *tigbur limudei yahadut*) schools.

TALI school curricula strengthen religious studies for the 75 percent of Israeli children who attend public schools. TALI schools today include more than 10,000 youngsters and their actively engaged parents. Curricula, teacher training and inspiration are provided by the Seminary of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem, the Israeli affiliate of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The recent Shinhar report confirmed the abysmal failure of both Orthodox and secular educators to transmit even a modicum of knowledge and love of Judaism to the bulk of Israel's Jewish youth. Given the new political order, I fear the funding for this search for alternative models of Jewish education will soon be quietly reduced, if not eliminated.

Pluralism must be practised both in the Knesset and the classroom. No amount of coercion will erase religious diversity or restore the alleged conformity of the ghetto.

As Conservative Jews, we do not want to be stripped of our religious identity when we make aliyah. The disparagement of our rabbis and synagogues and the scrutinization of our marriages and conversions by a fundamentalist rabbinate cannot be tolerated.

There is another midrash in which God coerced our ancestors at Mt. Sinai to accept the Torah by holding the mountain ominously over their heads. As every parent knows, force is a misguided tactic in a long educational process. In an open society, Jewish pride and practice can only be rooted in the soil of personal conviction. Faith cannot be coerced.

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Orthodoxy brings unity

By RABBI MOSHE SHERER

The wringing of hands is so intense it is almost audible.

The strong showing by religious parties in the recent Israeli elections has elicited cries of dismay and anguish by Reform, Conservative and secular Jewish spokespeople who rail against the "Orthodox monopoly" in the Holy Land. Most galling to these proponents of "Jewish religious pluralism" is that the increased Orthodox presence in the Knesset will likely assure that matters of personal status — marriage, divorce, Jewish identity — will continue to be determined in Israel in accordance with the standards of classical Jewish religious law. The likely reaffirmation of the state's official embrace of Orthodoxy, they despair, will foster further divisions among a Jewish people desperately in need of unity.

The truth, however, is quite to the contrary: *genuine* Jewish unity is promoted, not underminded, by Israel's adherence to Orthodox standards governing personal status; and it is cause for celebration, not consternation, that Israel's electorate has strengthened the hand of those who favor retention of the religious status quo.

Consider the most basic issue of Jewish identity. All Jews accept, and have accepted for thousands of years, that anyone born to a Jewish mother or who converts to Judaism in accordance with Jewish law is a Jew.

In recent years, however, non-Orthodox groups have decided to expand the definition. Most notably, the Reform movement has unilaterally declared that anyone born to a Jewish father is a Jew, regardless of the mother's religious identity. Also, both the Reform and Conservative movements have loosened standards for conversion. As a result of these "innovations," countless thousands of people the world over are in a religious Twilight Zone: counted as Jews in certain segments of the Jewish community, but as gentiles in others.

The same is true with respect to the issues of marriage and divorce.

Faced with such pronounced differences within the Jewish community on the most fundamental issues of personal status, what path is available to the Jewish State that is most likely to promote unity? The path of "religious pluralism," whereby Israel would embrace standards that deviate from classical Jewish teaching and are flatly rejected by many Jews the world over? Or the historical path of Jewish law, whereby the State would adhere to the one set of standards over whose acceptability there is no controversy whatsoever?

The answer was self-evident even at the very founding of the Jewish State to no less a secularist than David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. In making his historic commitment to the Agudath Israel World Organization that the new state would look to classical Jewish law in determining matters of personal status, Ben-Gurion wrote of the urgent need "to avoid the splitting of the Jewish people." The need is surely no less urgent today.

We Orthodox Jews are profoundly pained by the schismatizing of the Jewish population. We are, moreover, deeply saddened to hear ourselves blamed for Jewish disunity when we have done nothing but try to remain faithful to the collective Jewish heritage. Pointing an angry finger at the Orthodox as the instigators and perpetuators of division, we feel, is like blaming a faithful spouse for the breakup of a marriage. The fault lies with those who have strayed.

But we have hope. What is broken can be put together again. Jews of all stripes are beginning to recognize that the greatest challenge facing Jews today is how to assure Jewish continuity — the survival of Jews in future generations as a distinctive people with a distinctive heritage and a distinctive religious mission.

With that recognition, perhaps, will come reconciliation. For just as classical Judaism furnishes the one personal status standard around which all Jews can coalesce, so too does it furnish the one foundation on which Jewish continuity can be assured.

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Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu and Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of Shas meet after the elections to discuss coalition possibilities. [RNS]

A setback to pluralism

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The election of the Netanyahu government in Israel is the worst blow to the Conservative and Reform movements in that country since its establishment in 1948.

That's the opinion of Rabbi Eric Yoffie of New York, new president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), who visited Toronto June 14. He spoke to *The CJN* before announcement of the coalition in Israel.

The new government, with its support from Orthodox religious elements, represents a setback to pluralistic movements in Israel and a setback to those Jews in the Diaspora who believe in Zionism but not Orthodoxy, he said.

"Netanyahu must remember he is not only the prime minister of Israel but the leader of all Jews in the Diaspora," Rabbi Yoffie said.

The Reform movement has sent messages to Knesset committees and to the new prime minister himself warning against any moves to discriminate against Reform and Conservative groups in Israel, he said.

Though Netanyahu's early statements are modestly encouraging, expressing support for the status quo, Rabbi Yoffie said he is not interested in gestures, but awaits the composition of the coalition government of concrete evidence of what the future holds.

Opinions

Give Netanyahu a chance

"Peace Begins at Home" were the headlines the day after Benjamin Netanyahu made his victory speech to his Likud supporters. These words of his were those of a statesman. And his statesmanship reached a height when he thanked Shimon Peres. Indeed, he managed to stop the audience when they booed, turned them around and made them understand. Even I was surprised. I have known the elder Netanyahu for many years, a respected professor of Jewish Studies. I dedicated a book to the memory of the Entebbe hero Yoni, Benjamin Netanyahu's brother. And, last but not least, I have never forgotten Netanyahu's own talent as shown by his service at the United Nations and elsewhere.

By Emil Fackenheim

His words are just what the present situation needs. Israelis have been polarized since the early 1980s, with the "right's" Lebanon venture. But the polarization has been radicalized by the "left's" Oslo accord of the early 1990s. The Lebanon venture could be — and was — reversed. But the Oslo one is irreversible. And the extremists on the Israeli left have boasted about it.

My own monthly letters to *The CJN* have been motivated far less by doubts about Oslo itself than by the undemocratic manner in which the Rabin-Peres government went about enacting it. I then guessed — correctly, as it turned out — that fully one-half of Israelis consider the Oslo accord too risky, its goal far too vague, with the danger that it might weaken Israel and thus lead to war rather than to peace. Yet until now, the population was not given the chance to vote on it.

Now that the votes are in, will the new government make an effort to end the Israeli polarization? If trying, will it succeed? And will it manage the numerous obvious problems? It deserves a chance, certainly from the other half in Israel and, just as certainly from the Diaspora.

Will it be given that chance by the world and its media? Right now it does not look promising. Even prior to the election Netanyahu was hectored that, in case *per impossibile* he won, he must abide strictly by every one of the Oslo terms, for Israel is no banana republic. Yet she was treated precisely as such, even by the friendly United States, whose president tried so grossly to influence the Israeli electorate. (Perhaps this backfired.)

As for Europeans, fond as they always are of hectoring Israel to take "risks for peace" they would never take themselves, I do not know where to start, but presently give the cake for bias-cum-hypocrisy to British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind. Just six days before the election, in an obvious attempt to influence it, he told a Palestinian group that Britain had pioneered the doctrine of the "inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war," and hence of the Israeli conquest in 1967 of East Jerusalem. He went on to say that Britain had a special "responsibility" with this and other problems, harking back as they did to the British mandate. He did not mention that, when Jordan conquered East Jerusalem in 1948, only two countries recognized its legitimacy, Pakistan and Britain.

The obvious start for Israel's new foreign policy is the demand that, if Israel must stay with Oslo, Arafat must mend his many breaches of it. Has he changed the covenant that asks for Israel's destruction? He says he has, and Peres has agreed as has the world; in fact he has merely (in Charles Krauthammer's colorful phrase) sold the same "rug" yet another time. Has he delivered to Israel murderers of Israelis and Jewish visitors? He has ignored Israel's repeated demands and Israel has let him get away with it. Are the territories evacuated by Israel, then, sanctuaries for murderers?

A newly firm policy toward PLO breaches of the Oslo accord might also breathe new life into Zionism. We have heard too much about "post-Zionist" Israel, about abolishing the Law of Return, and about a Jerusalem undivided like Berlin, and otherwise a mideastern Hong Kong. We have heard even about Israel joining the Arab League. (This produced the contemptuous reply that it must become Muslim first.) Is it not time to remember that Israel's return to Jerusalem in 1967 was the deepest Jewish experience of modern times, and that it united Jews left and right, religious and secular, in Israel and the Diaspora?

Netanyahu's victory meeting began with the singing of *Jerusalem of Gold.* We had not heard it for a long time. It was good to hear it again.

Comments on the Israeli elections

One of the myths that Jews carried with them into the modern world is that we are a united people. We love to sing: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together" and to join the reader in the final words of the prayer: "All of Israel are friends, and let us say 'Amen.' "

By David Hartman

However gratifying and inspiring these words are, we should not confuse prayer and song with descriptions of everyday reality.

For many of us, Jerusalem represents the unity of the Jewish people. The Law of Return welcomes all Jews by giving formal expression to the essential meaning of our national renaissance: Jews are no longer the eternal wanderers of Western civilization.

We now have a home which is ours by right. In this sense, Israel signifies the end of exile, the end of living at the mercy of others.

Despite this sense of shared historical fate and our emotional attachment to the myths of unity and friendship, the bitter truth is that the Jewish people is deeply divided. Not all Jews are friends or dwell together in peace. The arguments and disagreements among us are profound and genuinely divisive, sometimes vicious and even deadly.

Our country has gone through an election process which exposed deep-seated distrust and resentment among many groups in Israeli society. One group is viewed as the enemy of peace; the other, as a threat to our historic destiny. All agree that fanaticism is a real threat to Jewish continuity: the right points to the secular hedonism of the left, and the left, to the religious fundamentalism of the right.

Unfortunately, the spirit of delegitimization did not disappear with the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. As the Bible shows repeatedly, Jews are a stiff-necked people who learn nothing from dramatic events.

The message of the biblical story of the golden calf is that there are no quick solutions to complex human problems. Abraham Joshuah Heschel cautioned against thinking that administrative techniques could solve spiritual dilemmas.

What is needed is the wisdom to create a society where we listen to one another with respect, where we appreciate the importance of diversity and the complexity of our national and cultural destiny.

Ours is an epochal period of history. Can we find a language of peace to communicate with the Palestinians and our neighbors? In spite of the important breakthrough of the Rabin and Peres government, the term "New Middle East" better describes our hopes than our reality. Hatred and demonization have not been uprooted, let alone transformed.

Ezekiel's image that God will transform hearts of stone into hearts of flesh implies the futility of quick, overnight solutions to the dilemmas of human history. When not totally skeptical of human efforts to change history, the prophet realized that the tasks facing the political leader were not easy. If change required the miraculous intervention of an all-powerful, all-knowing Being to radically transform human nature, then what should we expect from human leaders whose vision and abilities are far more limited?

It is important to pray for universal friendship and peace because that is what we aspire to. Yet, the best advice for those who dream of all of Israel being friends and of our living in peace with the Palestinian people is that we have enormous patience and the capacity to tolerate and listen to different points of view.

What we need today is sober political discourse. Our educational philosophy, therefore, must counteract the hysteria of trying to create consensus by delegitimating differences of opinion. We must teach our children that we may share a common text, yet we may understand its message differently. Differences of opinion may reflect genuine differences of interpretation rather than obstinacy and malice.

As the Tosefta remarks (with respect to the enormous amount of disagreements in the Talmud): "You should divide your heart into many rooms and compartments so that different opinions can reside in different parts of your heart." In other words, conflicting voices can and should resound within your soul.

The realization of this ideal is certainly difficult and for some, unrealistic. Yet there is an urgent need for this educational process to begin now, not tomorrow. We must face the dangers of internal hatred and distrust squarely and heed this plea for sanity and maturity.

Icon speaks

A close friend of mine recently sent the printed transcript of a talk given by one of the most admired Jewish figures in the world. That man is not a politician or a scientist. His fame rests on his modern yet traditional interpretation of the Talmud, which he has made available to tens of thousands of people who would never have thought of studying the ancient document. The scholars's name is Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, and it is fair to say that in many circles, he has become a living icon — a figure of which one speaks with awe and admiration.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

About a month prior to the recent Israeli elections, he delivered a talk at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem about the dangers that were facing Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. According to him, the greatest problem confronting our people is the loss of our identity, which is to say that we do not know who we really are when we say that we are Jews. We are so busy with other things, and one of them, he pointed out, is that we hate each other. The problem of polarization is replacing the problem of continuity. According to Rabbi Steinsaltz, the way we feel about Jews who disagree with us on important or even fundamental matters has gotten out of hand and has become a self-destructive mechanism that imperils our future.

People are worried about what is happening in the *State* of Israel. Rather, he says, we should worry about what is happening in *Eretz* Israel, which is defined not so much by political borders and land claims as by a spiritual stance.

"People are not worried about what is happening in the State of Israel, but what is going to happen to the Jews living east of the former Green Line. Of course everyone — rabbis, generals, politicians — knows the answers; they are not the same answers, but everyone knows exactly what will happen in one, two or 10 years from now. I cannot mix in the company of such 'knowers.' And also, I am far more worried about what is happening on the west end side of the Green Line. The certainty which each of us seems to have according to one's convictions has become a barrier for building a constructive community."

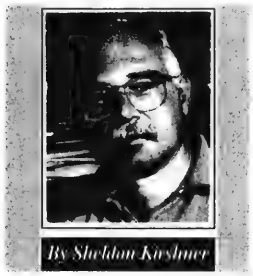
Rabbi Steinsaltz is an icon that speaks — and speaks to me. The fact that I happen to live in the Diaspora makes no difference to him, for the problems here are the same as in Israel. Here, as there, we encounter what he calls "a new hatred."

"It is always attached to the highest ideas, the loftiest notions, even to the name of the Almighty. But hate is like a cancer in the body of the nation: wherever its starting point may be, it invariably spreads all over."

Alas, it has spread to North America as well. There was a time, for instance, when I used to sit down for discussions with people who greatly differed with me on religious matters. Somehow this has not happened during the last 10 years. It is the kind of symptom to which Rabbi Steinsaltz addresses himself. Fortunately it is something that lies within our power to alter for our common sake.

The Kirshner File

Ron Mann - Canada's master documentarian



When Ron Mann was 13, his aunt gave him a Super 8 camera as a bar mitzvah present. It unalterably changed his life.

From that moment, he knew, in his heart of hearts, that he was destined to be a film-maker.

Mann completed his first film — a short documentary about Toronto's Yonge Street — when he was still in Grade 8. At 16, with savings amassed from a summer job, he produced a longer film about a group of teenagers who lived in the shadow of a smoky gypsum factory.

When he was 17, Mann started attending the annual Cannes Film Festival in France, sleeping on the beach at night to stretch his shoestring budget. He was clearly obsessed. "I wanted to see films from sunrise to sunset," he said the other afternoon in an interview.

Mann, now 37, veered away from film while immersing himself in an undergraduate course of studies at Bennington College, York University and the University of Toronto. But after leaving the U of T with a BA in political philosophy, he returned to his first love.

Since then, through his company, Sphinx Productions, Mann has made a number of short films, several major documentaries and a few CD-ROMs, all dealing with North American popular and alternative culture.

In doing so, Mann has become one of Canada's foremost documentary film-makers, known for a quirky style which defies convention and revels in iconoclasm and irony. In recognition of his status, Cinematheque Ontario recently staged a retrospective of his work, Mann Made.

Among Mann's finest films are *Imagine the Sound*, a paean to the free jazz movement of the 1960s; *Poetry in Motion*, a tribute to his favorite performance poets; *Comic Book Confidential*, a Genie-award winning glimpse into a much-maligned art form; *Twist*, a history of rock and roll; and *Dream Tower*, an examination of the rise and fall of Rochdale College, the ultimate symbol of Canadian counter culture.

Mann, though dishevelled in appearance, is a perfectionist with respect to his craft. In general, it takes him a year to turn out a documentary. "They're the hardest kind of films to make," he said. "There's still no formula."

Mann, whose films have been distributed worldwide, never uses a central narrator, a standard device of the genre. "It's condescending," he claimed. "I want to treat an audience intelligently."

His films, he explained, are not objective, even if such a quality exists. "For me, documentaries are a form of propaganda and disinformation. I have a missionary-like approach to films, which is why I try to keep them as entertaining as possible."

Mann owes a great deal to his late mentor, Emile de Antonio, the maverick New York-based documentarian (*Mr. Hoover and I*) whose independent position "was light years away from commercial Hollywood and mainstream TV."

De Antonio, Mann mused, was not only a teacher but a friend. "He had a profound influence on me. He gave me self-confidence. He taught me about the world and helped me with my values. He was sort of my rabbi. He was a bohemian character out of a Henry Miller novel. The FBI had a big file on him and he was on (Richard) Nixon's hate list."

Mann, however, has not embraced de Antonio's far-left political agenda. "I'm really more of a humanist," observed Mann, who is married to a nutritionist and has three children. "I believe in the 1960s jargon that people can live together. If anything, I'm a liberal and a utopian."

Working out of a shabby red-brick industrial building near the Skydome, Mann has just finished two documentaries, both for television: a segment in a series on the 1950s and a history of marijuanna.

Ron Mann

Although Mann has never made a film with a Jewish theme, he intends to remedy that omission in the future. Topics which pique his interest run the gamut from Zionist pioneers in Palestine to cantors.

Mann, who attended the Associated Day School, was born in Toronto, the son of Harold and Amy. A Polish Jew, Harold survived the war in the Soviet Union, immigrating to Canada in the early 1950s via Cyprus and Israel. Until some years ago, he was the proprietor of Mann's TV & Stereo. Amy, a painter, was a Latvian Jew and a concentration camp survivor.

From a financial point of view, Mann is faring extremely well these days. But not too long ago, he was struggling. "My way of making films was to go into debt, raise money for the next film to pay off the debts incurred in making the earlier film, and then go straight into debt again to make a new film."

Despite his success, Mann has no interest whatsoever in venturing south to Hollywood. "I don't have any ambition to make anything but documentaries."

At one point in his career, he toiled briefly for the director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*). But he gave it all up, a $1 million, three-picture deal, because he wanted to follow his dreams and be true to "my own, passionate, young voice."

That, everyone in the industry agrees, he has done with a vengeance.

Films from the Festival

The fourth annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival ended recently. Among the films which intrigued me were *The Yellow Ticket*, a dusty relic, and *Abraham and Eugenia*, a Cuban documentary.

The Yellow Ticket, made in 1918 in Germany, features one of the stars of the silent screen, Pola Negri (1894-1987), who portrays a Jewish medical student negotiating life's hazards in pre-revolutionary Russian society.

Restored by the Israel Film Archive, this is a melodrama with a convoluted plot rife with overwrought characters and meandering flashbacks. If nothing else, it's a curiosity from a bygone age.

Abraham and Eugenia, Bonnie Burt's instructive 32-minute film, focuses on a pair of Cuban Jews who have managed to preserve their Judaism through 35 years of official atheism.

Abraham, a resident of Havana whose wife is a convert to Judaism, keeps the faith by preparing his son for bar mitzvah. Eugenia, from a city in the interior, raises her children as Jews despite her marriage to a Catholic.

Unfolding to the beat of Cuban music, *Abraham and Eugenia* illustrates the tenacity and resiliency of Judaism in a Marxist state.

Barbra Streisand

Barbra Streisand is probably the most versatile performer in the American entertainment industry. Her albums have sold 100 million copies. Her 15 movies have grossed over $100 million. There is, simply, no one quite like her in show business today, a versatile and beguiling woman who was once branded a *mieskeit* (ugly duckling).

James Spada, whose forte is profiling movie stars, has written what may well be Streisand's definitive biography. Entitled *Streisand: A Life* (Crown Publishers, $25 US), it is based on more than 200 interviews with friends, relatives and colleagues.

Spada leaves no stone unturned. He documents her family's East European roots. Her grandfather, Isaak, was born in Galicia. He chronicles Streisand's distant, unloving relationship with her mother. Streisand might as well have been an orphan, Spada observes. (Her father, a high school teacher, died when she was an infant). Nevertheless, Streisand bought her mother a $1 million condominium in Beverly Hills.

According to Spada, Streisand — an excellent student — was stage struck from the age of five. But it was her inimitable voice which propelled her to stardom. By 18, she was the toast of Broadway for her performance in *I Can Get It For You Wholesale*. Shortly afterward, she starred in the stage production of *Funny Girl*. By 21, she graced the cover of *Time* magazine.

Spada also describes her film debut, delves into Streisand's romances, including her unlikely affair with Pierre Trudeau, relates how her pet movie project, *Yentl*, almost floundered because it was considered too "ethnic," and chronicles her political activism on behalf of the Democratic party.

All in all, an informative book.

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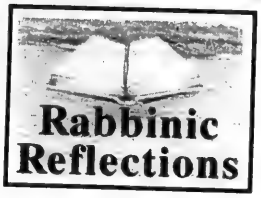


Tending the sick a rewarding action

By RABBI
ALLAN M. LANGNER

Our sages declared that one deed for which a person enjoys the fruit on this earth is that of visiting the sick. In the Bible, there is a vivid and striking example of the effect of such a visit.

It is related that when Jacob grew old, he became ill (an illness from which he did not recover); he was informed that his son Joseph and his grandchildren were coming to see him. This proved to be a tonic for him; for it is stated that he became strong and sat upon his bed. The mere knowledge that his progeny were about to visit enabled him to muster sufficient strength to sit up.

When the sages of old spoke of "enjoying the fruit," what they were in effect saying was that a person derives immense satisfaction and spiritual reward from performing such a deed.

Nothing is more satisfying and gratifying in the life of a rabbi than ministering to those who are stricken in body and spirit — to render aid and assistance to those who require it.

Unfortunately, visiting the sick is taken rather lightly today in this world of hustle and bustle, and in this age of automation, people are becoming more and more disinclined to visit those who are unwell. Some believe they have fulfilled their duty when they send a get well card or a plant or a box of candy. At no time, except perhaps during bereavement, is a person in greater need of human companionship than during a period of illness.

How often do people in their recuperative stages declare how much a visit at that time meant to them? There are occasions when the ailing and bedridden are unable to communicate and nary a word is passed between them and the visitor. Yet just being conscious of the presence of a friend and well-wisher can have a salutary and regenerative effect upon them. Visiting the sick must be done in person. It cannot be done by cards or flowers or chocolates. There is no substitute for a personal call.

There are others who do take the trouble to drop in but always with a stop-watch. They come for a few moments. There are times when a short visit more than suffices, depending on a person's condition. Such, however, is not true in most cases. A visit must not be timed and terminated abruptly.

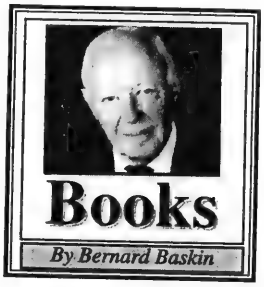
We must not be unmindful of the fact that when someone is suffering from a physical malady, invariably it is accompanied by some form of mental and emotional depression. We, as laypeople, can do little to alleviate miseries, but we can do much to help the ill relieve themselves of their mental and emotional anguish. Very often a stricken person will desire to unburden himself of all that might be troubling him.

Who was it that said many people call a doctor when all they want is an audience? Here is one occasion when a great service can be rendered by being an audience — by listening and sharing a little of someone's suffering. It may not be creative, but it can prove to be a temporary palliative.

All this is not to say we must rush into paying visits indiscriminately as soon as someone is felled by sickness. Indeed, our sages cautioned us against hasty and ill-advised moves. We must exercise prudence and discretion. But we must not seize upon some flimsy excuse for staying away when a visit is in order.

For no medicine is more soothing than a personal call. It is one act from which we do enjoy the fruits of our action. It is satisfying and rewarding to both the one who is affected and the one who pays the visit.

Rabbi Langner is the rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth-El in Town of Mount Royal, Quebec.



Scholar describes the many faces of the creator

GOD: A Biography by Jack Miles, Random House Paperbound $21.

Is God a fit subject for biography? At first blush the notion seems irreverent, perhaps even blasphemous. Yet, the Bible teaches that male and female are created in God's image. This is an unmistakable invitation to understand Him and His behavior in human terms.

Moreover, as we read the Hebrew scriptures straight through — from Genesis to Chronicles — God undergoes subtle and even radical changes. He undergoes diverse roles as Creator, Destroyer, Liberator, Law Giver, Arbiter and Holy One. He seems to gain insights from experience and suffer from inner conflicts. Evidently, like a literary personality, He is subject to character growth and analysis.

What is astonishing about the Hebrew Scriptures is that it begins with the world in which God is actively and visibly involved but does not end that way. Gradually the Deity appears less and less to humans and speaks less and less. Miracles, angels and all other signs of Divine presence become rarer and finally disappear altogether.

Among God's last words to Moses, the Deity says, "I shall hide my face from them. I shall see what their end will be." (Deut. 31:17, 18; 32:20). He changes, as it were, from the powerful, athletic God of Michelangelo to remote and mysterious the Ancient of Days portrayed by William Blake.

After the Book of Job, God does not speak directly again in the Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and 1 and 2 Chronicles. For the most part testimony about Him replaces speech by Him. Even in Psalms, He is primarily a counsellor. Proverbs treats Him like a picture frame, marginal to the contents of the book.

For Jack Miles — an ex-Jesuit, journalist, and the holder of a degree in Near Eastern Languages — as the ancient Israelite historians, poets and theololgians became more sophisticated they ceased to endow God with human attributes and emotions. Instead they realized their inability to visualize a supreme being and pushed their conception of Him further and further from the arena of their understanding.

There are several major criticisms of the book suggested by Jewish scholars. In the first place, the author's thesis of an increasingly withdrawn God depends on the order of the Biblical books as they are now read in the Jewish tradition. Thus, he can proceed with his idea that God is at first involved, then less active and finally silent.

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Jewish Life

The end of peace process?

By SIMON ROSENBLUM

The election of Benjamin Netanyahu may unfortunately be a death warrant for the peace process. How can that be, since Netanyahu has stated that he will honor those parts of the Oslo accords that have already been implemented? It would of course be reckless to do otherwise and more to the point, Likud is perfectly content to freeze the status quo wherein the Palestinians "enjoy" a form of modified home-rule. This was understood by all concerned in the peace process as a way station to a more permanent solution which would be negotiated in final status talks dealing with borders, settlements, Palestinian sovereignty and Jerusalem.

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Israeli analysts understood this reality. For example, Hirsch Goodman — editor of *The Jerusalem Report* — wrote "Netanyahu thinks that the Oslo accords have gone too far already; that while we have to live with certain realities, the process should be nipped in the bud. In those areas already under Palestinian control, independence will go no further than autonomy and Israel will remain in charge of all security issues. Instead of compromise on Jerusalem, Netanyahu will work hard to roll back any Palestinian presence in the city."

It would be naive, of course, to think that with the election of Shimon Peres, concluding the peace process would have been a walk in the park. But a secure peace was within reach, and after difficult negotiations, it would most likely have been achieved. That would probably still have been the case, even if a weakened Peres had to broaden his cabinet.

But with Netanyahu it is a very different story. Netanyahu is very much an American-style politician and the usual tricks of the trade (polls and focus groups) were used to craft a winning message: Netanyahu too was in favor of peace — it was just that he would be a tougher negotiator. The peace process might go somewhat more slowly, but would have better results Nonsense. The floating Israeli vote — the undecideds — were conned.

Even if Netanyahu is not a captive of the far right members of his coalition, such as Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan, the prognosis is very poor. Indeed, I suspect that Netanyahu will endeavor to position himself as something of a centrist, supposedly representing all of Israel. So, there will probably be no radical first 100-day program, which Sharon has been devising with plans for immediate massive new Israeli settlements in the West Bank. There will be much relief in Washington and throughout the international financial community.

So much for positioning, since on the fundamentals of the peace process, the agenda will remain in all likelihood hawkish. It will become transparent within a year at most, that in spite of protestations in favor of peace, Netanyahu has no intention — unless his policies change dramatically — of trading anything of consequence for peace. In other words, while he may talk the talk he won't walk the walk.

The peace process is like riding a bicycle — you either move forward or fall off. So as the peace process atrophies, the reaction among Palestinians will be somewhat predictable. There will likely be a new intifada, and probably a more violent one at that, along with a radicalization that undermines Arafat and more moderate Palestinians. In that context, Hamas could very well be in the ascendancy.

The exact timetable and nature of these developments and the predictable Israeli military response are uncertain, but they will intensify with other incremental provocations, such as expanding Israeli settlements in the West Bank and changing the precarious status quo in Jerusalem. A vicious circle will be underway.

As regards the larger Arab world, there will also be a gradual process of deterioration. The peace agreement with Jordan may unravel and of course there will be no agreement with Syria. The Middle East will be on the slow road to war — all in the cause of "security." Netanyahu will not have cancelled the peace process, so obviously he cannot be held responsible!

Are these developments inevitable? Nothing is for certain and some members of the new cabinet, such as Natan Sharansky, recognizing that a majority of Israelis want the peace process to continue and to succeed, will be pragmatic and flexible. Pressures may well develop within Israel and throughout the Zionist movement worldwide, not to mention from the United States and the international community, placing constraints on Likud's actions and conceivably even pushing Netanyahu to modify his course and negotiate in good faith with the Palestinians. But for this to happen, people of moderate opinions and beliefs will have to engage themselves vigorously, sooner rather than later, or it will be too late for the peace process.

Simon Rosenblum is the national co-president of Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

Exciting material for analysis

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But before the 15th century, the order of the books in the latter Prophets and Writings were often quite different.

In the second place, it is indicated that the portions of the Hebrew scriptures, other than the Pentateuch, never assumed similar importance. "The practical, legal contours of the Jewish tradition (Halachah) could only be drawn from the Pentateuch (Torah), and it was understood that the other parts of the collection were of lesser status. Similarly, only the works of the Prophets could be read regularly in the synagogue with a blessing, while 'the writings' could not be read in this manner (with the exception of Esther). Moving forward from talmudic times, the prophets and writings were virtually never studied in most premodern Jewish schools, and a person who could be described as a 'Bible-reader' is almost non-existent."

Although not always an easy book to read, the author provides the serious and determined reader with exciting material for reflection and analysis. Evidently the approaches to understanding the Hebrew scriptures are inexhaustible.

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re: Tom Harpur

It is good to learn from Tom Harpur's recent letter to *The CJN* that he is not an anti-Semite. I never said that he was and certainly hope not. I did wonder, however, why he used his column to spread distortions and misrepresentations of Judaism, based on a relatively obscure book by a disaffected and self-hating Jew.

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Jews must keep priorities straight: Lookstein

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jews have to keep their priorities straight, asserts Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and principal of Ramaz School, both in New York.

Rabbi Lookstein was speaking at a dinner at the home of Ernest and Helen Singer to celebrate the successful fundraising campaign of Associated Hebrew Schools.

American Jews during the Holocaust got bogged down in trivialities, he charged, and relegated the issue of Jewish survival in Nazi Europe to insignificance.

The examples he quoted from his book, *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers? The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust, 1938-1944* , were chilling.

Kristallnacht, which "was front page news in the *New York Times* for 10 days, and was in its index for two weeks," was put on the agenda of a regular (not a special) meeting of the General Jewish Council after the census, new staff, the birthday of Judge Louis Brandeis and the choice of a new bank.

When it was revealed in a press conference in November 1942 that two million Jews had been killed in Poland and four or five million more were certainly going to be murdered, a fact that was publicized in the *New York Times* and other reputable publications, the Jewish *Advocate* of Boston, Rabbi Lookstein said, twice wrote about it at the very end of a series of editorials dealing with such matters as a luncheon, tributes to community notables and a plea to buy Christmas seals.

Jews of the time "failed to put aside other things and say that their first priority was to save Jews, that their priority was to scream, protest, do whatever had to be done."

There are two priorities in today's Jewish world, he said, "especially in the Diaspora in the face of the huge rate of intermarriage, assimilation and the decrease in the Jewish population. We must have lots of kids and we must make sure that those kids will have a Jewish education.

"The way to ensure Jewish continuity is not cholent, not gefilte fish, but to give Jewish children a Jewish education," the rabbi said.

David Posluns, who thanked Rabbi Lookstein, said that over $2 million had been raised in three months for the new Neptune campus of Associated.

"We are fiscally responsible. We need solid commitments [for the remaining half a million dollars needed] so that the branch can open in the fall of 1997."

Nellie Zagdanski, who chaired the program, praised the Neptune branch for its "commitment to Jewish education, pride, continuity and love for Israel," that it instilled in its students and "is being passed on to a new generation."

Sheldon Goodman, the first Associated day school graduate to become president of the institution, noted that the leadership has been passed to a new, younger group of parents, many of them graduates of the school, who are also involved in communal life.

Arthur Kruger, director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, who introduced Rabbi Lookstein, praised Associated as "a community Jewish school, that teaches but doesn't indoctrinate. Our goal is a knowledgeable and committed Jew."

The Neptune campus of Associated was established in 1956. When it was no longer economically sensible to continue repairing the facility, plans were made to build a new school, as well as an assisted housing facility, to be constructed in association with Baycrest, the Clarendon Foundation and the Kehilla Residential Program, with the help of the provincial government.

The plan was scrapped when the Harris government withdrew its financial support.

A new Neptune campus is being built with private donations, principally from the Posluns, Singer and Zagdanski families. The new facility, to be called the Louis and Leah Posluns Education Centre, is intended to be 30,000 square feet, and will include an auditorium, library, gyms and 16 classrooms on two floors accommodating 300 children.

The building will allow for a future addition of up to eight classrooms on a third floor.

Family reunion to mark 135th wedding anniversary

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Several hundred family members will gather in Toronto at the Prince Hotel on the weekend of July 5 in honor of the 135th wedding anniversary of Ruchel and Isaac Wagman (Wegman).

Milton Fields of Chicago, the family historian, has traced more than 700 of their descendants.

This will be the third international reunion for the descendants of the Wagmans, who were born in Bogoria, Poland, a shtetl 150 kilometres south of Warsaw. Married in 1861, they operated a bakery and general store and had nine children who married and moved to other *shtetlach*.

Fields says that following the Kishinev pogrom in 1895, recognizing the dangers of the repressive measures instituted by the Russian government, the Wagman children and their families began immigrating to America and when they were established, they brought other family members as well.

Chana Wagman, the eldest daughter of Ruchel and Isaac, married Avrom Gula in Poland. The eldest of the Gulas' 10 children, Herschel (Harry) Gula, came to Toronto in 1908 where he, his wife and eight children worked in the family bakery at Dundas and Markham.

Chana came to Toronto in the mid 1930s, but many of her siblings and other family members perished in the Holocaust.

Ruchel and Isaac's oldest son, Herschel also settled in Toronto. The expanding family of Wagmans now includes families named Finkelstein, Waldman, Warsh, Warszawski, Weigman, Stulberg and Weygman.

Ann (Gula) Picov told *The CJN* that at two former reunions held in Chicago, more than 300 cousins, aged 3 months to late 80s, attended the reunion.

"Family members for our four-day reunion in Toronto are coming from Brazil, Argentina, Israel, Singapore, Jamaica, Los Angeles, Chicago and other cities throughout the United States and Canada," she said.

The traditional Friday dinner will honor the eldest members of the family. Throughout the weekend, there will be slide and video presentations, and family pictures will be taken.

Artist Shelley Warsh has created a family poster for each family and a 100-page family book has been compiled with copies of Ruchel and Isaac's birth certificates dated 1837 and 1841, their marriage certificate, a family tree, a family directory, memorabilia and greetings from the prime minister of Canada, the premier of Ontario, and the mayor of North York.

Eitz Chaim students study Torah

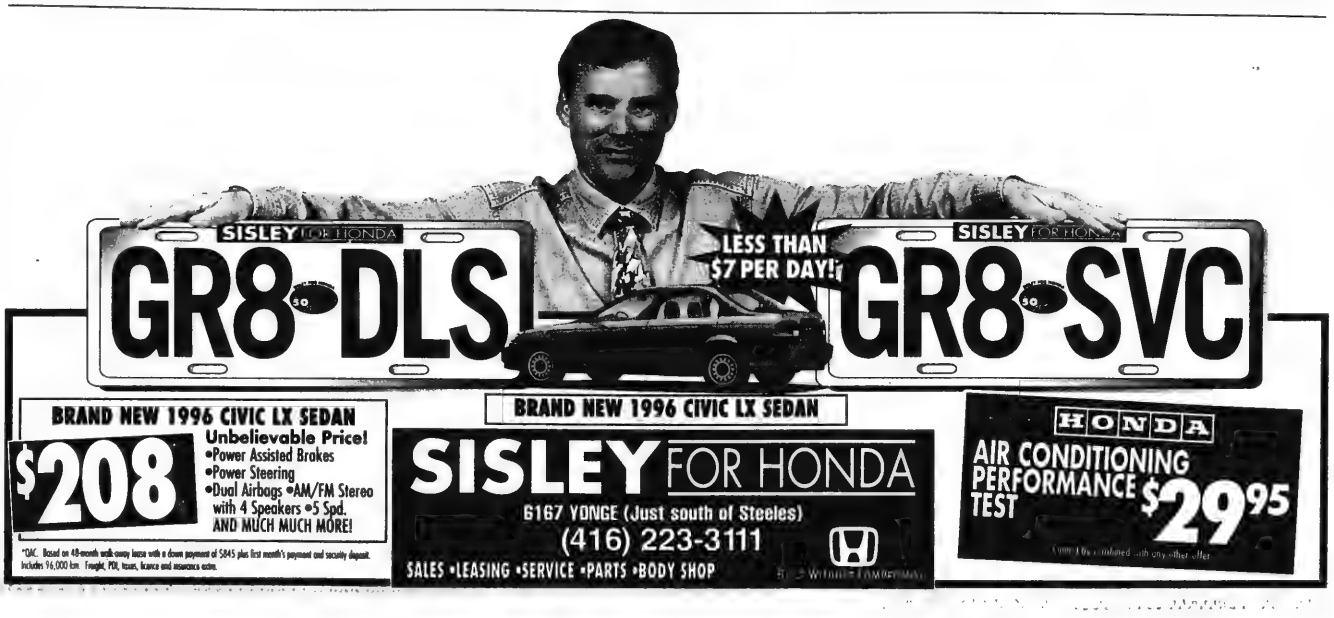
TORONTO — It was back to school for Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (UJA Federation) chair David Goldstein and Women's Campaign chair Vicki Campbell, who recently joined Eitz Chaim students, during a day of Torah study.

The Eitz Chaim learn-a-thon, a 25-year-old tradition, raised $19,000 for young immigrants recently arrived in Israel. It coincides with the Community March for Israel.

Goldstein was assigned his own learning partner, Rabbi Mordechai Yaffe, when he dropped in at the boys school.

"It was a truly wonderful experience," said Goldstein, who got a crash course in Pirkei Avot. "It's great to see students creating their own projects to help raise money."

Campbell attended some sessions at the Eitz Chaim girls school.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Bathurst Manor gets second Rabbi Kelman

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Beth Jacob Congregation is marking the beginning of its second hundred years with the hiring of an associate rabbi, Rabbi Jay Kelman.

Beth Jacob is an Orthodox synagogue in the Bathurst Manor area of Downsview. It began as the well-known and very beautiful Henry Street shul in the Kensington Market area.

The magnificent carved wood Aron Kodesh of the Henry Street shul was dismantled and re-installed in the new building when it opened in the mid-1960s.

The current senior rabbi, Rabbi Moshe Burak, will continue his duties. Rabbi Kelman will concentrate on attracting new and, especially, younger members.

"Rabbi Burak fully supported my hiring," Rabbi Kelman said.

Rabbi Kelman, 35, whose father, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, is spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation across the road from Beth Jacob, was born and educated in Toronto. After studying at Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem, he received *smicha* (rabbinic ordination), as well as his BSc in accounting from Yeshiva University.

On his return to Toronto in 1988, he worked as a chartered accountant. He has also been teaching for half a day at Associated Hebrew Schools and is the founder and organizer of the Or Chaim Kollel, which offers advanced programs in Torah study to men and women.

Rabbi Jay Kelman

Members of Beth Jacob approached him to assume his new position, he said. "I often davened there in the mornings. They talked to me around Purim, it was finalized after Pesach and I spoke for the first time on Shavuot."

His ultimate goal is to help the shul grow and to bring in young people, he told *The CJN* as he kept a wary eye on his 17-month-old son Ariel. (He and his wife Ilana, an occupational therapist are expecting another child soon.)

"I will be starting programs and classes (some I have already started) and will speak occasionally [from the bimah]."

There is no official job description, he said with a twinkle, "so we will have to see how it will go."

Some of his plans are a Sunday morning Halachah *shiur*, a parents and children's learning program, youth Shabbat and sisterhood classes. He also hopes to bring in speakers.

"I want to make Beth Jacob a more attractive place to come," he said.

He said he is open to ideas, and is anxious for people to call him with suggestions.

He laughed somewhat ruefully at the question of whether there might be some tension because of his father's shul being Conservative, while his is Orthodox.

"My father is my mentor — I learned my rabbinic skills from him. We aren't in competition.

"While there are certainly differences between the streams [of Judaism], I believe that Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews can work together, even if not on theological issues. While we can't deny the differences, we can be friendly to each other anyway."

Riding against racism

By MIRIAM HAWKINS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Canadians speak out against racism, the whole world can hear — and see.

Using a hot multimedia site on the Internet supported by dozens of top Canadian artists, Toronto activist/journalist Lisa Cherniak is making sure we Canadians aren't just practising brotherly love, we're preaching it globally. And the medium, with its selection of words and works by our authors, actors, comedians, dancers, directors and musicians, makes for a highly visible message.

Artists Against Racism (AAR), founded by Cherniak in 1992 and a winner of this year's Toronto Mayor's Award for Anti-Racism, brings together the likes of Leonard Cohen, Michael Burgess, Margaret Atwood, Celine Dion and Oscar Peterson as part of its global awareness campaign.

In addition, its Web site, which provides students and researchers on every continent with useful information and contacts, is going to hum with more than multimedia bytes from the stars.

Two cyclists, who will set off from Vancouver on Canada Day for a two-month cross-Canada marathon Peace Ride for AAR may steal the multimedia centre stage this summer.

The trek is the dream of the cyclists, who saw the AAR Web site and wanted to help raise awareness and funds for AAR projects. With a little technology and the cooperation of local Internet links, Cherniak hopes to bring to the world images of Canada and a human journey for peace with interactive video progress report on the Web. Browsers will be able to visit Canada town by town as cyclists arrive.

"A Canadian can't be described in a single color, ancestry or religion, because Canada is a multicultural society," said cyclist Scott Justason, 20.

Already some 80,000 anti-racism posters designed for AAR by Toronto's Mendelsson Joe hang in every public school and most YMCAs and libraries in the country.

Inspired by the AAR campaign, students at Maples Collegiate a Winnipeg high school, held an anti-racism day in April, raising AAR banners and funds for Peace Ride in a march against racism. Teacher Chuck Duboff is now organizing a Peace Ride reception in Winnipeg.

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This day camp is not just for kids!

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Day camps are an integral part of summer. But three sisters have come up with a new twist — Camp Menucha, a day camp for mothers.

For three weeks in July, Monday to Thursday, from 9:30 to 1:30, women in the Orthodox community, young mothers, grandmothers, even great-grandmothers, come together for exercise, Torah classes, crafts and a genuine good time.

Meanwhile, their children can be cared for in the affiliated day camp.

Esther Basser, Chavi Czermak and Shifra Spiro are the founders and organizers of Camp Menucha.

All three are involved in the educational field — Basser and Czermak operate a play group, and Spiro teaches at Beth Jacob High School.

They founded the camp to help their mother, who was donating a sefer Torah to the Bobov shul.

"We wanted to participate [in the mitzvah of giving a Torah], so we thought we would found a business [to raise money]" said Czermak. "We decided on a ladies' camp," Spiro added, "because that's what women need."

The camp is held at Beth Jacob High School on Lawrence Avenue, "in air conditioned facilities," Spiro said.

Participants can swim in the school's pool, listen to a lecture or *shiur*, and then enjoy crafts, cooking or a play.

Every year is a little different, Spiro said. This year, programs being planned include yoga, quiz games, rug braiding, planting herbs, folkdancing, cooking, relaxation techniques and ceramics.

They are especially excited about Edibles in the Forest, a hike through Sunnybrook Park, which will end up at Edwards Gardens, where the women will learn about nature photography.

Panel discussions are planned on running your own business and on life in pre-war Germany.

There are even out-of-town speakers, Zlata Press, from New York, and Montreal family counsellor Rivka Katz.

Spiro said that the nicest part of the camp is the people, some of whom return every year.

"There is such variety, different ages, various backgrounds. It gets people out of their own world and lets them meet other frum (Orthodox) women. It is an opportunity to share and grow together."

For more information, call Czermak at 416-787-8123 or 416-789-9511.

[From left] Chaya Levinson, Jamie Pamensky and Dina Kryger present their "ode to fruit," at last year's Camp Menucha.

Medicine is also part of camp

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Preparing a child for camp is a whirlwind of shopping, sewing on labels, borrowing things and planning how many socks will be needed in case he or she forgets to do laundry.

But expressing the child's health needs and becoming familiar with the camp's medical services are just as important.

Sylvia Spiegel and Leya Aronson are registered nurses who work at Camp Agudah, near Bracebridge. They have prepared an information sheet for parents that is chock-full of important dos and don'ts.

Spiegel spoke to *The CJN* while planning her nursing care for the camp.

"Always make sure that a competent person is on duty at the camp 24 hours a day," she advised. If the medical staff is a nurse, she said, be aware of what the nurse is permitted to do when no physician is around. A nurse, for instance, can remove stitches but not put them in, and can give medication but not prescribe it.

Communication is essential, she said. Make sure that the medical staff know what medication the child needs, what problems there are and who to contact and where to contact them, including the doctor who has the child's medical records.

Medication should be in the original container, properly labelled and with appropriate instructions, in the child's own name, and should (Spiegel and Aronson insist on this) be given to the camp staff to administer.

"You can't trust a 10-year-old to remember to take his medicine with all the excitement of going to camp," Spiegel said.

Don't send medicines in a camper's gear without telling the staff. "You might think sleeping pills don't count, but it's our responsibility if anything happens."

Parents may be embarassed to tell the staff about a problem the child has, or may think that since, for instance, the child has not had an asthma attack for several years, he or she won't have one at camp.

This can put the child and the camp at risk, Spiegel said.

People are more aware of allergies than they used to be. Camp Agudah, for instance, doesn't serve peanut butter because of the potentially fatal reactions to it. But again, the camp must be informed.

Don't confuse a sensitivity with a true allergy, she advised. Overstating the case may get your child unnecessarily restricted from camp activities.

It is wise to make sure that epipens are available and easily accessible in case of severe allergic reactions.

Parents should check that emergency care is available and plans are in place in case of accidents. Staff should be trained in lifesaving skills and CPR.

Parents should also know if the camp has on the premises such emergency equipment as asthma compressors or an oxygen tank.

It is important that the camp have the child's health care number, in case the child needs care outside of the camp.

Children and staff should be made aware constantly of the need for frequent handwashing, as strict cleanliness can avert infection.

Yiddish poet celebrates 75th year

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Simcha Simchovitch, "a gentle, Yiddish poet," was honored by 700 of his admirers on his 75th birthday.

Organizers of the recent event at Beth Tzedec Congregation were astounded by the huge turnout and hundreds of extra chairs were brought in.

"This is incredible," said Marjorie Rasky, who co-chaired the event with Dr. Fred Weinberg.

The evening, sponsored by the Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library, also saw the launching of Simchovitch's new book of Yiddish verse in English translation, *A Song Will Remain*.

It was a touching tribute to the writer born in the Polish resort of Otwotzk, who lost his family in the Holocaust and came to Canada in 1949, where he taught Yiddish and Hebrew in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, before becoming curator at Beth Tzedec. His wife, Freda, was presented with flowers as part of the celebration.

Coupling his name with famed Canadian Yiddish poets Melech Ravitch and Rachel Korn, Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg said Simchovitch deserves a special place, because he made a smooth transition to writing in English.

It is his epilogue to pre-war Poland, his lifting of the burden of the past and his poetical tributes to his adopted land of Canada which make him outstanding, Fuerstenberg said.

He quoted a comment by the well known Canadian critic George Woodcock on Simchovitch's work: "He does not isolate the Holocaust from the widespread horror of our times."

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Shalom Village executive director retires after 27 years

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — At Shalom Village recently, tribute was paid to Sheila Burman, who retires as executive director at the end of the month.

Shalom Village was a seemingly unattainable dream 27 years ago, when Burman, then director of Jewish Social Services, realized the time when the need for a Jewish seniors' home was fast approaching. Her dream was shared by the late Ludwig Benario, a volunteer, and together the two worked tirelessly to persuade a skeptical community that the project was feasible.

One skeptic was Joyce Caygill, executive director of Placement Coordination Services of Hamilton. She could understand, Caygill said, "the cultural and spiritual need" for a Jewish home for the aged, but felt the financial expense was not justified, since only about seven Jewish seniors had applied for admission over the previous five years.

However, a generous bequest by the late Jacob Rosenstadt made the purchase of a three-storey house on Queen Street South possible, and "the problem was solved," Caygill thought. "But I hadn't reckoned with Sheila!"

Burman battled on until the 39-unit Shalom Village seniors' residence opened in 1982 and finally, in 1989, the adjoining 60-bed nursing home was built.

Shalom Village president Leslie Lasky, who chaired the evening, spoke of Burman's "love, vision and caring" that have "set Shalom Village above all other similar facilities," and made it "a leader in caregiving in Ontario."

There were tributes from residents and their families; Shalom Village and nursing home staff; director of nursing, Pat Morden, who succeeds Burman as executive director; and the eldest of Burman's three children, Geoff. Tribute was paid to her husband David, who throughout the years, supported and worked alongside his wife with equal dedication.

Shalom Village had always meant much more than just work to her, Burman said, as she thanked the community for having done "something very significant and very Jewish" in building Shalom Village and the nursing home.

Lasky presented Burman with a white marble Inuit sculpture, and Mayor Bob Morrow made a presentation on behalf of the city. Others present included Ward 1 alderman Mary Kiss, and former West Hamilton MPP Richard Allan, whose father-in-law is a resident of the nursing home.

The evening's program was relayed to the nursing home via video.

Victoria Jews shocked by cemetery desecration

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The Jewish community of Victoria has been shocked by the recent desecration of its historic Jewish Cemetery, which was consecrated in 1860.

Cemetery officials say it's the first case in recent history of vandalism there, although other city cemeteries have been damaged in the past.

Police report that at least six headstones were toppled and several others damaged. Some of the toppled stones weigh well over 600 pounds, and an employee of a monument company said it would have required three men to lift them. The Holocaust Memorial cenotaph was left untouched.

Extensive repairs on the broken headstones are now underway.

The cemetery, located in a lush, immaculate park, was dedicated just two years after the first Jews arrived here, mainly from the United States. It is believed to be the oldest Jewish cemetery in Western Canada.

Morris Price, who was murdered, was the first person buried there. A small fence surrounds his grave.

The five Oppenheimer brothers, although they moved from Victoria to Vancouver, are buried in the Victoria cemetery. David Oppenheimer was mayor of Vancouver for four terms.

The brothers built Vancouver's first water supply, lighting system and street railway.

Also resting in the cemetery is Justice Samuel D. Schultz, the first Jewish judge appointed in Canada.

Winnipeg teachers retire

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish School Teachers Association (WJSTA) and the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (WBJE) recently honored six longtime teachers who are retiring at the end of June.

All together, Ethel Gordon, Leona Dyck, Gerry Daien, Lil Zentner, Chaim Shiel and Leon Berger have put in 185 years of service in Winnipeg's Jewish schools.

The dean of WBJE teachers, with 47 years of service, Berger began his career at the Talmud Torah when it was still located in the old north end. Over the years, he has taught Judaic studies at Talmud Torah and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC). For years, he was the driving force behind the Jewish Teachers Association, a forerunner of the WJSTA.

Shiel, who has 43 years experience, has been the vice-principal of Judaic studies at JWC in recent years. He also taught social studies and Judaic studies at the Shaarey Zedek and Ramah Hebrew School before coming to JWC.

Lil Zentner began her career at the I. L. Peretz Folk school 22½ years ago. Head of the math department for many years at JWC, she has also just completed her tenure as president of the WJSTA.

Cantor Gerry Daien, known outside the school system as well as in school, has prepared hundreds of children for their bar and bat mitzvahs over the past 30 years. He has taught synagogue skills and *t'fillah* at the Talmud Torah and JWC for 22 years.

Ethel Gordon and Leona Dyck have each taught for 25 years at Ramah Hebrew School in south Winnipeg. Dyck has been a Grade 3, 4 and 5 teacher over the years, while Gordon has specialized in physical education.

Each of the retiring teachers was presented with a plaque and gift.

Teenagers attend Caledon Hills kallah

CALEDON HILLS, Ont. — Twenty-seven participants in the High School Outreach Program in Ontario recently travelled to Caledon Hills Leisure Village for a four-day *kallah* (gathering) focusing on Jewish life in the 20th century.

The teenagers, who come from small communities ranging from Sault Ste. Marie to Barrie and from Kingston to Sarnia, are in the middle of the fourth three-year cycle of the education program of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region.

CJC national director of community relations Bernie Farber spoke about anti-Semitism and hate groups in the '90s, focusing on how to combat anti-Semitic acts and hate on the Internet.

Lea Kon, 15, of Guelph said it was interesting to learn "how certain groups and their members appear to be innocent and coy in their approach, but can turn out to be most harmful."

In the program, students learn by correspondence from materials sent out by Congress and from periodic visits by CJC professionals. Twice yearly, the teenagers come together at *kallot* for group study. The program culminates with five weeks of study and travel in Israel.

Outreach program coordinator Randie Cartman said the programs are aimed at helping the teenagers to deal with incidents in their own communities.

The *kallah* began with a traditional Shabbat dinner and service conducted by program participant Avi Elpern, 14, of Dundas. Active Torah games and discussion on the parshah followed.

Arielle Berger, 13, of Kingston enjoyed this *kallah*, she said, "because as a group, we are getting more comfortable with each other. The best thing about this program is meeting and sharing experiences with other Jewish kids living in small communities."

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אויך אין קעלץ האָט זיך געגרינדעט אַ יידישער קאָמיטעט, וואו די היימלאָזע יידן פון יענער געגנט האָבן געפונען אַ מקום מקלט. טייל פון די יידן האָבן פּלאַידט עולה צו זיין קיין ארץ ישראל. אַנדערע האָבן זיך געשטעלט פאַר אַן אויפגאַבע צוריק בויען אַ יידיש וועלטלעך קולטורעל לעבן, אונטער די נייע באַדינגונגען פון פאָלקס-פּוילן.

די בלוט דורשטיקע עלעמענטן צווישן די פּאָלאַקן האָט עס נישט גע-לאָזט רוען. ס'האָט זיי געשטאָכן די אויגן. ווען נאָכן אומברענגען זעקס מיליאָן יידן דורך די נאַצישע מערדער, האָבן זיי נאָך געזען לעבעדיקע יידן. ווען אין דער לופט האָט זיך נאָך געשפּירט דער רויך פון די גאַז-קאַמערן און קרעמאַטאָריעס, און די ערד איז נאָך ניט פאַרטריקנט און אָפּגעקילט געוואָרן פון דעם פאַרגאָסענעם יידישן בלוט, האָבן זיי שוין געגרייט אַ פרישע בלוט-באָד.

דער איינגעוואָרצלטער פּוילישער אַנטיסעמיטיזם אין דער טויזנט יאָרי-קער געשיכטע פון יידן אין פּוילן, די בלוט-בלבולים אויף יידן, דאָס צעיז-זשעטע בלוט פון די פּאָגראָמטשיקעס אין פּשיטיק, מינסק-מאַזאָוויעצק א.אַ., האָט ווידער אויפגעקאָכט אין קעלץ.

געווען איז דאָס דאָנערשטיק, דעם 4-טן יולי, 1946, אין אַ שיינעם זונקן פרימאָרגן, האָט זיך פאַרן הויז פון יידישן קאָמיטעט אויף פּלאַנטי 7 פאַרזאַמלט אַ גרויסער המון באַוואָפנט מיט שטיינער, פלעשער, שטעקנס, אייזערנע שטאַבעס, העק און גרויסע לאַנגע מעסערס. אַ פּאָלאַטשקע האָט היסטעריש געשריגן: „זשידזשי זאַמאָרדאָוואַלי מאָיעגאָ כלאָפּצאַ" (די יידן האָבן דערהרגעט מיין יינגל). דער המון האָט אָנגעהויבן שרייען: „טשעבאַ שען זעמשטיטש" (מען דאַרף נעמען נקמה). „די יידן זיינען געקומען פון רוסלאַנד אונדז אויסצוהרגענען". מען הויבט אָן וואַרפן שטיינער, האַקן שויבן, רייסן טירן פונעם הויז. ס'איז געווען אַ מין בלוטיקער שגעון-טאַנץ פון דער אויפגערייצטער מאַסע. זיי האָבן געשניטן שטיקער לעבעדיק פלייש, געהאַקט מיט העק טיילן פון לעבעדיקע קערפּערס. די קרבנות האָבן זיך געבעטן: „שיסט מיך". דער ענטפער איז געווען: „ניין, מיר וועלן דיך נישט שיסן, פאַרשאָלטענער זשיד, מאַטער זיך, פּאַרשיווי זשיד".

צווישן די קרבנות זיינען געווען שוואַנגעריקע פרויען. ווען איך האָב באַזוכט דעם שפּיטאָל אין לאָרזש, וואו עס זיינען געלעגן די פאַרוואונדעטע פון פּאָגראָם, האָב איך ניט געקענט דערקענען מיין ברודער, וואָס איז געווען צווישן די שווער פאַרוואונדעטע. שעהץ לאַנג האָב איך געזוכט, צו-געקוקט און ניט דערקענט. מען האָט געזען בלויז שטיקער צעטרייבערט פלייש.

גרויס איז געווען די אַנטוישונג פון די, וואָס האָבן געגלויבט, אַז עס וועט געלינגען ווידער בויען אַן אָרגאַניזירט יידיש נאַציאָנאַל און קולטור-לעבן אין נאָך-מלחמה'דיקן פּוילן, וואו די געליטענע יידישע באַפעלקערונג וועט זיך קענען אויסלעבן פריי געזעלשאַפטלעך און קולטורעל. דער קעל-צער פּאָגראָם האָט באַוויזן, ווי טיף איינגעוואָרצלט דער אַנטיסעמיטיזם איז פאַרבליבן.

דער קעלצער פּראָגראָם האָט אויפגעטרייסלט דעם יידישן ישוב אין פּוילן און די יידן אויף דער וועלט, בפרט די געליטענע אין דעם טרויעריקן טאָג. הונדערטער יידן, געראַטעוועטע פון דער שואה, האָבן מאַסנווייז אָנ-געהויבן פאַרלאָזן פּוילן. זיי האָבן נישט געוואָלט מער פאַרבלייבן אויף דער מיט יידיש בלוט דורכגעווייקטער פּוילישער ערד. מיין ברודער מלך, וואָס איז שווער פאַרוואונדעט געוואָרן אינעם פּאָגראָם, איז גלייך נאָכן אַרויסגיין פון שפּיטאָל, אַוועק פון פּוילן. ער געפינט זיך איצט אין מאָנטרעאָל.

מיר טאָרן נישט פאַרגעסן די טרויעריקע דאַטע — דעם 4-טן יולי, 1946, וואָס וועט בלייבן ווי אַן אייביקער שאַנד-פלעק אויף פּוילן!

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(*A Treasury of Jewish Humor*, N. Ausubel)

From coast to coast

Mideast program faces real danger

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Suddenly something that has worked so well for the cause of peace in the Middle East since 1992 seems to be in danger of coming apart.

Everyone knows about the bilateral one-to-one negotiations between Israel and her neighbors, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, and the talks with the Palestinians, aimed at resolving conflicts of the past and producing bilateral peace treaties.

But out of the limelight, operating on a parallel track, there have been talks known as the Multilateral Negotiations going on between Israel, her Arab neighbors and representatives of about 40 nations and groups including the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, Germany, the European Union, Russia, China, Norway, Turkey, the United Nations and the World Bank.

They have formed five working groups, each tackling a major regional problem — refugees, water, environment, arms control and economic development. The aim is nothing less than building a new Middle East, prosperous and cooperative, based on confidence between peoples and forgetting the past.

Canada is the chair of the Multilateral Working Group that deals with refugees, helping fund regional projects to feed, clothe, house and educate some of the 2.8 million Palestinian refugees.

The projects include paramedic training, dryland agriculture, public sector management training, community planning and a public health laboratory in the West Bank.

Sweden is spending $2 million on child welfare in Gaza and the West Bank, and the United States sponsors housing projects in Syria and Lebanon.

But now, after so much has been done, after wells have been dug, water mains laid, homes, schools and roads built, cottage industries created, self-help and awareness groups set up; after displaced rural people have been taught urban survival, Middle East style, there appears to be a hesitation, if not an unwillingness, on the part of some of the rich nations to continue the work.

Part of it may have to do with the election of a new government in Israel. The world is waiting to find out whether Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud government will continue along the same path to peace as the previous Israeli government, and whether he shares the same commitment to the Multilateral Working Groups.

"The Multicultural Working Groups are under review right now," says Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy. "They are not working out the way they should.

"Some of the richer nations are suffering from 'donor fatigue,' " Axworthy says. "They are tired of giving."

He's right. Some donor nations, including Western European countries that are quite friendly to Israel and are truly committed to peace in the Middle East, are having their own economic problems.

If they are going to continue spending money in the Middle East at the rate they have been, they want to make sure it is being spent for peace.

Axworthy says everything is on hold until the Arab summit meeting in Cairo this fall. It will define how the Arab nations plan to deal with the new Israeli government. In turn, this will give some indication of Arab commitment to the Multilateral Working Groups.

Without both Israel and its Arab neighbors firmly committed to the Multicultural Working Groups, there is not much point in continuing the costly exercise. Foreign aid can always be given strictly country to country, outside the framework of any multilateral structure.

Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, brother of King Hussein and heir to the Jordanian throne, was in Ottawa June 17 for a meeting with Canadian officials.

He told Axworthy that Canada might do well to stop talking only about Palestinian refugees (mostly in Lebanon and in the territories) and pay a little more attention to the 140,000 refugees in Jordan. They need help just as much.

From a Jordanian perspective, the prince has a point.

As chair of the "multilateral" on refugees, it will be Canada's job to help sort out the redefinition that the prince envisions, as well as help interpret whatever stand the Netanyahu government takes on the issue in the coming months.

This review couldn't come at a worse time from a Canadian foreign aid perspective. The Canadian government is embarking on a massive cutback of its foreign affairs operations, affecting everything from its embassies, consulates, trade offices right down to every last dollar Canada spends abroad.

One of the areas under the knife may be the Multilateral Working Groups. It would be a shame, for Israel as well as for the cause of peace in the Middle East.

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Sunday, June 30

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Attention Holocaust survivors! **Alexander J. Groth**, professor emeritus, University of California at Davis, and survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, will interview a group of Holocaust survivors to elicit their opinions on related historic and current issues. He hopes to gather information internationally and eventually publish the results; 2 p.m. Adath Israel Congregation. 635-5340.

KOL TORAH

Kol Torah the Sephardic Centre of Thornhill, lecture and hilula (yahrzeit) of the Or Hachayim Hakadosh by author/teacher **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum** on the topic Rabbi, I Just Can't — What to do When Halachah Gets in the Way, 8 p.m., Promenade Mall, 1 Promenade Circle, Suite 303, Thornhill. 905-707-9510.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, closing meeting for members and wives at Centennial Arena (Skaters Lounge), breakfast 9:15 a.m., celebrating the branch's 64th anniversary, guest speaker 10 a.m. No branch meetings in July and August but there will be a picnic in July, details to follow.

A KID-DUSH FOR YIDDISH

Tune in on Rogers Cable (10) at 1:30 p.m. for A Kid-Dush for Yiddish, a children's celebration in song, introducing Kinder-Chorus with **Faye Kellerstein**, with interviews and songs.

Monday, July 1

CANADA DAY

The Celebrate 200 Years Yonge Parade starts 7 p.m., travelling down Yonge Street from Steeles Avenue to Mel Lastman Square, with marching bands, floats, giant inflatables, colorful costumes. Following the parade, there's entertainment in the Square and a fireworks show.

Wednesday, July 3

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue's fifth annual summer music mini-series opens with a concert featuring son and mother duo, cellist **Stefan** and pianist **Dorothy Glick** in a program of music by Bloch, Corelli, Mendelssohn, Bach, Beethoven and Glick. 8 p.m. $5 at door. 221-3433.

And What Else Is New...

ISLAND BASH

Young Associates Division of the Israel Cancer Research Fund second annual Island Bash, Sunday, July 7, 7 p.m., Palais Royal, 1601 Lakeshore Blvd. W., outdoor patio by the water for barbecue and dancing. $25 in advance $35 at door. ICRF office, 487-5246.

EXHIBIT AT BAYCREST

The Aishet Hayil poem from the Book of Proverbs extols the virtues of the ideal woman. Thirty-two American and Israeli artists have each chosen a verse from the poem and created artwork expressing their feelings about it. This collection of fine art and handicrafts is at the Kanner Heritage Museum at Baycrest Centre through Nov. 15. **Pat Dickinson**, museum coordinator, 785-2500, ext. 2802.

YIDDISHLAND CAFE

Yiddishland Cafe evening of song, poetry and music with **Itsik Manger** and **Batsheva, Chaya Thalenberg, Sasha Luminsky, Martin Van de Ven**, 8 p.m., Sunday, July 7, Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sponsored by Toronto Workmen's Circle. $10 in advance, $12 at door. Reserva-

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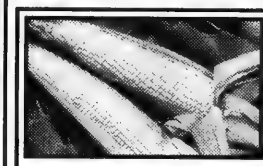

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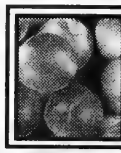

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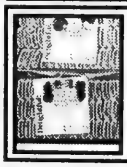

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tions/information 783-5912 or 633-4212. Yiddishland is supported by a grant from the Action Committee for Jewish Continuity of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan Shabbat services at Bloor JCC: Saturday, July 6, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 12, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 26, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.; Friday, Aug. 9. 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.; Friday, Aug. 23, 7:15 p.m. **Hilary Moore** 928-1784.

KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Oneg Shabbat, Friday, June 28, 8 p.m., Bloor JCC, Keshet Shalom's new siddur, Keshet B'anan (Rainbow in the Cloud) will be introduced at service.

Stop by Keshet Shalom's table on Church Street, Sunday, June 30, noon to 6 p.m., for information about the congregation. Speak to members, purchase items from gift shop. To march in the parade, meet at table at 2:30 p.m. 925-1408.

TEL-AIDE VOLUNTEER

Tel-Aide: The Jewish Distress Line, a volunteer-run organization, is looking for a volunteer to serve as an executive director. 636-9695.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Summer services at Congregation Solel in Mississauga: No Saturday services during July. Regular Friday services June 28, July 12, 26, Aug. 9, 23, Sept. 6, at 8:30 p.m.; Family Friday night services, July 5, 19, Aug. 2, 16, 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Regular Saturday services, June 29, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, at 10 a.m.; Family Saturday services Sept. 7, 10 a.m. 905-820-5915.

ASK JIS

Tourists and newcomers, as well as agency workers, organizations, congregations, government ministries, businesses and the general public are invited to call or drop in at Jewish Information Service (JIS) to ask about recreation, holidays, cultural events, singles programs, day care, rooms and basement apartments, social services, camps, homemakers, babysitters. Location is 4600 Bathurst St., 3rd floor. Phone 635-5600. You can access JIS and a Jewish community calendar of events through Federation's home page at http://www.feduja.org.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

Bnai Isaac Baysville Synagogue opens for the summer season the weekend of June 29. 636-2223 or 633-2320.

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Orillia Country Shul July/August services are held in Atherley, Ont., (east of Orillia). Participants are: **Ivy Mudrick, Rabbi Danny Gottlieb, Cantor Tom Schwartz, Rabbi Joel Wittstein, Rabbi Yaacov Palatnik, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, Stewart Hytman, Elliot Malamet**. For directions, 705-327-7069.

AT THE KOFFLER

AKA Canada, two-and three-dimensional landscape art by Canadian artists is on view at the Koffler Gallery through Aug. 11. Exhibition includes works of **Rebecca Baird, Peter Bowyer, Reid Diamond** and **Stacey Spiegel**, among others. Opening reception is 8 p.m. Thursday, June 27. All welcome. 636-1880, ext. 269.

DONOR PHONER PROGRAM

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SUMMER READING CLUB

All 19 North York Public Library branches begin the annual Summer Reading Club July 2 for children, preschool to Grade 6. This year's reading is with an undersea theme. Call any branch and ask about picking up a free story booklet.

AND PROGRAMS

The Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada (AND) provides in-home rehabilitation programs to individuals with non-progressive disabilities such as learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, stroke and brain injury. 244-1992 or 1-800-561-1497.

For Seniors

Association of Jewish Seniors monthly meeting, Thursday, June 27, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 9:30 a.m. bagels and coffee, 10 a.m. meeting. $1. **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

LZA Seniors Club has a few rooms available for the Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23 inclusive. Register at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Free blood pressure check-up, June 27, 10 a.m.; Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 22-28; *Phantom of the Opera* Aug. 7; Sherway Gardens Aug. 8; Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls Aug. 28. Membership still open, $12. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Big Creek Boat Farm Grand River cruise June 27; Thousand Island cruise July 15; Catskills Homowack Hotel Aug. 4-11, all inclusive; Israel with a difference Nov. 4-25, all inclusive, see it the easy way! **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). 661-4689.

Central Eglinton Community Centre Older Adult Program Muskoka cruise, Rich Hill Factory and Maple Grove Chocolate Factory, July 25. $54 members, $59 non-members. Pre-register by July 15. 392-0511.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Trip to Catskills Raleigh Hotel, co-sponsored with Bathurst Jewish Centre, Aug. 6-12, $870 double occupancy, $1,050 single occupancy. **Barbara Zigler**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. **Anna**.

Movie *Can-Can* Sunday, June 30, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday dance to music of the Creative Band, June 30, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

IN APPRECIATION

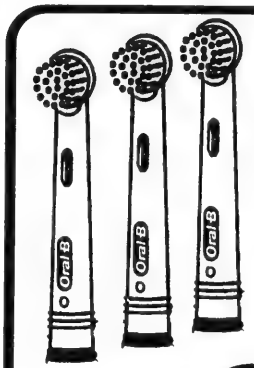
Downtown Jewish Community School principal Joan Schoenfeld (right) recently presented an Appreciation Award to outgoing president Cheryl Wetstein, in recognition of her leadership as president of the school for the past two years and her continuing contributions and involvement.

TRIBUTE TO FOSTER PARENTS

At the recent Jewish Family & Child Service annual meeting, special tribute was paid to the dedicated foster parents of the agency. Victoria and Raymond Williams, pictured above with Michael Miller (left), chair of the child and youth services committee, were given special recognition for providing 13 years of foster care in the Jewish community.

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At the recent 75th anniversary dinner of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, Omega chapter, Toronto Alumni Club, Peter Munk (left) and Gerald Schwartz were each awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to and accomplishments in Canadian business. Munk is chair/CEO of Barrick Gold Corporation. Schwartz is chair, president and CEO of Onex Corporation.



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New Image 50 + Singles is having a dance, Sat., June 29 at Earl Bales Community Centre. **DJ Phil Allen Bick** Refreshments, prizes. Members $5, non-members $7. **Free dance lesson from 7:45-8:15.** Barbecue (for members only) Sun., July 28. $6 now due.

Pot Luck Buffet/Picnic - Shalom Grp. Sat. June 29th - 2 pm - ages 35-55 singles, Earl Bales Pk. - Picnic Area 3, Info. call 905-713-0251.

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Summer's here and the time is right for the second annual **Island Bash,** presented by the Young Associates Division of the **Israel Cancer Research Fund** on **Sunday, July 7th, 7 p.m.** at the **Palais Royale**, 1601 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Free Parking! The huge outdoor patio by the water presents the perfect location for the BBQ and dance party. Tickets are $25 in advance, $35 at the door. For tickets call the ICRF office at 487-5246.

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Reform campus groups making definite progress

By NATASHA GREENBERG

TORONTO — As a Reform Jewish student active in Jewish campus life, you often seem to be moving in a world sparsely populated by kindred spirits.

In general, a battle rages in Reform Jewish communities to halt the attrition of Jewish youth from involvement in Jewish religious and social life. Nowhere is this issue thrown into greater relief than on college campuses. Organized Reform sub-groups of the campus Jewish communities are only in the nascent stages on Canadian campuses, and are making slow, if definite, progress.

Reform Judaism's fourth annual college convention held by Kesher (the Reform Jewish student organization) and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIRI) in Washington, D.C., this past March was, therefore, an opportunity for the record nine Canadian students who attended from Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal to hook into a larger Reform student community and to renew their enthusiasm for building Reform life on campus.

The conference drew students from across the United States, about 150 in all, from institutions as diverse as West Point Academy and Sarah Lawrence College. This variety provided a snapshot of the issues being faced on campuses across the continent, from the isolation of Reform students to marching by the Ku Klux Klan on campus.

The conference provided a forum for students to share their experiences and solutions to common problems and to offer support to those who had felt themselves to be fighting a solitary battle. There was also much time for celebration of Reform Judaism and of the common bond linking all those at the conference.

Daily services were well attended, great interest was shown in workshops on such topics as women in the Passover story, and songs of the Reform youth movement were sung with enthusiasm and fond remembrance.

The one major criticism expressed by most of the Canadians was the focus on issues relevant to the American college campus that largely excluded the Canadian students.

Friday was entitled Social Issue Exploration Day. The day on Capitol Hill offered speakers and workshops. Speakers included Senator Arlen Spector, who was slated to speak on Israel and the Peace Process: A View from the Hill. Instead, he preached to the converted, telling a group of university students to stay in school, as education is a valuable tool.

Dr. Delores C. Tucker, chair of the National Congress of Black Women, however, lit a firecracker under the group with her fire and brimstone invective against pornography and violence in rap lyrics. Again, while she was fascinating and made us all want to "put on our marching shoes," she presented the issue from a strictly American point of view.

Workshops dealt with issues such as welfare reform (of the American system), affirmative action and the (American) Jewish community and black-Jewish relations on the (American) campus. Despite the lip service given to the importance of drawing Canadian students into Kesher, no effort was made to include them or to deal with their issues, which was disappointing.

Other topics for the weekend included Kesher on campus — a nascent issue at best for Canadians, as Kesher does not yet exist on our campuses — and various topics relating to Israel.

Convention organizers brought in an array of HUC dignitaries to speak and to provide seeds of ideas and morsels of Reform Jewish insights into the issues under discussion.

For me and many others, I think, the true power of the weekend was derived from the peers with whom we shared it. The degree of involvement, talent and enthusiasm possessed by the attendees was truly inspiring, and in the chance to share and reaffirm that enthusiasm and commitment lay the true value of the weekend.

The greatest portent of hope for the future of Reform Judaism was the overwhelming number of students at the conference who hoped to enter the rabbinate or Jewish communal service. The surge of enthusiasm and talent that the Reform movement can look forward to is enormous.

Furthermore, all those set on more secular careers were just as intent on maintaining Judaism as part of their private and public lives. All participants perceived in Reform Judaism a set of guidelines for life, and all receive from their commitment to it satisfaction and joy. When these students are brought together, the sense of communal commitment renews each individual student's dedication to, and sense of hope for Reform activity on campus.

Natasha Greenberg is outgoing president of the Jewish Student Union at the University of Toronto.

Correction

In the news brief Bonds Honors Morton, in last week's issue of *The CJN*, it stated that Harriet Morton would be honored on Aug. 7 at a champagne brunch. Morton's efforts will actually be recognized at a champagne evening reception.

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Happy 80th birthday to Sarah Hacker on July 8 from children Ella & Sy Ruben and Malka Hacker, and grandchildren Robin, Marni, Jeff, Noel & Elyse, Lisa and great-granddaughter Terrah.

Diane & Al Miller are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Sharron Rhonda, to Paul, son of Clara & Ben Lungen of Winnipeg. Happy grandparents are Goldie & Irving Miller and Shirley Resnick.

Marc Socol graduated with a bachelor of science in Business Administration from California State University. Proud parents are Elaine & Harvey Socol. Grandparents are Edith & Albert Socol and Sylvia & Hy Rossman.

Jerry Bengall recently celebrated his 75th birthday. Love from children Leora & Bernie Taub, Jack & Elayna Bengall, Nira & Shelly Lerman and all the grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Sally Bird & Robert Levita, who were married on Jan. 21.

Happy 50th anniversary to Lou & Belle Weiner on June 11. May you both enjoy continued good health and happiness. With all our love from your children and grandchildren.

Jack & Lilli Adler celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 24. With love from their children Michael, Jerry & Dina, Pearl & Ron and grandchildren Daniella, Jonathan, Benjamin & Avi.

Morris & Goldie Cantor were married in Ottawa on June 30, 1946. Fifty years later, their children and grandchildren thank God for the great blessing of these two wonderful people as their parents and grandparents. Happy 50th anniversary.

Philip & Herta Getzler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren, family and friends. With much love, we wish them mazel tov and many more years of happiness.

Mazel tov to Ben & Esther Ingber on their 50th wedding anniversary from children Simone & David Sherman, Silvia Ingber and grandchildren Ariela, Shoshana, Avraham & Marnina Sherman.

Leon & Rosa Rosenstrauch recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mazel tov from their loving children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to our parents Joseph & Pola Goldfluss on their 50th wedding anniversary. Loving children are Esther, Allan, Marilyn, Alex, Pesia and the late Marvin; and grandchildren Jessica, Daniel, Julia, Roshanna, Sari & Michael.

Anne & Paul Kaufman celebrated their 40th weddng anniversary on June 25. Love and best wishes from their children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Jack & Lil Gayne, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16.

Mietek & Sala Birensztok will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10. Mazel tov and best wishes from their loving children Rita & Michael and grandchildren Justin & Lisa.

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Levy under fire for remarks about the Golan

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

HAIFA – The Golan Residents Committee sharply criticized Foreign Minister David Levy last Saturday for expressing willingness to reach a compromise with Syria on the Golan, in return for a peace accord between the two countries.

Levy, who made the comments in interviews on both television channels Friday night, said he did not rule out the possibility of the two sides meeting mid-way in the interests of peace.

"I believe that if peace serves both sides and they regard it as a primary interest, they will talk and meet halfway," Levy said, referring to Syria in an interview on Channel 2.

Asked about the possibility of a Golan compromise, he replied: "At a certain stage, and only if we achieve peace."

Levy said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government would have no choice but to dialogue with Arafat.

"He [Arafat] was elected [as Palestinian president]. There is a Palestinian Authority and we intend to advance toward peace and we will talk with him," he said.

Asked if he would be the first member of the government to shake Arafat's hand, Levy said, "I suppose so – if the other side carries out its commitments. We have no other partner."

Golan Residents Committee spokesperson Uri Heitner said Levy's comments were a "bad omen regarding the intentions of the new government.

"The Golan in its entirety is an integral part of the state. Any show of willingness to concede any part of it encourages Syrian aggressiveness and undermines Israel's policies," said Heitner.

"The prime minister, who received a mandate from the electorate to preserve the Golan, must immediately make it clear whether the comments of the foreign minister express the policies of the new government.

"We are not prepared to accept a continuation of policies that create uncertainty over the future of the Golan, as if it is some kind of merchandise.

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan disputed Levy's statements.

"I don't think we must compromise on the Golan Heights," he told Israel Radio. "The government has stated that the Golan Heights is vital to our interests and we will not go down from the Golan Heights."

Levy, however, did receive support for his comments from other residents of the Golan belonging to the Derech Le'Shalom movement.

Yigal Kipniss, the movement's founder and leader, said Levy had correctly identified the main problem in the peace process with Syria.

He said Levy's comments would help overcome Syrian concern regarding the seriousness of Israel's intention to hold real negotiations – on the basis of territory for peace.

Kipniss stressed that all Golan residents would applaud Netanyahu's negotiating prowess if he were able to implement his promises to achieve a peace-for-peace accord.

Syria said last Saturday that returning Arab lands was the only way to achieve peace with Israel and urged the Arab summit in Cairo to declare that Israel's rejection of the land-for-peace would be unacceptable.

Official Syrian media denounced calls by Netanyahu for peace talks with Arabs as baseless gestures which would only destroy the peace process.

"The new prime minister announced opposition to a Palestinian state or entity and threatened to renege on the few steps achieved on the way of peace," the official daily *Tishreen* said.

"The talks Netanyahu is demanding are futile, baseless, lead to no result and ruin the peace process because he denies the land-for-peace principle, backs off from commitments of the process ... So, after all this, what is left of the peace process?" *Tishreen* questioned.

Hebron redeployment planned

By Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM – "The Netanyahu government will redeploy in Hebron," a senior security source said last week.

He said the civil government headquarters in the centre of the city, which to local residents symbolizes the occupation, will be vacated within several weeks.

At the same time, the IDF forces protecting Jewish settlers in the city will be reinforced.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai met with security officials last week to discuss redeployment in Hebron. He was to visit the city this week.

Meanwhile, Jewish residents of Hebron may be willing to accept a compromise whereby the city would become part of Area B (within the terms of the Oslo II accords), with the IDF having overriding security authority, but with the Palestinians having autonomy in other areas, including their own police force.

Attorney Elyakim Ha'etzni, who has traditionally been associated with the far right of the settlement movement, raised the compromise idea in an interview with Israel Radio.

The army, he said, must be in charge of security in the city, but at the same time, it does not particularly want the job of collecting Palestinian taxes or chasing Palestinian drug dealers. Therefore, he said, it would be possible to transfer civilian powers to the Palestinian Authority and to permit the Palestinians a lightly armed police force with which to carry out these powers.

If possible, however, this police force should be a local one, rather than one belonging to PA President Yasser Arafat, he said, not only because this would be preferable for the Jewish residents, but also because the city's Arab residents do not want Arafat in control.

"I have had innumerable conversations with Arabs who said they celebrated [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's victory, because they hoped he would save them from Arafat," Ha'etzni told *The Jerusalem Post*. He said he has heard such sentiments even from members of Arafat's own Fatah faction.

Hebron spokesperson Noam Arnon did not reject Ha'etzni's idea. "Our opinion is a little different, but it's a matter of nuances," he said.

Sharon rejects cabinet offer

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

TEL AVIV – Likud MK Ariel Sharon said last week that he would not join the government if the Infrastructure Ministry to be created for him was "a make-believe" portfolio.

"I hope that the promises made to the public are kept better than the ones that were made to me," Sharon told Channel 1.

No progress was made on the Sharon matter over the weekend, and Likud insiders doubt the predictions coming from the camp of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that the new portfolio will be all sewn up by the weekend.

Likud insiders say there is no way Netanyahu can force his coalition partners to yield significant chunks of their ministries in order to form Sharon's new super-portfolio. Significant contributions are necessary from the Agriculture, Transportation, Energy and Housing portfolios to create the new ministry, and none of the ministers in question is willing to make even minor concessions.

The most Netanyahu might be able to come up with, insiders say, is a few crumbs from the Prime Minister's Office, which are sure to fail to meet Sharon's expectations.

This was Sharon's first public pronouncement on the portfolio matter. He had remained silent ever since the government was formed and had kept to himself on his Negev ranch.

The very fact that Netanyahu had relegated the entire matter to Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman does not bode well for Sharon's chances of eventually heading a new ministry, Likud insiders say.

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The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
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Political expediency threatens pluralism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Has religious pluralism in Israel, such as it is, been sacrificed on the altar of political expediency?

Mideast Analysis

This burning question looms large in the minds of non-Orthodox Israelis and Diaspora Jews now that Israel's Likud-centred government has been sworn in.

In the May 29 election, three religious parties — Shas, National Religious Party and United Torah Judaism — won an unprecedented number of Knesset seats (23) and thus increased their leverage over Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who could not rule without their parliamentary support.

In the ensuing bickering and manoeuvering that always accompanies the formation of a coalition in Israel, the religious parties demanded concessions that would increase their control over public and private life in the country and ensure generous access to state funds for their institutions and schools.

As Netanyahu and his aides considered their demands, Reform, Conservative and secular Jews expressed alarm that the principle of religious pluralism would be compromised.

These fears were best exemplified by Rabbi Eric Yoffie and Rabbi Philip Spectre, the respective leaders of the Reform movement in the United States and the Conservative movement in Israel. Both warned that the coalition agreements entered into by Netanyahu with the religious parties would effectively disenfranchise non-Orthodox Jews in Israel and create an atmosphere of coercion.

The first two sentences of the government's guidelines pertaining to religion and state are not menacing. "The government," it notes, "will act to bring the religious and secular closer through mutual understanding and respect. The government will retain the status quo on religious matters."

(The status quo is based on a letter David Ben-Gurion — the first Israeli prime minister — sent to two Orthodox rabbis in 1947. The status quo, regulating religious observance in Israel, granted the Orthodox branch of Judaism a monopoly over everyday matters such as marriages and burials.)

What troubles non-Orthodox Jews are the other clauses in the guidelines.

They would effectively close the door to non-Orthodox conversions and prevent Reform and Conservative Jews from sitting on religious councils. And they would shut stores and other establishments on the Sabbath, suspend archeological digs and ban the import of non-kosher meat.

Orthodox Jews claim that these edicts will strengthen Judaism and Israel's Jewish character. Non-Orthodox Jews counter that they will erode religious freedom and civil rights and cause a rift between Israel and the Diaspora.

At the heart of this controversy are two fundamental issues.

First, Orthodox Jews — constituting a minority of Israel's Jewish population but claiming to be the standard-bearers of authentic Judaism — want to preserve their hegemony over religion.

Second, they wish to roll back a recent series of Supreme Court decisions and Basic Laws passed by the Knesset, which have eroded that monopoly, and which they claim, impinge on religious practice and alter the status quo.

With four seats in the cabinet (especially education and interior), the religious parties are in a pivotal position to achieve their goals.

Among the Supreme Court verdicts the Orthodox hope to nullify are ones that mandate the inclusion of Reform and Conservative representatives on religious councils and those that implicitly recognize Reform conversions.

The Orthodox, too, are dissatisfied with the Ministry of Education's plan to develop curricula in public schools about Conservative and Reform Judaism.

No one should be surprised by the turn of events. Orthodox Jews have never been loath to articulate their aspirations and objectives, and in the runup to the election both Shimon Peres and Netanyahu scrambled for their votes.

Peres tried to woo the National Religious Party (NRP) to the fold, bewailing the loss of the "historic alliance" between the Labor party and the NRP. His tactic did not endear him to his coalition partner, the left-of-centre Meretz party.

For his part, Netanyahu — a secular Jew himself — bluntly told various delegations of non-Orthodox American rabbis and laypersons that Israel was not ready for religious pluralism at this point in its development.

Zalman Shoval, the Likud stalwart who is expected to regain his position as ambassador to the United States, promised the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that there would be no change in the status quo.

But what is the meaning of the status quo today? The advances forged by non-Orthodox Jews through Supreme Court decisions of late? Or the preservation of the status quo as it existed before these verdicts were handed down?

We will see.

The Week in Israel

June 17

• Iraq reportedly declared that Jan. 18 will be a special day to "celebrate" the Scud missile attacks on Israel during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Iraq fired 39 Scuds on the Jewish state during the war, which ended Baghdad's seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

June 18

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on Arab states to renew talks with his right-wing administration, saying that he hoped to lead the Middle East toward an era of peace. Netanyahu also said in his inaugural address to the Knesset that he would pursue negotiations with Syria, Lebanon, and other Arab countries.

June 20

• The military arm of the Hamas fundamentalist group in the territories offered to stop attacks against Israelis if the new government ended a security crackdown on its members, freed Palestinian prisoners and lifted the closure of the territories. Israeli security forces dismissed the offer, saying that the leadership of the Hamas military wing abroad would still order attacks and create additional terrorist cells.

• Israel's outgoing air force commander, Herzl Bodinger, said chances of war breaking out in the near future are small, but the risks for Israel are high if war did break out. Bodinger said long-range missiles held by neighboring Arab nations could easily hit any target in Israel.

June 21

• Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger to Galei Zahal: Iran will be able to assemble a nuclear bomb within five or six years. It can, however, take less time, or much longer, as a result of world interferences.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

• An international delegation of Jewish, Christian and Muslim scholars will meet in Jerusalem to participate in the interfaith conference entitled Jerusalem: Its sanctity and centrality to Judaism, Christianity and Islam," June 23-28.

Arab states warn Israel

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Last month's election of Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud party, prompted Arab leaders to convene their first summit in six years to coordinate a united stand on the peace process with Israel.

While the summit brought together 21 Arab leaders who themselves have been divided on peace with Israel as well as other regional issues, they joined in the closing statement of warning to Israel.

Deviating from the land-for-peace principal, the statement said, would "lead to setbacks to the peace process, with all that implies in the way of dangers and repercussions which would take the region back to a cycle of tension."

The statement warned that a hard-line approach by the new Israeli government would be countered by a slowdown in the normalization of ties with Arab countries.

"The Arab states would be forced to reconsider the steps taken towards Israel in the framework of the peace process [and] the government of Israel alone would bear full responsibility."

The summit called on Israel to implement all elements of the peace agreements and to enable an independent Palestinian state to be established.

It also demanded an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, including a withdrawal to the June 4, 1967 boundaries on the Golan Heights, the area Israel captured from Syria during the Six Day War.

Final draft toned down

The guidelines of the new Likud-led government explicitly oppose a Palestinian state and emphasize the national importance of the Golan Heights for Israel. At the same time, they call for negotiations with Syria with no set conditions.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had negotiated hard with some participants, including Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, to tone down the final wording of the draft.

Mubarak said in a CNN interview that despite Netanyahu's public statements, he could prove to be more flexible in negotiations.

"It's too early to pass judgment now," he said. "I will wait until I meet with the Israeli leader, and hear his views."

Before the Arab summit, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy sounded a conciliatory note, hinting in a weekend television interview that Israel could show some flexibility on the Golan.

His comments immediately drew a sharp response from leaders of the Golan residents, as well as The Third Way party, one of the government's coalition partners, which was elected on a platform opposing an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

A spokesperson for Netanyahu also issued a statement Sunday distancing the prime minister from Levy's remarks.

Only statements made by the prime minister reflect Israeli policy on these political issues, spokesperson Michael Stoltz reportedly said.

Levy himself later called the closing statement of the Arab summit "contradictory to the atmosphere necessary for continuing peace."

Netanyahu is scheduled to travel to Washington next month for talks with President Bill Clinton. He is also due to visit Jordan and Egypt in the coming weeks.

Baptists' call a 'threat'

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Jews involved in dialogue with Christians will wait and see how other Christian denominations will react, remarked Rabbi David Levy of Kitchener, Ont., who chairs Canadian Jewish Congress's interreligious affairs committee.

Another key indicator will be the response from those Christians "who have made peace with Jews," Rabbi Levy said.

Asked whether the Southern Baptists' move poses a danger to Canadian Jews, Rabbi Levy said, "it depends on how deep their pockets are. If they are, we may see a new enthusiasm for knocking on doors with mezuzot."

Frank Dimant, executive director of B'nai Brith Canada, said he finds the development "deplorable."

The SBC "is seeking to turn Jews away from their faith. They're ignoring tremendous strides made in dialogue and understanding," he said.

U.S. Jewish response has been mixed. The American Jewish Congress said it "is not exactly losing sleep" over the matter. "Here they go again," a statement said. "The convention is trying to do what some Christians have been trying to do without success for 2,000 years. They have a right to believe it. We have a right to disbelieve it."

But the American Jewish Committee is more concerned. The organization condemned the move "in the strongest possible terms" and expressed confidence that the SBC's campaign "will meet the same fate as all such efforts in the past — failure."

Warned Rabbi James Rudin, the committee's director of interreligious affairs, "It is now theological open hunting season on Jews."

Agudath Israel of America called the move "menacing" and decried "the targeting of Jewish souls as ripe for the snatching."

Several other U.S. Jewish groups, including those representing Conservative and Reform Judaism, expressed serious alarm at the new policy.

In Canada, there's plenty to worry about, Ciss said.

For one, the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada has set up, prior to this latest development, a task force on "Jewish evangelism" to "examine how we can encourage an effective witness to the Jewish community."

The fellowship's monthly journal recently carried an article entitled *How to Witness to Jews*, Ciss added.

But the director of the 8,000-member Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists played down the matter.

The SBC resolution "doesn't carry any weight. It's not policy, only a statement," Al Schmidt told *The CJN*. "It's just an expression of somebody's opinion."

He said Canadian Southern Baptists, who are affiliated with the SBC, missionize to non-Christians but do not target any specific groups for conversion.

A spokesperson for the largest of Canada's five Baptist groups said the SBC's approach is "significantly different" from that of his organization.

David Phillips of the 130,000-member Canadian Baptist Ministries told *The CJN* his organization has enjoyed good relations with the Jewish community.

As for targeting Jews for conversion, "the word target has strong connotations. It's a military term. It does not represent how Canadian Baptists work. As far as sharing [the Gospels], we feel free to do that with anybody."

According to one report, the SBC, since 1857, has passed 10 resolutions proclaiming the need specifically to evangelize Jews.

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Mall to proceed: builder

By ALISSA KAPLAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – The saga of the ill-fated shopping complex across the road from the main entrance to Auschwitz continues.

In the latest development, the Polish developer of the area near the former Nazi death camp has said work would resume at the site unless the government made a decision to the contrary by the end of last week.

Earlier this month, Poland had ordered the police to stop the renewed construction of the controversial mini-mall, which was to house a supermarket, a home and garden centre and a fast-food restaurant, among other businesses.

The developer, Janusz Marszalek, this week indicated that he might build something other than a shopping complex.

Both Polish and Jewish officials – as well as other communities around the world – have denounced the mini-mall project. Many see the building of a shopping complex on the site as an offense to the memory of the victims of Auschwitz.

During World War II, nearly two million people were murdered, 90 percent of them Jews, at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

The latest developments prompted renewed concern.

If Marszalek builds, "I am sure the police will stop him," World Jewish Congress vice-president Kalman Sultanik said in an telephone interview from Israel.

Sultanik is scheduled to attend the July 7 and 8 meeting of the Auschwitz Museum Council, the body charged with protecting the integrity of the Auschwitz grounds.

Sultanik said Marszalek's original permit to build on the site was "revoked."

The council, headed by former Polish foreign minister Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, who is an Auschwitz survivor himself, reportedly recommended recently that the guest facilities now on the museum grounds be moved to the site being developed.

Marszalek reportedly said the project had been modified to take this suggestion into account, but the details of his amended plans were unclear.

Argentina offers compensation for bomb attack on AMIA

By SERGIO KIERNAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES – The Argentine government will pay $12 million (US) to the country's Jewish community in reparation for the July 18, 1994, bombing of the Argentine Mutual Aid Association (AMIA).

News of the offer of payment divided the community, as some people wanted to reject the government's offer.

"That's blood money," said a Jewish community official who wished to remain anonymous.

"We cannot take money from a government we criticize for the handling of the investigation of the bombing," the official said. "Taking even a dime would soil us. Also, it could be perceived as a sort of reverse discrimination. People are hurting all over, and Jews get a special treatment."

The bombing claimed 86 lives and left more than 300 wounded.

Argentine President Carlos Menem signed a decree last week ordering that the money be paid to AMIA in 12 monthly installments, starting in January 1997.

According to the decree, $11 million is being given "toward the reconstruction of the AMIA building" and $1 million "for the creation of a museum of the Holocaust."

Last year, the Argentine government donated a building in downtown Buenos Aires for the creation of a Holocaust museum.

The Jewish community here is still reeling from the bombing, which decimated the Jewish community building.

Jewish officials here and abroad have been critical of the Argentine government's inability to solve the case. Several suspects have been arrested and later released for lack of evidence.

Argentina has also come under criticism for a similar inability to find those responsible for the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy here. That blast left 29 dead and some 100 wounded.

While some in the community want to turn down the government's offer, others say that an outright rejection of the payment would be insulting to the government.

Some in this camp have proposed that the community take the money and donate it to a non-Jewish hospital or charity.

Although the decree said the money should be used for the reconstruction of the AMIA building, community sources said the new, $5.5 million building is almost all paid for.

Peres will not resign

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Former prime minister Shimon Peres said last week that he will not resign as head of the Labor party but will try to rehabilitate the party until its leadership primary, which he suggested holding in a year.

In his appearance before Labor's political bureau, which met to discuss the election results, Peres suggested setting up a shadow cabinet based on the British model, to provide an alternative to the government and be a fighting opposition.

In a soul-searching speech analyzing the election, Peres accepted responsibility, but noted that the Hamas and Islamic Jihad played a role in determining the election results.

He also admitted that he "was too influenced by the public opinion polls, which until almost the last day gave us a four to five percent advantage and dictated our behavior during the campaign. But on the last day there emerged previously unknown forces." (He was apparently referring to Chabad and the settlers.)

Peres revealed that his decision to advance the elections followed the realization that peace with Syria would not be achieved by the end of the year.

"Both the Americans and the Syrians said, let's finish the negotiations and reach an agreement by November, and I agreed to wait until then before holding the elections. I sent a message to Syrian President Hafez al-Assad and said, 'If you really want to do it, you must come to the negotiations yourself. Let me know that you're serious and will meet me every week if necessary until we reach an agreement.'" Peres said.

Assad agreed to meet him, but would not give a date, Peres said.

Peres said he was never one to run away from responsibility and will therefore stay at Labor's helm to pull the party together.

David Levy a no-show

TORONTO — Israeli foreign minister David Levy, scheduled keynote speaker for the Or Haemet Sephardic School dinner held on Monday at Le Parc Banquet Halls, changed his plans on short notice, arranging to speak by live phone hook-up instead of in person. He was unable to leave Israel due to the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher early Tuesday morning.

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Homeopathic medicine aims to help body heal itself

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The aim of health care should be to bring a person to the point where his or her body can heal itself, asserts pharmacist and nutritional therapist Ted Scharf.

"An aspirin may not be the only, or even the best, cure for a headache. Meditation, acupuncture or stress reduction may be just as effective."

Scharf, a graduate in pharmacy from the University of Toronto, became interested in complementary medicine in Israel.

"I prefer the term complementary medicine to alternative medicine. Traditional medicine has lots of good things to offer. You have to work with the best treatments that are available, wherever they come from.

"This is especially true with chronic disease, where medicine may have helped all it can, and is offering only palliative care."

Scharf believes that "disease is caused by an imbalance of some sort in the body. If you can correct that balance, the body can fight off disease by itself."

Good diet is essential, he said bluntly. "You can't be in good health with bad nutrition."

Dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals and homeopathic preparations give extra ammunition and strength to start the healing process, he explained.

While Canada's Food Guide is good for normal, healthy people, Scharf said, those with illnesses require different kinds of foods.

Cancer, for instance, "makes special demands on the body" and those with this disease require more unprocessed and green foods.

"The body needs all its strength to fight the cancer," he said. "If you don't have to spend all your energy digesting food from heavy meals, you can use it to fight the illness."

Also, he said, homeopathic supplements are available that can minimize side effects from chemotherapy. "And that's worthwhile in itself."

While Scharf believes firmly in the benefits of homeopathic medicine, he takes a scientific approach to its claims.

"I evaluate everything I read or hear about. Only when I have done research at the University of Toronto medical library do I consider incorporating it as part of a program."

He does not deal with acute illness, such as strep throat or severe pain, leaving that to the medical profession. Chronic, long-standing problems are his bailiwick, as are such concerns as weight control, asthma, allergies, acne and hypertension.

When clients come to Scharf for a consultation, they fill in a detailed series of questionnaires, which deal with medications, the course and extent of illnesses, symptoms, diet and eating and lifestyle patterns.

Treatment is prescribed on an individual basis, as every person, Scharf acknowledges, has his or her unique needs and characteristics.

Allergy sufferers can enjoy outdoors

TORONTO — The timing may vary from region to region, but one constant remains during the spring and summer. At some point, microscopic granules of pollen will descend upon allergy sufferers.

The end result is a breath of fresh air that is followed by sneezing, coughing, itchy and watery eyes and upper respiratory congestion.

The Lung Association is helping allergy sufferers learn how to manage their allergies and enjoy the outdoors in warm weather. Following is a list of measures allergy sufferers can take to make outdoor life "sneezeless."

Monitor air quality through radio, television and newspaper pollen count reports. Allergy symptoms often develop when pollen counts are moderate to high, but can continue even when the count lowers. Rainy, cloudy or windless days usually have lower pollen counts, but mould spores may be higher right after a rain. Taking note of which allergies are at the highest levels may help in determining those that are most bothersome.

Pollen levels are highest before 10 a.m.; so try not to be outdoors then. While indoors, close windows and use air conditioners to filter and dry the air. Have someone else mow the lawn or rake the leaves, because these activities stir up pollen and moulds.

Do not hang sheets or clothing out to dry. Pollen and moulds collect on these materials and can trigger allergies later.

Avoid touching eyes and nose and transferring pollen there.

Remember that alcohol stimulates mucus production and dilates the blood vessels, worsening runny nose and nasal congestion. Smoking irritates the eyes and respiratory system, making allergy symptoms worse.

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Baseball slugger named NAIA all-American

Scott Perrin tears up U.S. college league

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Scott Perrin moved to Canada from England at age 8, soccer was his number 1 sport. He'd barely heard of baseball and thought the only sport in which you try to hit a ball with a stick was cricket.

Yet only a short while ago, the 21-year-old heavy-hitting right-hander was named to the 1996 All-America team of the NAIA, the small-college cousin of the NCAA.

He was also named conference player of the year for the NAIA's Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) and player of the year for the larger Northeast Section of the NAIA.

His sophomore season was one for the ages as Perrin hit .382 and broke Point Park College Pioneers' 16-year-old record for homers with 13 — a mark that was tough to eclipse because of the pitcher-friendly dimensions at the Pioneers' home field: 357 feet down the lines and 470 feet through straightaway centre.

Back in Toronto for the summer, he led the Inter-County Baseball League in batting after eight games with a .462 average, playing for Guelph.

Not bad for a guy born in South Africa who didn't play his first game of competitive baseball until he was 15.

Perrin, however, was a natural, making the Thornhill Reds rep team the first year he tried out. His strong arm and his ability to throw and catch were early assets and after a year at the plate, his hitting improved substantially.

From there, his baseball career kind of "snowballed," Perrin said. He was asked to play for High Park in the Metro AAA league (the city's best) and he was scouted by several U.S. colleges. He was offered some partial scholarships but chose Point Park College in Pittsburgh because it offered a full scholarship.

After his first year there, NCAA Division 1 schools came a-callin' and tried to lure him away with full-scholarship offers, but Perrin chose to stay.

His 1996 stats explain why he was such a hot commodity. In 49 games played, he came to the plate 170 times and knocked in 49 RBIs on 65 hits. His slugging percentage was an impressive .712.

The first-baseman was pretty effective in the infield as well, notching up only three errors all season.

Joe Schaly, head coach at Point Clark, believes Perrin's "got a shot" at eventually playing in the majors.

"He's one of the best hitters I've ever had...He's still learning the game. In the past year, he was our most consistent hitters and never had a stretch where he wasn't contributing at the plate."

Schaly said Perrin "does everything." Not only can he hit for power, but his average is excellent as well. "He was the best hitter in the league by far."

Perrin, 5-foot-11, 190 lbs., said his biggest asset is his desire and dedication to hard work. "Going down there, the biggest adjustment was the discipline," he said. "Even though it's fun, it's a job.

> *'One of the best hitters I've ever had'*

I received scholarship money and I worked for a [coach] whose job is to win games."

Perrin said when teammates were heading out for a cool, wet one after practice, he headed back to the gym to pump iron or to the batting cage to work on his swing.

"If you want something badly enough and you put in the hard work, you can play with those guys," he said of his U.S. counterparts.

Perrin's success in the U.S. college league and in the playoffs (he batted .500 in four playoff games before the top-ranked Pioneers were eliminated in the district finals) lead him to believe he's got a shot at the majors.

His coach thinks he could be drafted after his upcoming junior year and Perrin said he's now taking that possibility more seriously. He's spending a good part of his summer keeping himself in top shape, working on his flexibility, cardiovascular conditioning and strength.

And he's spending a lot of time in batting cages, getting ready for the chance that with a good year in '97, he'll be drafted by a major league team.

Israel names athletes for Olympic Games

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JERUSALEM — Twenty-four Israeli athletes will go for the gold at the upcoming Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Israel's Olympic commission recently presented the team, which includes 13 coaches.

The team consists of Yael Arad and Oren Smadja (judo); Gocha Chichiashvili (wrestling); Nir and Ran Chantal, Shani Kedmi, Anat Frabrikant and Gal Friedman (sailing); Rogel Nahum, Constantin Matusevich, Constantin Simyonev and Danny Krasnov (track and field); Vacislav Ivanovsky (weightlifting); Boris Polak, Alex Tripolski, Guy Starek (shooting); Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman, Ayelet Ohayon, Lilach Parisky (fencing); Vacislav Neiman (boxing); Yoav Bruck, Vadim Alexsev, Dan Kutler and Eytan Orbach (swimming).

The inclusion of kayaker Lior Carmi is dependent on a ruling from the international kayaking federation.

Israel's Olympic flag will be carried by Barcelona silver medalist Arad at the games' opening ceremonies on July 19.

The director of the Elite Sport Unit, Itzik Ben-Melech, was wary about Israel's success on the medal podium. "No one on the team is the best in the world, but we have athletes like Oren and Gocha who are among the best in their field. If we have five or six athletes in the finals, it will be considered a success."

Canadian soccer star honored by YMHA

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For the second year in a row, up-and-coming Canadian soccer star Colin Berenhaut has been named winner of the Max M. Nusgart Memorial Award.

Last year, Berenhaut was the co-winner along with tennis player Hart Pollock. The award is presented yearly to the Manitoba Jewish Athlete of the Year at the annual YMHA Jewish Community Centre's Winnipeg Sports Dinner.

Last summer, Berenhaut was invited to play goal for the Canadian Under 17 national team, as well as for the Under 19 National Academy team based in Hamilton. Last August, he joined the Manitoba all-star team for the fourth consecutive year for the national Under 17 championships.

Last winter, he was named starting goalkeeper for the national Under 20 team. At a World Cup qualifying tournament in Monterey, Mexico, Berenhaut recorded two shutouts and led Canada to victory and a shot at the Under 20 world championship title. He is currently considering scholarship offers from several American universities.

The other finalists for the Nusgart Award were Marty Halparin, a 44-year-old jeweller who competes in Iron Man triathlons; Rebecca Hoffer, a University of Manitoba physical education student and member of Canada's National Women's Handball team, which is stationed in Montreal; teenager Olia Berger, a judo gold medal winner several times over; and 9-year-old rhythmic gymnast Mira Lecker, who competes nationally.

This year marked the 24th annual YMHA Sports Dinner open to the public. Funds raised go toward the Y's day camps, seniors programs and special needs programs.

Dinner chair Ken Kronson said 900 people came to hear featured speakers former hockey star Dennis Hull, and author and former major league baseball pitcher Jim Bouton. Awards are also given out at the dinner to winning teams in Winnipeg Jewish racquetball, baseball, hockey and floor hockey leagues.

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Mizrachi concert pays tribute to 'Uncle Max'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This year's Mizrachi annual concert had a bittersweet quality to it, as it was dedicated to the memory of Max Zeifman, who died earlier this year.

Zeifman, known affectionately as "Uncle Max," was active in Mizrachi for a number of years. The concert was a special favorite of his, said Mizrachi national executive vice-president Rabbi Menachem Gopin.

"Before he died, he chose the artists, and was very involved in the beginning of solicitations. There would be no greater joy for Max than to be remembered not through sadness but through [the happiness of this concert]."

Ben Zion Miller, former cantor of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, and now chazzan of Congregation Beth-El in Boro Park, the featured performer, dedicated one of his selections, Leibele Glanz's *Sh'ma Yisroel*, to Zeifman's memory, saying he had always asked for that particular piece.

"I hope he hears me," Miller said, looking at the front-row seat left empty in Zeifman's honor.

He dedicated another piece, *V'Searev*, in honor of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations. While one might have expected a more popular musical tribute to the city, nevertheless it was well-received by the audience of over 600.

Miller chose a well-rounded selection of pieces, from liturgical, including Machtenberg's *Shehecheyanu*, which begins slowly, almost sombrely, and segues into a lively, foot-stomping beat, and a beautiful rendition of David Koussevitzky's *V'Chol Hachayim*, to folk to Yiddish.

Especially effective were his interpretations of Pinchik's *Der Chazzan un der Gabbai*, a mock musical argument between an upstart synagogue officer and a self-confident cantor, and the charming *Far Vos Zingt a Chazzan*, by Sholom Secunda.

It is always fascinating to be able to see a singer's voice mature from the almost tentative and straining efforts of a very young man, to the self-assured and polished production of the accomplished performer.

But the hit of the evening was the performance of 11-year-old Dani, a child soloist in the Tzlil Vazemer Boys Choir and on several tapes. While he seemed a little uncomfortable in his first set, which included a bouncy *L'Cho Dodi* and a haunting rendition of Dveykus' *Achainu*, by his second appearance, he had found his feet, and produced an incredibly moving *Ani Ma'amin* and an enthusiastic *Hu Klal Gadol* by Yisroel Williger that had the audience clapping and stamping their feet.

Miller, who earlier in the evening somewhat ruefully recalled the show-business adage "never follow a kid or a monkey," nevertheless joined Dani in an encore, a lively version of *Nar Haisi*, which Rabbi Gopin dedicated to Israeli Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Cudyk Weinberg Scholarships, which assist the recipients to study in Israel, were presented to Caroline Biton of Ulpanot Orot and Arie Feldman of Or Chaim, who is one of this year's Mizrachi political science interns.

Chazzan Ben Zion Miller and child singing star Dani sing the closing duet at the Mizrachi annual concert. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Frenkel Gets Nod To Stay

JERUSALEM — Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu formally asked Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel yesterday to stay in his post for a second, five-year term, and to head a new council of economic experts which will work alongside the cabinet, aides to the two men said.

Meanwhile Netanyahu cancelled his intention to transfer the budget department from the Treasury to the Prime Minister's Office, a move which would have deprived the ministry of its main source of power.

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Don't take what Vera Held says personally

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Too many times, we walk away from a conversation with an acquaintance, associate or co-worker feeling hurt. Have we taken it the wrong way or over-reacted?

"People often feel that others are being insensitive, when in reality they may have misinterpreted what was actually said," says Vera Held, a Toronto communication coach, speaker and writer.

In business and in everyday life, miscommunication and misinterpretation can lead people to take comments and actions personally, Held says. "This can lead to a loss of productivity or breakdown in constructive team efforts and stunt creativity, resulting in missed opportunities and rifts between co-workers, friends, acquaintances and family that can last for years."

In an attempt to help people avoid this, Held, 38, has written *How Not to Take it Personally* (McGraw-Hill Ryerson), a book full of strategies for communication success in all aspects of life.

First of all, people have to learn how to listen, she says. "People may hear well but that does not mean they are listening. The number I communications myth is that listening comes naturally. Unlike breathing, however, listening is a mental process. You must first make a decision to listen, then use your good listening habits to do so. When we are tired, it is difficult to listen well."

Vera Held

Communication, says Held, is the giving and getting of information and it is constant, whether or not there is feedback. "Sometimes people do not ask for feedback and then they are hurt and disappointed because their expectations are not met. They need to discover if their expectations were realistic in the first place.

"Get to know the people you are having problems with and discover how they operate. Maybe you can reach a midway point and find some solidarity. Maybe it is just a matter of changing speaking styles in order to get along. In understanding speaking styles it is important to realize that each style has characteristics that some will view as either positive or negative. None of these styles are better or worse, they're just different."

She says that as well as speaking style, people's personalities differ and especially when dealing with challenging personalities such as manipulators, so-called experts, or complainers everyone needs to be prepared. Among the 10 ways Held cites to prepare for dealing with a challenging personality are to affirm that "I am in control of how I think and feel. Others can only hurt or disappoint me if I let them. I am responsible for my own self-worth and I do not need anyone else's approval but my own."

Survivors' memoirs recorded for posterity

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Howard Cooper wants to help Holocaust survivors record their stories for future generations of their families.

Using desktop publishing, he turns his clients' memoirs into books for personal use, but his ghost writing services are not limited to Holocaust survivors. He has written books based on other kinds of personal histories, he says.

It's important for children to know their roots and be familiar with the histories of grandparents and great-grandparents, he says.

"I didn't know much about my own family. I know nothing about my paternal great grandfather. Nobody ever talked about him. His history is lost forever."

He keeps his rates reasonable, especially for Holocaust survivors, he says, because he is interested in pleasing his clients. "It's not my intention to get wealthy writing Holocaust memoirs," he says.

The stories generally run about 80 pages, but he has just completed a 250-page manuscript which is slated to be translated and published in Spanish.

Cooper tapes interviews with his clients and organizes the information into a written document. He can add pictures and other graphics to make the books as readable and informative as possible.

Howard Cooper

A teacher with an MA in psychology, Cooper began his writing career in the '70s preparing documentary dramas, an experience he says taught him to tell other people's stories.

In addition to family histories, he does research and prepares articles and books for psychiatrists and psychologists. He also teaches OAC English at a local high school in the evenings.

Cooper has so far completed six books since he began recording family histories three years ago.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

SHOWBIZ MISHMASH

Yiddishland Returns: In case you missed it, the premiere of the Yiddishland Cafe last month, in the Workmen's Circle Building at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. near Bathurst, was an astonishing evening of entertainment, a Yiddish variety show *par supreme* featuring many very talented performers. One really didn't need to *farshtey* Yiddish in order to enjoy it.

Alas, I was obliged to leave early due to a prearranged visit with a sick friend – and not because the inimitable **Stella Walker** took off her purple feather boa in mid-song and wrapped it comically around my head. (Fortunately I'm not allergic to feather boas, though it did prove a trifle warm.)

The next Yiddishland Cafe occurs at Workmen's Circle Sunday July 7, 8 p.m.The program features The Golden Peacock, **Itsik Manger,** in an evening of song, poetry and music. Also **Batsheva, Chaya Thalenberg, Shasha Luminsky** and **Martin Van de Ven**.

Adults $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Tickets available at Lasting Impressions One Hour Photo, Bathurst Manor Plaza, or by phone at 416-783-5919 or 416-633-4212. Doors open 7.30 p.m.

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New Programs Coming: Word comes to us from **David Buchbinder**, artistic director of the Ashkenaz festival, that planning is currently under way for a wide range of courses and events "to give us an ongoing presence in the community, and to help to bring our vision of participatory Yiddish culture to the community."

According to Buchbinder, all activities will occur at the Bloor Street JCC. Topics will include klezmer music, singing, theatre, dance as well as "thumbnail" courses in basic Yiddish. As well, special programs are being developed for the holidays of Chanukah, Purim and Passover.

Billed as a celebration of new Yiddish culture, the Ashkenaz festival attracted as many as 30,000 people to Toronto's Harbourfront over a six- day period last August. The next Ashkenaz is scheduled for next summer.

Buchbinder, incidentally, is leader of the nine-year-old and very hot **Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band**, which has just finished recording a live CD, the band's third. The recording features guest artist **Adrienne Cooper**, a Yiddish singer from New York. It is slated for release in the fall.

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Canadian Oddity: Hillel Tryster, deputy director and researcher of the Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive in Jerusalem, informs us of a short 16mm filmclip that should interest students of Canadian-Jewish history. The item, which may have been part of a newsreel made about 1930, was screened last year at an Italian film festival whose program described it as follows:

"An amusing little oddity which, apart from its ethnographic interest, could stand as the ultimate statement of Jewish assimilation in the diaspora. Brother Charles C. Hershon of the Knights of Pythias in Quebec is invested as 'Chief Great Heart' by Caughnawauga Indians in recognition of his charitable work among them."

Wonder if the Pythian knight was any relation to Canadian Jewish Congress president **Goldie Hershon**?

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Piano Musketeers: Upbeat easy listening, jazzy and gothic and even funny, is featured on this CD of 21 instrumental pieces performed by the young students of Thornhill music teacher **Fishel Pustilnik**. Selections include the *Love Story Theme, Flight of the Bumblebee, Bei Mir Bist Du Shein* and *Michelle*.

Pustilnik produced and arranged this eclectic assortment of hits, but top billing must go to his troupe of musicians, who range in age from about 9 to 15. They are: Mary Preisman, Brett Kruger, Sarah Median, Jonatan Ashurov, Yoni Samuel, Iris Sepiashvili, Lea Epstein, Doron Cohen, Barbara Yermak, Laura Leong, Steven Preisman, Alan Bekerman, Jenny Sepiashvili, Johnny Sepiashvili and Gennady Liakhter.

Piano Musketeers would make a great inspirational gift for young music students. To order, phone 905-882-1233 or write to F. Pustilnik, 162 Pinewood Dr., Thornhill Ont. L4J 5P5.

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In Brief: Featuring the brilliant collaboration of four theatrical legends –director/choreographer **Jerome Robbins**, librettist **Arthur Laurents**, composer **Leonard Bernstein** and lyricist **Stephen Sondheim** – a new production of West Side Story coming soon to Toronto promises fidelity to the 1957 original. At the O'Keefe Centre, July 9 to 14. 416-872-2262.

• Toronto-born pianist **Arthur Gold** (1917-1990), who was part of the celebrated piano duo Gold and Fizdale, was remembered along with his partner **Robert Fizdale**, at a memorial service this month at the Lincoln Centre, New York. Gold is survived by three sisters, **Lillian Messinger**, **Dorothy Kohen** and **Susan Smith** of Toronto.

• Author **Cynthia Ozick** has turned her 1989 novella *The Shawl* into a play. Directed by Sidney Lumet, it opened last week for a limited run at the Jewish Repertory Theatre, an off-Broadway playhouse.

• Our best wishes and congratulations go to **Billy Wilder**, the legendary Hollywood director, who turns 90 this month.

Do you know this woman?

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. — Showtime in conjunction with Paramount Pictures is producing a movie on the life of Dr. Gisella Perl, a survivior of the Holocaust.

Originally from Sighet, Hungary, Perl aided many of her fellow inmates while imprisoned in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen.

Perl moved to America and set up medical practice in New York before moving to Israel in the early '80s. She died on Dec.16, 1988.

It is in the interest of doing justice to her story that Showtime asks for a response from any reader who knew her. Call 1-818-265-8404 or write 1549 Riverside Drive, No.4, Glendale, CA 91201.

Baycrest seniors art show

TORONTO — The Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary is presenting an exhibition of paintings and ceramics by residents and patients of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care at the Bau-Xi Gallery, 340 Dundas St. W. until July4.

On display will be 38 paintings priced from $125 to $350 and seven ceramic pieces under $100. The artists range in age from 78-100. "Although many suffer from physical disabilities, their creative instincts endure and have become a vital life force," Esther Friedman, manager of therapeutic recreation services at Baycrest said.

Rental company's phone number

In our Party Planner of June 6, 1996 on page B5 we got the phone number of D&D Rentals incorrect. The correct phone number is 416-665-9570.

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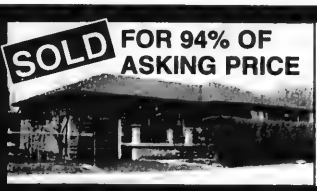

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Zimmerman, Mickey. On Thursday, June 13, 1996 at Bayview Extendicare. Mickey, beloved wife of the late Mark. Devoted mother and mother-in-law of Gil and Judy Zimmerman, Sharon and Robert Edwards. Devoted Grandmother of Lisa, Debbie, Adam, and Tamara. Loving sister of Betty Moss of Jacksonville, Fla., Si Sobel of Los Angeles, Calif., and the late Mac and Harry. **"Forever in our Hearts".** A funeral service was held on Sunday, June 16, 1996 at Steeles Memorial Chapel, 350 Steeles Ave. West. Shiva was observed at 2600 Bathurst St., Ste. 4. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hadassah Wizo, 416-630-8373.

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Jewish community must stress identity first: report

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Greater Vancouver Jews should spend more energy in building Jewish identity than on constructing new buildings, says Jim Torczyner, a Montreal professor of social work, in a report commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

The report notes that the city's 25,000 Jews have the highest rate of intermarriage and highest proportion of non-religious Jews in Canada. It adds that almost half the children in Greater Vancouver live in families where one parent is not Jewish. About 26 percent of Jews are married to non-Jews, compared to a national average of 15 percent.

Nevertheless, says Torczyner, Greater Vancouver may be a prototype of new, emerging Jewish communities which are more diverse and tolerant than the larger, older communities in Toronto and Montreal.

To strengthen Jewish identity, the report suggests a closer linkup with the 40,000-person "intensely religious" community in nearby Seattle and with the 40,000 Jews in Portland, Ore., just south of Seattle.

The Jewish identity problem here is also exacerbated by the fact that 40 percent of Vancouver's Jews live out of the city in suburbs like Richmond, North Vancouver and Burnaby. Suburban Jews tend to be younger, Canadian-born and less likely to be religious, says the report.

Greater Vancouver Jews are better off economically, says the report, than Canadian Jews as a whole, and all Canadians. Almost three times as many Greater Vancouver Jews earned $75,000 or more than the general population.

However, the study found that one out of six Jews, mainly female or elderly, live in poverty — a rate higher than national Jewish poverty levels but lower than the national average.

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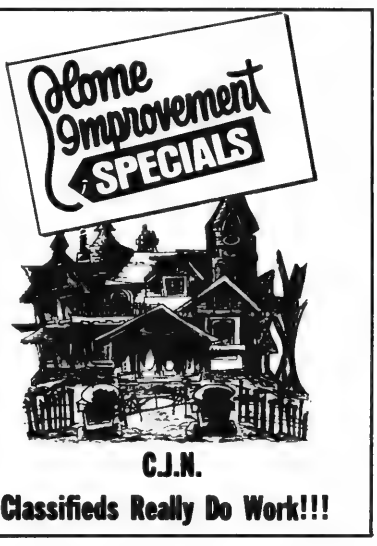

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Genealogist wants Shoah victims remembered by their names

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Although the Nazis took away their names and gave them tattooed numbers, the victims of the Holocaust "deserve to be remembered by their names," genealogist and author Arthur Kurzweil told an audience here recently.

"I want to take away their numbers and give them back their names; that's the least we can do," said Kurzweil, as he recounted how he discovered the names of more than 100 murdered cousins through a variety of genealogical sources including interviews with relatives, government documents, pre-war Polish telephone books and a missing persons bureau established by the International Red Cross in 1943.

When he first began to explore his family tree more than 20 years ago, people told him he was engaged in an impossible task, since many Jewish names were changed, records destroyed and towns wiped off the map, Kurzweil said. Despite this discouraging advice, he subsequently traced an ancestral line on his father's side back to Poland in the mid-1700s, and on his mother's side to about 1500.

Kurzweil's 1980 book, *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History*, has become a classic guidebook to Jewish genealogy, outlining the most common sources and dispelling the prevailing myth that most Jews would get nowhere attempting to trace their roots.

Speaking at a Shabbaton at the Bloor JCC, the New Jersey-based author said genealogy is more than a hobby or fad. Rather, he said, it is a fundamental way for Jews to bridge the tragic discontinuity of recent history and to recognize the unity of the Jewish people from the time of Sinai to the present.

Tracing his family's history has been important for him not only as a Jew but also as an American, Kurzweil said.

"This is my Mayflower," he said, holding up a large passenger list showing the arrival of the ship Fatherland, which brought his grandmother to the port of New York in 1901. His discovery that his grandmother arrived at the age of 15 with only $15 in her pocket transformed his impression of her "from a grumpy old woman into a hero who saved my life," he said.

The first step of the genealogist is to find and interview relatives, starting with the eldest, he said. Talking to the people who can tell you about your family is more important than any document you might find in any archives or institution.

"Sometimes, just one word from a relative can open up a whole new world."

Acknowledging that most of his listeners weren't about to start researching their family trees after hearing him speak, Kurzweil urged them nonetheless to organize their old family photographs and label them with names, dates and places, whenever possible. Old photographs for which information is no longer available should be carefully preserved, he said.

Judaica shop has lots of mazel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In 1966, Miriam and William Rosenthal drove past an empty store at the corner of Bathurst and Caribou and decided it was a perfect location for a Judaica shop.

Now celebrating their 30th year in business, the Rosenthals look back to that lucky day and the opening of Miriam's Fine Judaica, which they operate with their daughter Lillian.

The Rosenthals had just arrived in Toronto. After the war, the couple, both Holocaust survivors, went to Cuba, Paris, New York, Timmins and Sudbury before moving to Toronto.

They lived in Sudbury for 16 years. William was a cheder teacher and spiritual leader for the 120 Jewish families there, while Miriam organized the synagogue auxiliary and was active in Hadassah.

"We've had lots of good mazel," says Miriam. "We have customers from across Canada and from out of the country. Many of the students my husband taught in Sudbury and Timmins come to visit the store and they buy items for their own children's bar or bat mitzvah. And sometimes they just drop in to reminisce about the good old days."

A lot of changes have taken place since they opened the store, she says. "In the early days, the merchandise included many green patina items from Israel and jewelry with Eilat stones. Over the years, the range of Judaica has grown to include exquisitely crafted items from Israel — glass, silver, ceramics and silks in contemporary and traditional designs by well-known artists."

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1-2 stalks of broccoli, chopped	1 tsp. sesame oil
1 cup shredded cabbage	Black bean sauce (optional)

Heat oil in a wok or large frying pan. Add scallions and broccoli. Sauté until broccoli is tender, but crisp. Add cabbage, cooked pasta, and peas. Stir-fry 5 minutes. Add sesame oil and black bean sauce to taste. Stir for a few more minutes over heat. Serve hot. Serves 4.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

About Life

Dear Ella,

All my life I've tried to do the right thing. I have always tried my best to treat women with the respect and admiration they deserve. If it wasn't for woman, man would live his life uneventfully and alone.

My problem comes when I want to further my relationship with a woman, meaning more than being just friends. The biggest and most common excuse they tell me is "You're a nice guy but..." I wish that just once they would say yes and find out how romantic, attentive and passionate I can be.

So my question to you is: Where are these nice women who know what they want in life and are looking for a real nice guy (who is not bad looking)? Or is it worth it to mutate into one of these aggressive womanizing, unsympathetic, neanderthals, who all women seem to adore and flock to?

Nice Lonely Guy

Dear Nice Lonely Guy,

It sounds to me like you are looking for love in all the wrong places. I have a feeling that you are setting your sights on women who are not at all suited to you.

Sometimes, you might see or meet someone whom you think you're attracted to, but that does not automatically mean that they will reciprocate your feelings. As a matter of fact, they may not even be looking for a relationship.

Don't be too impatient and don't set your sights on the type of woman who as you say, prefers the company of "neanderthals."

Look and talk to couples who end up together and you'll see that they usually match (more or less), not only in appearance, but intellectually and with similar values as well.

My guess is, that if you are pursuing a woman who would rather be with a womanizing neanderthal, that woman would not be suited to you anyway.

Re-evaluate the women you are attracted to and try to set some realistic goals. Most of all remember, there is someone out there for you. Someone with the same values, someone who would like nothing more than to meet a special man who will treat her with respect and admiration. Relax and give yourself a chance. Don't let someone's outer appearance cloud your vision from seeing the beauty that may lay within.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

ספרותנו

מאת: יעל זליגר

קול שקט היה קולו של המשורר דן פנים שנבלע מעט בתוך האוטוריטה של סיפורי הדור חקדום ויונר ספרותי, שהושפע מחשירה הגרמנית של תחילת המאה. דקלמנו את שירו המפורסם "כאן בעיפרון בקרון חתום", אך לא ידענו חרבה על המשורר עצמו; וספק מתוך ענווה וספק מתוך דחיה, דן פנים לא אהב את התג "משורר" שהודבק לו.). עתה, עם פרסום "כל פתאומי", הוצאת עם עובד, פרי עטה של עדה פנים, אלמנתו, אנו לומדים על אישיות מורכבת שצדדים רבים לה, אך יותר מכל עולים קווי אופי של יושר בלתי מתפשר, חיסתפקות במועט אך גם כעס מחול בנחשולי עצב ודכאון.

מעדה אנו למדים שמלבד יכולת כתיבה מדהימה, הקורעת לב בהרי־פותה ופשטותה, מדובר באיש שילדותו נגולה ממנו באכזריות וחוא, חמבוגר, לא חזל בחיפוש נואש אחר חמטמון שאבד. "חֲמַקָּה לָהּ יַלְדוּתִי וּבְמוֹתָהּ, נֶעֱלָה אֲבָדוֹתַי וְרַק אוֹתִי חִתִּירָה. חֲקַר שִׁטּוּר חַיַּי לְבַדּוֹתָה." תרשות. חחסר חיא פוסט־שואה. חוא אסף תצלומים באחבה, מספרת אשתו, "מנסה לפענח בחם מבעד לגיסות חזמן את חידת קיומו."

דן פנים נולד בשנת 1930. אביו, מוצאו מקישינב, בירת בסרביה, אך זיקתו של דן חיתה למשפחת אמו, משפחת אוסלנדר מבוקוביגה. אמו של דן נפטרה באופן פתאומי בהיותו בן 4 ורצה הגורל שזמן קצר לפני מותה עזב אביו את המשפחה ועלה לפלשתינה. דן נשאר אצל סבו וסבתו ברדאוץ. האב נבטיח להביא את בנו ארצה אך לא מיהר לקיים חבטחתו. עם בוא הנאצים לרדאוץ, נרשו כל יהודיה. דן פנים לא חסכים אף פעם לספר על חגירוש ונגם לאשתו לא אמר מה עבר עליו באותו טרנספורט. אך חזוועות נחרטו :"קָאן נִמְשָׁלוֹם חָיָה, אֲנִי חָיָה, עִם חֶבֶל בְּנִי, אִם תִּרְאוּ אֶת בְּנִי נֶעֱדָר, קַיִן בֶּן אָדָם, פַּגְּדוּ לוֹ אַאֲנִי."

בסומו של דבר, חביא חאב את בנו לפלשתינה בשנת 1946. על דברים רבים לא סלח חבן לאביו, ובין חשאר על כך שחאב לא בא לקבל את פניו בנמל חיפה. דן נשלח עם חברת־נוער מרומנית לקיבוץ מרחביה. כל מחביו דברו על חוכמתו וצמאונו ללמוד חכל. ממרחביה לירושלים ובמהלך חזמן לאוניברסיטה העברית שם למד ולימד וחפץ חקר, חוגה ומשורר בעל מוניטין. דן פנים רדף את חשלומות. חוא ידע טעמה של החצלחה ובכל זאת, לעולם ראה עצמו כפליט ממקום שממנו גורש. עדה מספרת שאת חמפלט חבטוח ביותר מזכרונות חפליט, מצא בעבדתו חקשה. ללא עבדתו חיצירתית חש חסר ניזוק לחיים.

על כל זאת ושד מספרת עדה פנים באמינות מוחלטת. כמה מחקטעים חאישיים לא תמיד פחמיאים לדן אך כללית, אין ספק ש־"כל פתאומי" חוא חשמאני של אשה אחבת בלעלה חיקר.

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Israel urges battle against terror

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called for international pressure to be put on states that sponsor terrorist organizations.

"We must continue the battle against terrorism and the countries behind them," Netanyahu said last Thursday. "Anyone who wants to be a partner to peace and considers himself part of it must take part in the struggle against terrorists and must put political and economic pressure on those countries which give them shelter and support."

Condemnation of terror, he said, "is not only in words, but in deeds."

Netanyahu's remarks at the graduation ceremony for a pilots' course appeared to be directed at Syria, implying that the United States and other countries should exert pressure on Damascus to end its support of terrorist groups.

He spoke the day after a terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia left at least 19 Americans dead, and an ambush in the Jordan Valley took the lives of three Israeli soldiers.

A group calling itself the Fatah-Intifada, believed to be based in Syria, claimed responsibility for the attack on the Israelis, Israel Radio reported.

Other reports said the attack was carried out by members of the Palestine National Liberation Organization, also based in Damascus.

After the attack, Netanyahu accused Syria of becoming a base for Middle East terror – remarks that drew sharp reaction from Damascus.

Official Syrian press accused Netanyahu of "emulating Hitler" and supporting terror.

The daily *Tishreen* wrote that Netanyahu was "violating the basis of peace" by continuing a policy of Jewish settlements, ignoring American principles of land-for-peace and continuing the occupation of Arab land.

Meanwhile, a senior Palestinian official, Farouk Kaddoumi, on Thursday called on the United States to pressure Israel to accept the land-for-peace principle.

Kaddoumi, who is regarded as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's foreign minister, has long opposed the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords and, unlike other senior Palestine Liberation Organization officials, has not come to the self-rule areas.

Kaddoumi said statements by American mediators have proved that they are not impartial in the negotiations.

A GATHERING OF MULTIPLES

These two sets of young triplets, protected against the hot Tel Aviv sun by their distinctive chapeaux, recently took part in Israel's first national gathering of families with multiple births. *[WZPS photo]*

Entebbe: a personal reflection

By TAMARA ELAGIN
Special to the CJN

Feature

June 27 is a day on which I reflect each year and commemorate the incredible events I experienced exactly 20 years ago.

I had just spent eight months in Israel on a combined kibbutz/working holiday. My mother was also in Israel for part of that time, visiting her sister who lives in Petach Tikvah. We decided to return to Canada together by way of Paris.

We boarded Air France Flight 139 at Ben-Gurion Airport on a Sunday. I was not aware of, nor was I told about, the brief stopover in Athens to pick up additional passengers. Little did we know what sort of passengers!

I remember quite vividly the ascent from Athens, the No Smoking sign going off and then hearing a scream.

Two men and a woman suddenly appeared at the divider between the first class and economy sections and the European-looking man (who I later learned was German) announced over the speaker that they were part of the Che Guevara Group of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the aircraft was now under their command. One of his Arab cohorts held up a hand grenade for added effect. The message was clear – we were being hijacked!

And so our ordeal began. I remember being struck by the irony that I had just come through eight months in Israel untouched by terrorism and now, upon leaving the country, I was confronted with this.

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The News in Brief

CANADA

Peanut Free Policy

TORONTO – Associated Hebrew Schools has instituted a new peanut/nut/peanut butter free policy.

Responding to the increasing number of children with these types of allergies, the principals and supervisors of Associated recommended the new policy, developed in concert with parents of allergic children. No date has been set for implementation.

AJC Outreach

HALIFAX – As part of the Atlantic Jewish Council's outreach program to maintain Jewish continuity in Atlantic Canada, Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein of Halifax has been sent to the Jewish community of Prince Edward Island to teach midrash and Jewish songs.

CJC Meets Crown Prince

MONTREAL – A Canadian Jewish Congress delegation were recently guests at a private luncheon organized by the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations in honor of Crown Prince El-Hassan bin Talal, heir to the Jordanian throne.

ISRAEL

Leaders Meeting

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat will likely meet "within a month," because there is no choice if the peace process is to get back on track, Faisal Husseini, the senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said last week.

Jewish Agency Assembly

JERUSALEM – The annual assembly of the Jewish Agency for Israel opened last week amid an atmosphere of fiscal crisis that some believe reflects a crossroads in Israel-Diaspora relations.

Others see the crisis as a sign that the agency, whose historical role has been Jewish rescue and resettlement, must redefine its mission.

Peace Negotiator

JERUSALEM – Former president Chaim Herzog may be asked to chair the stalled Northern Ireland peace talks, according to unofficial sources in London.

Belfast-born and raised in Dublin, Herzog is in the rare position that he has not only gained substantial diplomatic and political experience during his years at the United Nations and as Israeli president, but also has close family ties with Ireland without being either Protestant or Catholic.

Mosque In Knesset

JERUSALEM – A mosque will be opened in Israel's Parliament after a Muslim legislator requested the prayer area.

Abul Maik Dehamshe, a leader of the country's Islamic Movement and new Knesset member, said he believed that it was important that Muslim members have a place to pray.

The Knesset has long had a synagogue for its Jewish members. Muslim legislators have never before requested their own prayer room.

More Jerusalem Housing

JERUSALEM – Israel's deputy housing minister has promised to push for more building in Jerusalem, including the construction of a controversial housing project bordering the Palestinian autonomous areas.

El Al Flies To Jordan

JERUSALEM – As Arab leaders at the summit in Cairo discussed their relationship with Israel, the Jewish state and Jordan continued to tighten their ties.

El Al Israel Airlines' inaugural flight to Jordan landed in Amman.

On board the 25-minute flight that took off from Tel Aviv was Israeli Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy.

WORLD

Citizenship Revoked

NEW YORK – A federal court has revoked a man's U.S. citizenship because of his service in the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian security police during World War II.

Kazys Gimzauskas, 88, went back to Lithuania more than two years ago while he was under investigation by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. He had been living in St. Petersburg, Fla.

German Diplomat To Israel

BONN – The vice-director of the German Foreign Ministry, Theodor Wallau, has been named as the new German ambassador to Israel.

The 59-year-old career diplomat will replace Franz Bertele, who is retiring after a two-year term in Israel.

Yiddish Daily To Close

PARIS – *Unzer Wort* (Our Word), the last Yiddish daily newspaper in the world, is closing down at the end of the month, a half-century after it was founded.

The decision to cease publication resulted from the newspaper's inability to meet rising production costs at a time when readership has continued to decline.

EU Peace Stance

FLORENCE – The European Union has called on Israel and its Arab neighbors to resume peace negotiations on a variety of issues, including the future of Jerusalem.

Polish Ceremony

ROME – Anti-Semitic overtones emerged at a ceremony last week in Warsaw commemorating the 20th anniversary of worker protests in 1976 that sowed the seeds for the solidarity trade union movement four years later.

Rabinovich Resigns As Ambassador To U.S.

JERUSALEM – Ambassador to Washington and negotiator with Syria Itamar Rabinovich resigned last week.

Rabinovich reportedly said he could not defend the new government's position on retaining sovereignty over the Golan Heights as an outcome of peace settlement with Syria.

While it was clear that Rabinovich, who was appointed by Yitzhak Rabin to both positions in 1992, would resign after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's victory, the move was only announced after he met with the premier.

Netanyahu lauded Rabinovich's contribution to Israel, and he agreed to stay in his post until Sept. 1.

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Bonds leader expects investments to continue

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The worldwide head of the Israel Bonds organization does not expect any let up in investments in Israel as a result of the change of government.

Maj.-Gen. Nathan Sharony, who was in Vancouver recently to attend a tribute dinner for the Morris Wosk family told *The CJN* in an interview that it is wrong to assume Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will head up a hard-line government.

Netanyahu will continue negotiations started by the previous government but his methodology may change, and priority will be given to security in order to create stability, Sharony said.

That is what Netanyahu will bring to the negotiating table "in a way he believes can best be brought about."

Sharony said the desire for peace

Nathan Sharony

is strong and he doesn't see Netanyahu wavering.

The prime minister "talks of things that can be achieved. He will gain peace in Gaza and the West Bank, but in his own way, which may be faster or slower. But he won't compromise security to get a nice flavor in the international market. Opening of the world market will be a byproduct of his commitment to peace."

Sharony is president of the Development Corp. of Israel, an umbrella company for Bonds registered in the United States. Affiliated Bonds organizations in other countries operate in accordance with their own securities regulations.

Israel Bonds will continue to sell, Sharony says, because the organization is apolitical and has operated successfully under Labor and Likud governments since it was set up in 1951 to raise funds for Israel's growth.

Asked why Israel still needs to sell Bonds when the financial strength of the country is reported to be growing, Sharony said the very growth of the country requires added financing — just like a growing business.

Israel raises money through four avenues, he said. The state issues its own guarantee on debt to the extent of $1.5 billion per year; Israel Bonds provide close to $1 billion, the second largest source of funds; "Yankee Bonds" to the tune of about $250 million are guaranteed by the United States; and about $400 million is obtained through syndication via banks worldwide.

With the economy growing at a brisk six percent a year, hard currency working capital is needed to pay for such things as the imported heavy machines and material Israel requires to produce exportable goods. A railway network is also in the planning.

Sharony attributes the economy's growth to the heavy immigration of educated Jews from former Soviet Union and to the peace process, in more and more countries have recognized the advantages of investment in Israel.

Keeping up with interest rates is difficult, he said, especially in the United States. Because of the financial world's credit rating system, Israel must pay a premium of 70 basis points above U.S. rates, and this is reviewed every 45 days, going up or down, depending on market conditions.

The United States has a secondary market for securities, which can change interest rates almost daily, and as Israel does not have a secondary market, the 45-day changes can often be drastic. So there can be no guarantee of a fixed income.

Israel's involvement in the business world is, therefore, highly specialized and has to be watched closely. A stable peace situation is needed and Sharony thinks Netanyahu's policies can achieve this.

Sharony was born in 1934 in Petah Tikvah, served 30 years in the army and then was in private industry before taking on the Bonds presidency. He lives in Tel Aviv.

Sephardic Rabbinate launched

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Amram Assayag wants to make one thing clear. As chief rabbi of the recently formed Sephardic Rabbinate of Ontario, he wants it known that the new Sephardi umbrella organization does not indicate a splintering off from the rest of the Jewish community.

On the contrary, the new Sephardi group was formed with the support of Toronto's Vaad Harabanim, of which Rabbi Assayag is a past president and on which he still remains active as a *dayan* (judge) of its rabbinical court.

"We support and see the need for this type of cohesiveness," Rabbi Moshe Stern, president of the Vaad, said about the new Sephardi umbrella.

The Sephardi community in Toronto dates back to the 1950s, when Moroccan immigrants first arrived in significant numbers. Today the community — which also includes Jews of Iraqui, Turkish and Yemenite origin, among others — has grown to almost 8,000 people and half a dozen congregations, the largest of which is Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla with 350 member families, where Rabbi Assayag serves as spiritual leader.

"Originally there was one shul and everyone was together," said Rabbi Assayag in a recent interview. "[Now there are] different synagogues in different areas of the city. We saw the community being divided in small groups. Even the small groups felt they wanted to belong to something stronger."

In fact, Sephardi rabbis did belong — and still do belong — to the Vaad Harabanim, Toronto's umbrella group for Orthodox rabbis.

"We are very proud that in our community all the Sephardi rabbis that are rabbis of congregations are part of the Vaad Harabanim. We all work together and we're all friends," said Rabbi Stern.

Toronto is unique in that respect, Rabbi Stern believes. "Even within the Orthodox movement in other [Diaspora] cities, there is often fragmentation. We are all one group. We have all the Orthodox rabbinic components — the yeshivah world, the synagogue world, the Sephardic world. [In some other cities] the Sephardi community has its own kashrut supervision and so on."

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The bullet which, out of the terrible darkness in the rocky hills of south Lebanon on Sept. 15, 1987, ended the life of their 25-year-old son, Alex, brought that sorrow into the lives of Suzanne and Max Singer of Chevy Chase, Md., forever altering the natural line of the rest of their lives.

In the midst of their grief, as a result of their grief, the Singers organized the Alex Singer Project. They published their son's writings and drawings into a book called *Alex – Building a Life: The Story of an American Who Fell Defending Israel, Told in His Letters, Journals and Drawings*. By doing so, they have harnessed into its own unique, inspiring light the "energy and joy" of Alex's life.

In last week's column, I promised to publish excerpts from this book.

I will tell more of Alex's story, but in his and his parents' words. His story requires, indeed demands, no editorial comment.

"In January 1985, Alex settled permanently in Israel. The next month he entered the army, four years older than the other recruits, a "lone soldier" with no immediate family except his younger brother in Israel. Alex joined the paratroops because he wanted to be with volunteers in the most "active" service and because his brother Daniel was in the paratroops.

"From the time he entered the army, Alex kept with him a journal in a small, black-bound artist's sketchbook."

Feb. 23/24, 1985

Dear Dad, Mom, Benj and Saul [Two of Alex's three brothers],

Here are some reactions to my first 2½ weeks: My favorite new Hebrew term is one used by the "phys. ed." teachers during our nightly exercise periods. When they want us to stretch, they say "more, more – *ad sof coev*," which means "until the end of pain." I think they mean the far end.

Mar. 22, 1985

I'm one month into basic training now. It has been as difficult physically as its reputation. And nothing compared to what we'll do. I'm told. Before the swearing in we had a hike which was actually pleasant – 25 kilometres with only battle gear and shared jerrycans, etc., from a hilltop on the road to Jerusalem, up to the city, all around the city to the Mount of Olives and views of Jordan, and finally into the Old City itself to the ceremony. At the ceremony, I promised to give my life (even) for this country. That was pretty odd, and saying it really brings into focus what I've done.

(This is a translation of the oath Alex took. "I hereby swear, and fully commit myself, to be faithful to the State of Israel, to its constitution and its authorities, and to take upon myself, without reservations or hesitancy, the rules of discipline of the Israel Defence Force, to obey all commands and orders given by authorized commanders, and to devote all my strengths, and even sacrifice my life, to the defence of my country and the freedom of Israel.")

June 14, 1985

Dearest Mother,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

As I sit in the Beit Lid army store waiting to go back to the army for Shabbat, I'm thinking of you, and tears are welling up a bit in my eyes, because when I spend time thinking about you I miss you, and now that it's your 50th birthday how can I but think of you?

And what do I think when I think of you? I think three things. I think gratitude ... I think admiration for how you've raised us, taught us, crated a magazine, been able to change and adapt to science, to teaching, to Israel, to archeology, to editing, to Washington, to everything that's crossed our lives as a family. I admire the way you have taken your children for what each of them is, and added to each of them.

Third, I think of joy. Joy is maybe what I feel most when I think of you, because you take the world so well and that makes me happy ...

June 31, 1985

I'm at the edge of an airfield "somewhere in Israel" waiting for the plane which will take me to my first jump. My parachute is on my back and the sun is shining on my face from just above the eucalyptus trees. I'm not scared, I think ...

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Aug. 17, 1986

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* * *

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Yiddish concert draws 1,500

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the second year in a row, the annual outdoor Yiddish concert in Earl Bales Park was rained out and held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue instead, where 1,500 people stomped up a storm to the hot licks of the Chutzpah Klezmer Band and other entertainers.

Informality was the key and Shalom Aleichem's dictum that "laughter is the best medicine" held sway in the concert that marked the 80th anniversary of the famed Yiddish writer's death.

In response to a plea from Gerry Kane, president of the Yiddish committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the concert's sponsor, the audience contributed $870 for Yiddish language causes.

"The faint strains of Yiddish are being heard again in the streets," said concert chair Hindy Abelson, noting an increasing number of young people at the concerts. The UJA Federation committee has rescued Jewish culture that otherwise would be lost, Abelson said.

The Shalom Aleichem remembrance was further enhanced by the selection of several numbers by his close friend, Mark Warshofsky.

Mezzo-soprano Stella Walker sang old favorites including *Di Zun Vet Aruntergoyn* while Michael Mandel, a lawyer who sings as a hobby, performed *A BildFund Der Alter Haym* and *Oyfn Pripichik*. Mandel noted that Aleichem's mythical town of Kasrilevka, Poland, is the sentimental home of many Toronto residents.

Later, they combined in a duet to sing the rollicking *Aktzik Er, Zibetzik Zie*(He's 80 and she's 70). The *chusen, colla* theme was given a comical airing with top-hatted band leader Martin Van de Ven playing the bridegroom and accordianist Sasha Luminsky the over-eager bride. Since the original *zemler* musicians entertained at weddings in *shtetl* society, they let loose in this number.

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, directed by Esther Ghan Firestone accompanied by Lina Zemelman and Toba Diamond, provided a solid base for the concert by performing, among other numbers, *Yiddish is Mein Loshen, Tevye's Hodl, Ot Azoy Nayt a Shnayder* and *Tsen Brider*. Glenn Spurrell and Bruce Hill were soloists.

Vocalist and storyteller Allan Merovitz pranced around the stage in his inimitable style leading the audience in song.

Both sides blamed for election rhetoric excesses

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Both sides in the recent Israeli election have delegitimized each other, charges prominent New York Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, a lecturer, author and spokesperson for religious Zionism and central Orthodoxy.

Rabbi Lookstein is spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and principal of Ramaz School, both in New York.

"They don't recognize that there are two legitimate opinions about Israeli security," he told *The CJN* in an interview just before a recent dinner for major donors to an Associated Hebrew Schools fundraising drive.

"They almost came to blows over the peace process. I have never seen such *sinat chinam* (baseless hatred) in either Israel or America."

The fault, he said, lies on both sides.

There is no question that Yigal Amir, the assassin of Yitzhak Rabin, came from the religious Zionist world and "we must question ourselves about how that could have happened."

"But that doesn't mean that all our institutions are culpable."

The religious Zionist point of view, he said, was well expressed by Rabbi Shlomo Aviner of Yeshivat Ateret Cohanim in the Old City of Jerusalem: "We can have passionate beliefs, but overriding everything should be tolerance and a love of all Jews."

He said he hopes the religious parties would use the opportunity provided by their considerable political clout "to demonstrate openness and a concern for the entire people of Israel, and not adopt a narrow policy."

On the other hand, he quoted Robert Rifkind, head of the American Jewish Committee, as having said that he hoped the people of Israel won't turn over the state to "*mullahs*."

"That's disgraceful, that a man who represents the American Jewish Committee could refer to a whole group of people in such fanatical terms," Rabbi Lookstein said.

He also slammed Rabbi Eric Yoffie, incoming president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, for "altering his investiture sermon to speak out against the 'fanatics' in Israel, and not giving them a chance to take into consideration the needs of all Israelis."

Rabbi Lookstein said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "seems to recognize that the priority is peace within Israel. Only then can there be peace between Israel and its neighbors."

Netanyahu, he said, has demonstrated his commitment to bringing the various factions in the country together. "I hope he will strive mightily [to do this] and to move ahead cautiously in search of peace."

Volunteers honored

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Don't ask Anne Herzog when she came to Canada or when she got married.

"I'm here now, what's the difference?" said the lively 90-year-old volunteer, one of 430 honored at an appreciation dinner at Bernard Betel Centre June 12.

Herzog takes the bus from her apartment building at Bathurst and Sheppard streets to the centre, where she collects tickets and admissions for Wednesday afternoon socials, among other duties.

She takes an upbeat view of life, concentrating on the present. "Do you still take a schnapps?" asked *The CJN* reporter. "Why not? Wouldn't you?" she replied.

Herzog said she didn't know any English when she arrived in Toronto from Russia and soon learned a lot of swear words from her playmates. "I registered in night school and they told me what I was saying wasn't nice."

Once when she was selling raffle tickets for the centre a man threw a $50 bill at her, without even taking a ticket. "I was shivering from excitement, but I didn't give back the $50."

She has one daughter, Debbie Wiseman, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of Toronto.

Herzog is one of the longest serving volunteers at the centre.

Another honoree, Bessie Cott, 92, helps "younger" members with their trays every day in the dining room. A vibrant, energetic woman, she models sweatsuits, pants, dresses and housecoats at the centre's fashion shows.

She lives nearby and can walk to the centre in good weather. Born in White Russia and raised in Bialystok, she came to Canada in 1929 at the age of 26, betrothed to Morris Cott. They were married for 53 years, Morris dying in 1982.

Describing herself as a woman who worked all her life, Cott said she was a finisher in various garment factories on Spadina Avenue. Though she doesn't remember what her first piece-work rate was, she does remember "kissing the first $10 bill" she earned.

The Cotts had two children, Harold, who died eight years ago, and Evelyn Eisenberg of Toronto. She has nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, oldest of the latter being 20 and the youngest five.

Evelyn Rabkin, 78, chair of the centre's volunteer commitee, was present, along with her husband, Jack, 83, who has collected $1,000 a year in food tapes for the centre. Evelyn Rabkin said the centre's volunteers have contributed 49,000 hours of work a year.

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Greater Toronto Area

Kalejs' unit helped 'annihilate' village: witness

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A company of the Arajs Kommando led by Konrads Kalejs took part in an assault on a Russian village in the winter of 1942. In the attack, the village was burned to the ground and all the inhabitants killed, an Immigration adjudicator heard last week.

"After the action, if you can call it that, the commander of my platoon told us about the operation," said Rudolfs Soms, a former private in the Arajs Kommando (AK). "According to the stories that we heard, we know the inhabitants of the village [were] exterminated and we could see that the village had been burned."

Soms' testimony was shown on videotape last week at Kalejs' immigration hearing before adjudicator Anthony Iozzo. The Immigration Department is seeking to remove Kalejs, who is an Australian citizen, from Canada, because of his involvement with the AK, which took part in the murder of more than 30,000 Latvian Jews during World War II.

The videotape testimony was recorded in Latvia in September 1987 for a U.S. deportation case involving Kalejs. Kalejs left the United States in 1994 after U.S. courts ordered him deported. He came to Canada later that year to clear his name, he said.

On the tape, Soms testified he took part in two actions in which Kalejs participated. In the first, Soms' platoon held a position outside the Russian village under attack, while Kalejs led his company inside. Although he didn't see Kalejs, members of the AK later discussed the event, including "members of Kalejs' company ... who had taken part there."

They said the battle ended because "there was nothing more to burn or exterminate," Soms recalled.

A second action at Sanniki was led by German Maj.-Gen. Stahlecker, the comander of all the German killing units on the northern front. The attack force included Kalejs' company and Soms' platoon, which was subordinate to Kalejs' unit. When the SS general was mortally wounded, the assault became disorganized and the attackers took revenge, Soms said.

Kalejs' unit entered the village and from his position outside the village, Soms said he could hear shooting. The village was burned down and "the inhabitants were annihilated," Soms said.

While he did not see Kalejs, other members of the AK later told him he was there. As a commander, he must have been there, Soms added.

Soms' testimony is consistent with earlier videotape testimony involving Harijs (Harry) Svikeris, a former senior officer in the AK. Svikeris was interrogated in 1993 by New Scotland Yard detectives as part of its investigation of Svikeris' role in the killing unit. Svikeris said that after the battle, he left Kalejs in charge while he returned to Riga.

Soms, who worked as a waiter before joining the AK, identified his unit as being commanded by a Lt. Indans. "Kalejs was his superior and Kalejs was responsible to Arajs," Soms said through an interpreter.

When asked about the concentration camp at Salaspils, outside Riga, Soms said he hadn't been there but had heard of conditions there. "One German concentration camp conveys everything," he said.

During the war he heard that prisoners there were forced to dig pits in the camp. It was "senseless labor" that was meant "to kill a person morally. The work made no sense," he said.

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New Sephardic rabbinate

[Cont'd. from page 3]

Rabbi Assayag feels that the Sephardic Rabbinate of Ontario, as a force for strengthening the Sephardi community, can only enhance the relationship between local Sephardim and the rest of the Jewish community.

"I think the beauty of Judaism is the fact that it's a mosaic. It's important that every detail of the mosaic be emphasized. The mosaic of Jewish life is a serious one that needs to be preserved."

Daily Torah classes run by the new Sephardic Rabbinate's Medrash Torah Vehayim are open to the entire community. Regular lecturers are Rabbis Assayag, Elisha Afriat, Moshe Bensalmon, Shalom Revah, Itamar Cohan and Abraham Kubayov.

The rabbinate and its institute, now in temporary premises, will be housed in the Or Haemet Sephardic School/community centre now being built on Bathurst Street in Thornhill.

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Greater Toronto Area

Fackenheim celebrates 80 years of Jewish living

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite academic honors and the personal experience of 80 years of crucial Jewish history, Emil Fackenheim remains a very human person who loses his house key and sold his Briar Hill Avenue house at the bottom of the real estate market to buy a Jerusalem condominium at a top price.

This picture of the former University of Toronto philosophy professor emerged at a dinner at Holy Blossom Temple as colleagues honored him on his 80th birthday and where he declared his aliyah to Israel as a life-affirming event.

Typical of his deprecating wit and keen insight into the Jewish condition was his account of his present teaching post at the Hebrew University where, he said, he has been demoted to the lowest position of a "professor from abroad." On hearing the news, a Jerusalem friend said, "Good, now you're being treated as dirt, like the rest of us."

As a member of the Holy Blossom Temple family for 50 years, Fackenheim inspired generations of students, said Rabbi Dow Marmur.

"He forced us to confront the Holocaust and to deny Hitler a posthumous victory," said Henrietta Chesnie, a past president. She lamented the absence, through a long illness, of his wife, Rose.

Fellow Holocaust survivor Eric Koch recalled how Fackenheim was arrested as an enemy alien in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1941 by a polite English bobby, who was invited in for tea, despite his mission.

When the German refugee packed 12 volumes of Kant and 42 volumes of Hegel into suitcases, the policeman protested, "But, sir, it's only for a weekend." Fackenheim replied, "You know your business, and I know mine."

When, to bear him out, events led to his incarceration in Canada, he took part in a hunger strike against camp conditions. A major from Ottawa arrived to settle the dispute, Fackenheim recalled, and climbed upon a table to address the inmates: "I understand most of you are Jews, but nevertheless you are expected to keep clean."

Surrounded by children and David, and their spouses, and his youngest child, Yossie, 16, he said the world still does not understand the significance of the founding of Israel in 1948. He will remain in Israel until the Mashiach arrives, he joked, and then return to Canada.

As a house guest, Fackenheim is both "fun" and a "headache" because he loses his key and forgets his underwear, said hostess Kitty Wintrob.

Prof. Bob McCrae recalled that Fackenheim's insatiable curosity drove him to climb a tree at the McCrae's cottage and then he couldn't get down.

Prof. Henry Fishel, of the University of Indiana, a student with Fackenheim in Berlin, and a friend for 60 years, said when they were standing in line at a German concentration camp, Fackenheim advised everyone to take off their glasses, "so they won't think we're intellectuals."

As a result, Emil, without glasses, was blinking in the sunlight when a Nazi asked him what he wanted to be. "A public school teacher," was the reply. "You are too stupid for that,' the German shot back.

Humorist and friend Allan Gould said Fackenheim could make a new suit look 20 years old. "When he went into Harry Rosen's and asked to see 'something cheap in a suit' the salesman said, 'the mirror is right over there.'"

Other reminiscences were given by Michael Morgan, a colleague at the University of Indiana.

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An electric moment

It was an electric moment for most of us, 20 years ago today, delivered in the briefest flash of information over the radio, across the television screen or in a dream-like phone call. It jolted us to the very essence of our beings. An instant later, as the news spread from household to household, the entire world seemed to light up like a gigantic neon billboard glowing with incredulity and pride.

On Sunday June 27, 1976, an Air France plane with a large number of Israeli passengers was hijacked by four terrorists, two Palestinians and two Germans, who had boarded in Athens. The plane eventually landed in Uganda. Idi Amin, Uganda's brutal dictator, was complicit in the hijacking, his troops standing guard over the hostages along with the terrorists. In an eerie, frightening throwback to the Nazi brutality of a mere 35 years earlier, the Israeli passengers were separated from the rest.

On July 3, at 3:30 p.m., Israel sent a special commando force to Entebbe to rescue the beleaguered hostages. Seven hours later, more than 2,000 miles away from the skies over Israel, the rescue was underway. Less than an hour after the first IDF soldiers emerged from their military transport in Entebbe, the hostages were safely aboard an IDF Air Force plane on their way home.

Three of the hostages lost their lives in the rescue operation. One of the hostages, 73-year-old Dora Bloch, who had been evacuated previously to a hospital in Kampala, was killed by Idi Amin's thugs. IDF Sergeant Sorin Herscu was severely wounded and became a quadriplegic, paralyzed in all four limbs. Lt.-Col. Jonathan "Yoni" Netanyahu, the field commander of the operation, was killed saving the hostages.

It was an act of daring, of precision and of high morality. Its importance to modern history can never be overstated. Former president of Israel Chaim Herzog has described that importance. "Apart from the message to the world at large, the IDF action at Entebbe delivered a special message to the Jewish people, telling them clearly and dramatically that ... they are not alone. Throughout the two millennia of exile and persecution - and particularly during the dark night of the Nazi Holocaust - the Jews had been helpless and isolated, with no one to protect them ... as opposed to the past, wherever Jews are in danger, they know that someone is worrying about them. They may sometimes find themselves living in fear, but never again do they have to live without hope."

The generation born after July 4, 1976 may not know of Entebbe, or may know of it only as the subject of a late-night movie. For their sake it is imperative that this magnificent story be retold. For our sake too - we who felt that electrifying jolt - it is imperative that the anniversary be remembered.

A *CJN* anniversary

A different anniversary, much less significant than Entebbe in the scheme of Jewish history, should also be noted for the readers of *The CJN*.

Twenty-five years ago, on July 9, 1971, *The Canadian Jewish News* was purchased from M. J. Nurenberger's company, North American Press Ltd. by three Toronto businessmen, Murray B. Koffler, Albert J. Latner and the late Ray D. Wolfe, the president of the paper until his death in 1990. Koffler and Latner are still directors of *The CJN*. Speaking for the new directors, Wolfe said "The new management intends to open the pages of the newspaper to diverse opinions within the Jewish community and to establish *The Canadian Jewish News* as a community forum." Five editors later, that is still our aim. Beginning next week on page 2, for an entire year, *The CJN* will carry brief summaries of national and international stories that appeared in the paper 25 years ago.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

"Do not drink from your own glass and cast envious eyes on another's!"
(Talmud, Nedarim)

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
July 1983: Elyse Goldstein became the first female rabbi in Canada at the Holy Blossom Temple. She held her position until 1986. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Disagrees with David Frum's political buddies

Re: Paul Lungen's article about David Frum (*CJN*, June 6).

The article quotes Maimonides (through Frum) as including in his eight steps of charity, "It's hard to make a Jewish case for a system where (people) remain dependent on the state for generation after generation."

Nobody is making a case for people to remain dependent upon the state. If Frum was really familiar with Maimonides' writing, charity or tzedakah is defined as a command, not just a good deed. Frum also states that "charity must be combined with self reliance." This can only be accomplished by creating jobs, not by firing gainfully employed people. People of Frum's philosophical persuasion have been taking away through "downsizing," even though their companies have been earning substantial profit.

As well, Frum's political buddies have been reducing the accessibility of higher education by raising tuition fees, cutting back on almost every area of health care (i.e. decreasing the number of beds, reducing nursing staff and closing hospitals), reducing day care for children and as a result making it impossible for many mothers to go to work.

We should not be referring to right or left wing or conservatives and liberals but rather to the kind of society we want to live in. Do we want a society in which only those with the financial means can acquire their basic needs, or do we believe it is the function of society to provide for health care, education and welfare, for those who do not have the means to support themselves and their children.

To my sorrow, Frum supports the former. Jewish tradition, I believe would support the latter.

Al Gorlick
Toronto

"Prisoner 88' is a Righteous Gentile

Recently I happened to watch the documentary aired on TVOntario *Prisoner 88* and was moved by Zygmund Sobolewski's outpouring of emotion at what he witnessed in the Auschwitz death camp.

I wish to thank Sobolewski for telling the world of the treatment and genocide of innocent men, women and children, whose only guilt was to be born Jewish or to be of Jewish descent.

At a time when many Poles ignore the issue of the development of a mall at Auschwitz and complain instead that the Jewish groups were "monopolizing" Auschwitz, he came out openly, telling the truth of Auschwitz and condemning these attitudes.

"Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor," teaches the Bible (Leviticus 19:16). Sobolewski was definitely not in a position to prevent the atrocities, but his conscience dictated to him to reveal and denounce what he had witnessed.

When these truths are written or told by Jews who miraculously survived the horrors, they are treated as grossly exaggerated, but coming from a Catholic, they sound more truthworthy.

He was not made a slave to blind racial prejudice, the curse of humanity. Being a practising Catholic, Sobolewski didn't hesitate to blame the Church and the Pope, his highest religious authority, for keeping silent in the face of this terrible Holocaust.

I consider Sobolewski a Righteous Gentile for perpetuating the holy memory of the martyrs.

God willing he will find reward in serving as a personal example to his sons of a humane spirit with unbiased judgment and courage, and they will hopefully follow in his footsteps.

Lily Kutner
Toronto

Chickens home to roost in Israeli election

It is now 15 years since Israel's bombing of Iraq's nuclear facility in 1981. In his book *Tamuz in Flames*, the author Mr. Nakdimon documents the intense opposition faced by former prime minister Menachem Begin when he tried to gain support for a military strike of Iraq's nuclear facility, specifically from his political opponents on the political left. This included Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres, Ezer Weizman, Yigal Yadin and particularly Chaim Herzog. Notwithstanding this opposition, Begin persisted in his determination to eliminate the threat posed by a nuclear-armed Iraq.

It is almost shocking when one considers that although the operation was a total success, Begin immediately came under attack from the above political leaders. Specifically, the raid was denounced as "political opportunism" as well as an "election ploy" on the part of Begin. Can one imagine the repercussions of a nuclear-armed Iraq today?

Begin is owed a debt of gratitude by all for his foresight and perseverance in the face of opposition. The recent defeat of the left in the Israeli election was also a defeat of these same political figures who criticized the Israeli right back in 1981 and are doing so again now.

Ramy Dishy
Toronto

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Perspectives

Entebbe: a unique phenomenon in history

By DANIEL BLOCH

The Entebbe rescue operation was a unique phenomenon in world history. For the first time a small country, neither a big power nor a colonial one, mounted a successful military operation in a far away country, in order to save the lives of a few of its citizens.

There is no doubt that July 3, 1976 was a historic turning point in the combat against terrorism. The Israeli army, with its wonderful combination of an elite commando unit and the world-renowned Israeli Air Force and with the help of excellent planning and logistic services, had proven that there was a way to fight hijacking, the modern version of piracy.

Entebbe had a special message for Israelis and for all the Jewish people around the world, about the importance of the existence of the Jewish state of Israel: it is not a country like any other country. Its existence, power and moral strength are not just for the sake of those who happen to live within its boundaries. It is a country that cares for Jews and Israelis wherever they are. Israel was established as a state that cares about the fate of Jews everywhere. This is the lesson learned from 2,000 years of exile, from the terrible days of the Holocaust: Never again. Wherever they are, Jews can feel that they are not alone.

Jewish solidarity manifests itself not only in words, demonstrations, financial aid or moral support, but in political and diplomatic work and when needed, in military action too.

In Israel, this event showed once again that all Israelis feel like one big family in times of trouble and distress. It seems that everybody had a relative, friend or acquaintance among the hostages. If not, he surely knew one of the soldiers participating in the rescue mission. The name of Jonathan Netanyahu is well remembered by all — and not because of his brother's political career.

Many boys born after July 4, 1976 were named Jonathan. My son is one of the many Jonathans of that period and in every group he has been part of, in kindergarten, school and youth movements, or now in his army unit, he has never been the only one with that name. Usually there are more than two or three.

The name of my late mother, Dora Bloch, is also known and cherished in every house and family. Two kindergartens were named after her — one in Jerusalem adjacent to the Jonathan Netanyahu Elementary School, and the other one in Tel Aviv. She became a symbol of Jewish suffering — the sacrificial lamb, suffering the primitive revenge of a bloody dictator, Idi Amin, who cooperated with international terrorists.

Our main consolation lies in the fact that my mother's murder gave rise to worldwide outcries that helped bring down Amin.

We will never forget the bravery of many people in Uganda, among them the doctor who tried to save her life and had to run away until Amin was out of power. Today he is the minister of health in the government of Uganda. The nurses in the hospital kept her belongings in spite of all the dangers.

The medal for bravery and for humane behavior should go to the residents of a small village near Kampala. They witnessed the original attempt by the secret police to burn my mother's body, an effort which was unsuccessful because of the high humidity. Eventually, the police simply left the body in the forest. The villagers hurried and buried the body in the forest, putting up a sign that would be understood only by them. They then succeeded in notifying British Intelligence of the burial. Thus, after President Lule replaced Amin, our family was able to find the body and bring our mother to Jerusalem for burial.

We will never know what our mother felt or knew just before she was taken away from the hospital and murdered. We just know of the visit to her by the British vice-consul in Kampala and his wife only a few hours before her death. They did not tell her about the successful rescue mission. She seemed to be in a good mood. Her only request was for some European-style food, as she could not eat the local menu. Her visitors promised to come back with food, but when they returned, she had already disappeared.

The vice-consul never forgave himself for not staying with her. We told him not to take any blame upon himself. Similarly, we told the doctor who had decided to keep her longer at the hospital that he should not blame himself. Given the state of Idi Amin's mind, nothing would have helped her.

Dora Bloch belonged to a pioneering Zionist family. Many members of her family died in battle to fulfil the Zionist dream. Many of them died alone, far away from their family and friends. Her father, Joseph Feinberg, immigrated from Russia in 1882 and was one of the 10 founders of Rishon L'Zion. When the first settlers encountered difficulties, he was sent to Europe and succeeded in convincing Baron Edmund de Rothschild to support the establishment of agricultural settlements in Israel.

Several years later, he headed a farmers' rebellion against the administration sent by the baron to manage the affairs of the villages. Feinberg was forced to leave his home, because Rothschild had threatened to cut off all support for Rishon L'Zion. My grandfather settled in Jaffa and tried several business ventures, but all of them failed. Sick and tired, he went to recuperate in Jericho, where he died far away from his family. My mother was only 2 years old when she lost her father.

She was a homemaker. She dedicated her life to her family and to volunteering, mainly helping new immigrants. She spoke seven languages fluently including Arabic. She had many Arab friends and she believed in peace. She was certain that, deep inside, most Arabs and Palestinians wanted to put an end to tears and bloodshed. She had warm memories of the almost 20 years that she lived in Egypt. She was killed only 18 months before the historical peace initiative of Sadat of Egypt.

When I first landed in Egypt as a reporter covering the peace negotiations, I felt so sad that my mother could not witness those great events. She always dreamed of being able to once again visit the country she had left in 1923, but fate decided otherwise.

It is already 20 years since Entebbe. Memories are fresh, emotions are undiminished. Despite all our ideological and political differences, all Israelis are united in their recognition of the need to have a strong and sophisticated army, an army that can fight against any foe, regular armies as well as terrorists, an army that can help Jews and Israelis in times of great and imminent danger, anywhere in the world, an army that will always assure us that we are not alone.

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The hostages return from their ordeal. [IPPA]

Dora Bloch

Jonathan "Yoni" Netanyahu

This is the famous Mercedes, seen in the belly of a Hercules military transport airplane, which was used in the rescue operation. The soldiers are wearing replica Ugandan military uniforms. Because the car was similar to the one used by Idi Amin, it was used to confuse the Ugandans guarding the airport where the hostages were being held. The photo was taken during the preparations for the operation. It was first released in *Entebbe Rescue*, by Haber, Shiff and Ben Porat. [IPPA]

Opinions

A tribute to my readers

It has been over a year since I began writing this column. It is time to share with you some reaction to its opinions. Let me begin by saying that I have been pleasantly surprised by many of the calls I have received and the comments passed along (often across the country). It is very gratifying to know that people are reacting to what was said, whether they agree with me or not.

By Jean M. Gerber

I was pleased that people read my critique of fundamentalist Christian efforts to appear as friends of Israel while at the same time harboring right-wing, sometimes extreme, attitudes towards social issues such as abortion and social justice. Several of these groups and individuals have recently demonstrated that they hold racist opinions as well as anti-Jewish views.

Let me say that I remain an outspoken advocate of dialogue with people of other faiths. Such dialogue must, however, be grounded in respect for each religion. Honest dialogue can only bring us closer together. We should be aware, however, that conversionist tendencies are still present. A Southern Baptist denomination has recently affirmed its intention to devote major resources towards the conversion of Jews. We must distance ourselves from those who would convert — an overt rejection of Judaism as a valid faith — and those who would use religion as a means to subvert democratic choices, no matter what lip service they pay to Israel.

I was surprised that many people asked for reprints of my article on Jews by choice. My appreciation to all those who wrote or called me with stories to share. One needs to be shared with you, since it puzzles me. My caller was very frank. While she valued her friends who are Jews by choice, she would rather not have her children marry one. She wants Jewish in-laws, with whom she can share common ground. Perhaps other readers have the same feelings. Can they explain them? I would like to understand.

My pre-Israel election article received strong reactions, both positive and negative. I was, however, wrong; obviously Israelis *are* ready to condone strong representation of ultra-religious parties in a government that shows many signs of ambivalence on the peace process. One conversation regarding this stands out. "Israel is a Jewish state," my caller said, "and not a binational state, or a secular state. The religious parties will make sure that Israel stands for traditional Jewish values. The secular Zionists were against these."

The columns that generated the most heat were those concerned with women's issues. I obviously touched cords, both of hostility and agreement. I do appreciate that people take the time to write to me and share their thoughts, even if they are dramatically opposed to mine. I can only say that I would never force someone to do something they found objectionable, but I staunchly defend the right of women to seek opportunities for full public participation in prayer and full equality in Jewish scholarship and the process of developing Halachah.

Finally, however, I report with sadness that one column seems to have gone unread by those who I wish would read it. A recent letter to *The CJN* came from a family struggling to find a place where their child could receive a Jewish education along with other Jewish children. When I wrote about Jews with special needs, I was addressing that very issue, the issue of communal responsibility to see that *all* Jews are included in regular community benefits, a major one of which is access to a Jewish education for children with special challenges. In fact, of course, it is we who are challenged to provide for all children the best Jewish education we can, rather than sweeping grandly past the child who needs more.

With our wealth and resources, can't we do better? Surely with all our institutional will we can find a place for every Jew. Even if that institutional will is lacking, we have an obligation: all Jews have a portion in the Jewish world and it is our responsibility to see that they enjoy that portion.

Thank you all for calling, writing, reading.

This new Merchant is brilliant

Douglas Rain, the actor who supplied the voice of Hal in Stanley Kubrick's *2001, A Space Odyssey*, has changed my mind about Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, one of the Stratford's Festival's offerings for the 1996 season.

By Arnold Ages

Since its inauguration in 1953, Stratford has presented *The Merchant of Venice* many times and on the three occasions I saw it, the play, no matter how skilfully produced, left me feeling distressed at best and revolted at worst.

The force of the malignant anti-Semitism which is at the core of the play and which is intensified by the ghoulish "pound of flesh" courtroom episode has never successfully been masked or diminished by any sympathetic production of the work.

Until Rain and this, the most edifying and brilliant rendering of *The Merchant* since the beginning of the Stratford Festival of Ontario.

Rain brings to the role of Shylock a presence and a dignity that have only been hinted at by other actors. Rain's resonant voice, matchless diction, dignified bearing and indefinable aura of authority transform the moneylender into a noble victim of circumstances dictated by the pressures of Christendom.

The mastery of the role that Rain exhibits in the play can be seen in his very first appearance. Antonio agrees to sign a loan for Bassanio (who needs the money to pursue Portia, the wealthy heiress) with Shylock, who agrees to advance 3,000 ducats without interest, but with the quirky and diabolical stipulation that failure to pay the loan would lead to the forfeiture of a pound of flesh.

In this first encounter, Shylock-Rain delivers himself of a powerful indictment of the way in which Antonio has besmirched his name with slanderous allegations about his Jewish "wickedness." In that short speech, Rain's Shylock manages to evoke eloquently the atmosphere of Christianity's age-old teaching of contempt for Jews. Compared to Shylock's magisterial intonations about the Jewish fate under Christianity, Antonio's response is tepid and anemic.

In a recent article in *Commentary* magazine, a Shakespearean scholar argues that Shylock's most famous speech — "Hath not a Jew eyes?" — traditionally described by critics as Shakespeare's plea for tolerance, is of relatively little consequence because Shylock's eloquent words are delivered in prose and to secondary characters and not to the principals in the play.

When I read this critique, I immediately agreed with the writer's thesis, that is to say, if Shakespeare's agenda had been to promote more tolerant attitudes towards Jews, he would have had Shylock's poignant defence of Jewish humanity directed to Antonio or Bassanio.

However, the potency of this argument was neutralized for me by Rain's delivery of that great soliloquy. The fact that it was directed at secondary personages was of no consequence. Rain's rendering of Shakespeare's poetic prose was such that it filled not only the stage but the entire Avon Theatre, engulfing the audience with its powerful images of Jewish dignity and vulnerability. No one in the audience at that moment was even aware of the characters to whom the remarks were directed.

Much of the success of this *Merchant of Venice* comes, as has been indicated, from Rain's impeccable phrasing and diction — the verbal counterparts of his sartorial elegance. This Shylock is no Dickensian Fagin with stereotypical ghetto gait and stooped back. Rain's Shylock stands erect at all times and faces his tormentors in and out of court with integrity.

In those instances when his voice waivers and quivers — when Shylock learns of the desertion of his daughter Jessica and her theft of family jewels — Rain introduces pain, anger, pathos and melancholy into the father's anguished response. Rain even manages to mute Shylock's greedy preoccupation with the theft of the jewels rather than with the loss of his daughter by using lower registers of the voice to record that Shakespearean bow to contemporary English anti-Semitism.

It should be said, of course, that not even Rain's considerable talent can diminish the venom against Jews which flows from the courtroom scene's assault upon Shylock, where Antonio's comrades heap scorn upon the merciless moneylender. The latter's reputation is sullied even more with Portia's "The quality of mercy is not strained," monologue.

Still, even at the play's denouement, with Shylock's defeat, humiliation and impending conversion to Christianity, Rain manages to instil into his depiction of this hapless individual more than a tincture of defiance, grace and nobility — this in spite of Shakespeare's malevolent script. Rain has created one of the greatest Shylocks of all times.

Snitching

The Ontario government has announced that it will institute a program of riding herd on "aggressive drivers." Now everyone who operates an automobile knows the kind of driver who uses his vehicle to wind in and out of traffic, occasionally forcing you to the curb in order to avoid a collision, and whom you instantly recognize as a danger on the road. I say "his" because such individuals are usually male and under 25 years of age; and psychologists add their bit by analyzing these jockeys as either rebellious youth or socially retarded individuals who want to taste "power" by practising brinkmanship, thereby endangering others as well as themselves.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

I don't know how the OPP will manage to curtail this phenomenon without putting a fair number of officers on the road. In any case, they have called on the public to cooperate and use cellular phones or other means of communication to report these road pests.

But that appeal does not sit right with some citizens, if I am to believe the latest radio reports. They call this "snitching," and they remember from their school days that this was the greatest sin a student could commit. He or she would automatically be ostracized for such behavior — however beneficial it might be to the cause of honesty, fairness or decency. Whatever offence another student had committed, snitching was considered worse by one's peers.

This same phenomenon, I learned, also surrounds the case of the so-called Unabomber. You will remember that some months ago, the FBI arrested Theodore Kaczynski, believing he was the one who had killed and injured a number of people in order to proclaim that modern technology was killing us all. Part of the fascination with this alleged perpetrator was the fact that his own brother David had alerted the authorities. David felt that his brother was a danger to the public and that he would likely commit further mayhem. In order to prevent this, he turned his brother in, so the story goes.

Recently an article appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, where Michael Ventura criticized not the Unabomber, but his brother David, and called the latter — not the former — morally deficient, so that "no one will ever be able to fully trust David Kaczynski." In other words, the brother snitched and snitching was worse on the scale of moral values than the possibility that his brother might commit further crimes.

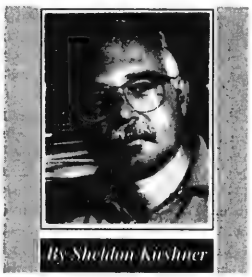
The snitcher is thus portrayed as the ultimate untrustworthy person — another aspect of the reversion of our value system. Right becomes wrong, and wrong becomes attractive. Criminals are adored for their macho and daring, and those who turn them in are spoilers of the game. Which means, of course, that the line between moral and immoral is blurred beyond recognition.

Jewish tradition has something to say about this. The Torah warns us: "Do not be a tale-bearer, but neither should you stand idly by the blood of your brother" (Leviticus 19:16). This has generally been understood as an obligation to do something in order to prevent evil.

The Kirshner File

Circumstances surrounding 1946 pogrom remain a mystery

On July 4, 1946, 42 Jews were murdered and more than 60 wounded by a mob in the Polish city of Kielce.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Fifty years later, the Kielce pogrom remains a unique phenomenon — the worst pogrom in post-war European history.

To this day, the circumstances surrounding the pogrom remain a mystery. Was it a spontaneous outbreak, or was it planned? Was it an explosive manifestation of popular anti-Semitism, or was it a cynical plot by the Soviet Union to discredit anti-Communist elements in Poland and abroad?

Whatever its origins, the pogrom, summoning up graphic images of blood libel, is an ugly blot on Poland (which, before the Holocaust, was home to 3.3 million Jews).

The current Polish government is aware that the pogrom — which was widely condemned by Poles — stained Poland's reputation and embittered Polish-Jewish relations. Last January, Foreign Minister Dariusz Rosati of Poland issued an apology to the World Jewish Congress. But among Polish Jews, the pain, the anguish and the anger persist.

When World War II ended, something like 200 Jews lived in Kielce, less than one percent of its pre-Holocaust population. The survivors, the majority of whom had found refuge in the Soviet Union during the hostilities, returned to a country which had been devastated by a German occupation and was locked in a fierce power struggle that Communist forces would handily win.

The pogrom was sparked by rumor and inflamed by anti-Jewish resentment. In some respects, it was remarkably similar to the Menahem Mendel Beilis case in Russia in 1911 (which inspired American novelist Bernard Malamud to write *The Fixer*).

The tragedy in Kielce unfolded when a Polish boy, Henryk Blaszczyk, claimed that he and other Christian children had been kidnapped and taken to a basement in a building at 7 Planty St. Militiamen entered the building, which housed Jewish social and religious institutions as well as most of the town's Jews. They found neither children nor a cellar. Nevertheless, a crowd began to harass the Jews. Violence flared and Jews were killed in cold blood. Members of the militia and soldiers joined in the orgy of killing.

One hundred people were arrested for participating in the mayhem. Following a trial, nine of the perpetrators were sentenced to death. The government promised an investigation, but a report was never released.

Instead, the Communist authorities declared that the pogrom had been fomented by the anti-Communist underground in collusion with the Polish Peasants' party. Moral responsibility for the pogrom was attributed to the Roman Catholic church.

According to Michael Checinski (*Poland: Communism, Nationalism, Anti-Semitism*), a former Polish intelligence officer, the pogrom may well have been planned by the Soviet and Polish security services as part of a calculated plot to tighten Moscow's grip on Poland.

This theory is supported by a booklet (*Kielce — July 4, 1946*) published by the Polish Educational Foundation in North America. It claims: "The pogrom ... was timed for anti-Polish propaganda purposes to persuade the Western powers that Poland should remain a colony of the Soviets."

True or not, one should not lose sight of the fact that the pogrom was ultimately a deep-seated expression of visceral anti-Semitism.

In the wake of the war, anti-Jewish sentiments were rife in Poland. The German occupation had exacerbated traditional anti-Semitism. To that may be added two more factors: an unwillingness by Poles to relinquish property to their Jewish owners, and a perception among Poles that the Communist takeover had been accomplished with the visible assistance of Jews and that Jews were too prominently represented in the government.

Jews, diehard Communists, were indeed prominent in Poland's post-war regimes. The most notable of these office-holders were Jakub Berman, Hilary Minc and Roman Zambrowski, all of whom were assimilated Jews who had little or no contact with the organized Jewish community. Jews were particularly over-represented in the hated security apparatus, a fact that was bitterly resented by right-wing Polish nationalists.

"The first cadres of the Polish Communist party in 1945... were composed of men in uniform, a very large proportion of them intellectuals of Jewish descent," writes the Polish poet Czeslaw Milosz, who is not unfriendly to Jews. "The Russians regarded them as more reliable instruments of Soviet desires in the belief that they would be less inclined to Polish patriotism because of the discrimination to which the Polish rightists had subjected them before the war."

As a result of such perceptions and feelings, anti-Semitic violence rocked Poland in the post-war period. Prior to Kielce, pogroms erupted in Rzeszow and in Krakow. And in December 1945, a grenade was thrown into the Jewish community centre in Kielce. (By the summer of 1947, approximately 1,500 Polish Jews had been slain in assaults in 155 localities, writes Jaff Shatz in *The Generation: The Rise and Fall of Jewish Communists in Poland.*

All agree that these incidents drove up the rate of Jewish emigration, even though, paradoxically enough, the Communist regime was allegedly committed to a policy of reviving Jewish life in Poland.

The role of the Catholic church in the Kielce pogrom is still debated.

August Hlond, the primate of Poland, officially condemned it. But he went one step further. Cardinal Hlond claimed that anti-Semitism was due "to the Jews who today occupy leading positions in Poland's government and endeavor to introduce a governmental structure that the majority of the Poles do not wish to have."

The bishop of Lublin, reiterating this view, added: "The Germans murdered the Jewish nation because the Jews were the propagators of Communism."

In fact, although a disproportionate number of Jews belonged to the Communist party, Jews did not bring Communism to Poland. Nor were the vast majority of Polish Jews sympathetic to Communism.

Be that as it may, many Poles were convinced that there was a direct relationship between Jews and Communism. They bought the nefarious myth of *Zydo-Komuna* (Jewish Communism).

Certainly, the Catholic church appears to have been receptive to this notion. This may explain its reluctance to stand up courageously to anti-Semitism.

In May 1946, just two months before the Kielce pogrom, Rabbi David Kahane, a Polish Jewish leader, requested a pastoral letter from the church condemning anti-Semitism. Rabbi Kahane and others also submitted a memorandum in which they warned of the dangers of anti-Semitic violence if the church did not raise its voice.

Cardinal Hlond, who in 1936 had advocated an economic boycott against Jewish businesses, returned the memorandum via his secretary, and a pastoral letter was not issued, according to historian Michal Borwicz.

Still more disheartening, the bishop of Kielce, three weeks *before* the pogrom, also refused to release a pastoral letter on the subject.

On the day of the pogrom, a local Jewish leader tried to telephone the bishop's residence to ask for intervention. Borowicz claims that the bishop's office refused to grant him a connection, and that in the wake of the pogrom the bishop declined to sign a statement denouncing the onslaught.

The bishop did release a separate declaration decrying the bloody events in Kielce. But by then, it was too late.

Vanished world

Recently, I tuned in to a PBS television documentary entitled *Shtetl*, fully expecting to be transported into a vanished world which, predictably, has been romanticized by outsiders who never personally tasted the hardship and isolation of a struggling East European village.

And while Marian Marzynski's riveting three-hour film offered a glimpse of what the shtetl may have been like in its heyday, Marzynski had bigger fish to fry. He was really interested in a far more sensitive and divisive topic — the nature of Jewish-Polish relations, now and during World War II.

Marzynski, a naturalized American who was born in Warsaw and hidden in a Catholic orphanage during the Holocaust, accompanied Nathan Kaplan to Bransk, whose Jewish population was all but decimated in Treblinka in 1942.

Kaplan, a resident of Chicago, was drawn to Bransk, his father's birthplace, by a 29-year-old amateur historian named Zbyszek Romaniuk, a Catholic who possessed more than a passing knowledge of the Polish city's Jewish dimension.

Romaniuk was not only familiar with Bransk's Jewish past, of which there is little trace today. On his own initiative, he had returned Jewish gravestones — which cynically had been used by the Germans for reinforcing local roads — to Bransk's Jewish cemetery.

When Romaniuk returns to Bransk from edifying trips to the United States and Israel — where he visits the U.S. Holocaust Museum and where he has an uncomfortable encounter with Israeli high school students who doubt his sincerity — he finds offensive graffiti on the walls of his home: "Jew" and "Shabbos goy." Plainly, some of his fellow Poles are unhappy with his philo-Semitism.

Zbyszek Romaniuk

Their attitude is not altogether surprising: Poles in Bransk, perhaps unwillingly, collaborated with the Germans, and still harbor stereotypical views of Jews.

Even Romaniuk is influenced by this corrosive social climate. In planning celebrations for Bransk's 500th anniversary, Romaniuk, the deputy mayor, deliberately omits all references to its former Jewish inhabitants. Jews, he explains somewhat embarrassingly, no longer live in Bransk. And the people of Bransk, quite honestly, feel ill at ease with Jews, who are normally associated with wealth and seen as cunning and clannish.

Oh, yes, the local band plays *Fiddler on the Roof* as Bransk enjoys its celebration. But for all intents and purposes, the Jews are not part of it. They have been calculatingly excised from Bransk's history.

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Anne Frank could teach us all

By JOEL RAY

Guest Voices

Recently, I rediscovered the life and philosophy of a heroine whose memory forms a beacon for Jews and their brethren, as we move further away from the shiver of World War II and the despicable, yet sometimes courageous deeds of the time. *Anne Frank Remembered* is a poignant cinematographic expression of survival and morality, at a time when the world was undergoing unthinkable changes.

All of us can learn from the life and writings of Anne Frank. We may come to understand that solitude and isolation are vital ingredients in our own lives if we are to gain an understanding of ourselves and the world around us. It is solitude that generates reflection, wrote Maimonides, which in turn enables us to acknowledge the universe and our role therein.

Frank's written work echoed the life of a troubled teenager (which gives it its human appeal), but it was also a cry for hope and optimism and a love for life. The diary was not solely written by the author for her own introspection, but was intended to be read by others at some later date. It reveals the true loss of World War II — loss of the human being as a person rather than an object or number — and it is the magnitude of such loss that makes us weep as we watch the film and the story of Frank's life.

In the midst of the lonely, melancholic tone set by the movie, *Anne Frank Remembered* delivers an even greater message. It points out acts of goodness, as demonstrated by the Frank family's friends and employees who hid and sustained them for more than two years within the secret canal apartment in Amsterdam. The documentary perpetuates the literal truth that many non-Jews placed their lives on the line to save Jews.

The segments with Miep (Santrouschitz) Gies, the former secretary and friend of Otto Frank, are moving beyond description. Gies' commitment to maintaining the Frank family within their hideout was of major proportion and involved great risk. The greatest strength revealed about Gies during her numerous interviews is her degree of compassion and humility. The sombre, almost impersonal tone that she exhibits during the film reinforces the notion that her actions more than 50 years ago were based on a given: "that it was the right thing to do." There was, and still is, no need for Gies to hesitate or reflect upon this.

As the film ends, we are left with little else, but to ask, "How can I help the many modern-day Anne Franks who are oppressed by cruelty and circumstance within the inner cities and slums of Rio, Bombay or Guatemala?" Yet, we hesitate and are uncertain about our role in these people's lives.

Anne Frank Remembered reminds us, as Jews, to isolate, reflect and acknowledge that there are so many young people with hopes and dreams to be actualized by our intervention; or to be left to whither away silently, never to be heard from or read about or known.

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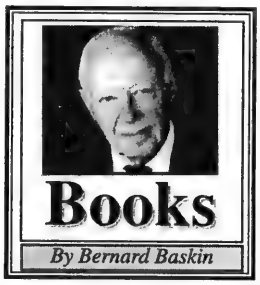

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Newspaper's past explored by author

The Paper's Papers by Richard F. Sheppard, Random House $42

In 1883, Adolph Ochs, the youthful owner of Tennessee's *Chattanooga Times*, married Effie, the vivacious daughter of Isaac Mayer Wise, president of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and America's best known rabbi. Thirteen years later, Ochs bought the nearby bankrupt *New York Times*, which is still owned and operated by the fourth generation of Ochs' descendants.

In *The Paper's Paper*. Richard Sheppard, who worked as a reporter, editor and columnist on the *Times* for over 40 years, delves into the paper's huge archive and reveals for the first time some of the behind the scenes problems, concerns, debates and decisions.

Some of these are Jewish in nature. Ochs and his son-in-law and successor, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, regarded their Jewish faith as a religion, with no ethnic or national overtones. They were anxious to keep any trace of favoritism toward Jewish causes far from their readers.

It is no surprise that they were opposed to Zionism. In 1920, Sulzberger wrote, "I am truly grateful that I was born a Jew because of the rich inheritance that I have received thereby. I feel that I have profited from the prejudice which I know exists around me, but which fortunately has not often touched me. I think it has tended to make me more aggressive — more alert — more broadminded and tolerant. And so I deem it a privilege to 'stand up and be counted' as a Jew. I have a Jewish feeling — a Jewish religion — must I take what for me is a step backwards in order to show it?"

As Hitler was coming to power in Germany, Ochs declined an invitation to attend a testimonial dinner for Samuel Untermyer in honor of his work for persecuted Jews. Untermyer was a prominent New York Jewish lawyer and social reformer.

Ochs wrote, "I am not in agreement with Mr. Untermyer in the wisdom of an international organization of Jews to combat the uncivilized and inhuman German regime, for I fear a strictly Jewish crusade may do more harm than good.

"I believe the condemnation of Germany should be universal, embracing all creeds and races who believe in 'liberty, equality and fraternity.' "

In 1947, when the United Nations voted the partition of Palestine, the *Times* was sufficiently anti-Zionist to arouse strong feelings for a "Jewish boycott" of the paper. This protest fizzled as the *Times* gradually adopted a more moderate position towards the State of Israel.

The author describes the reluctance of the paper in the early years to bring so called "social news" about blacks or Jews. An enraged rabbi wrote that among the many items published, there did not seem to be a single Jewish name nor any reference to any social happening in any Jewish family. The letter concluded, "I am loath to believe that Anti-Jewish bigotry could have been the reason for the non-publication of an item concerning a social event in my family, or any other Jewish family, in the columns of a newspaper ... of which you are the editor and proprietor."

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The book also offers more than 120 photographs, cartoons, letters and reproductions from the archives.

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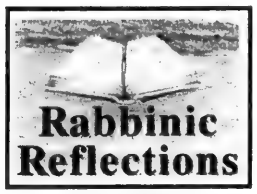

By RABBI
REUVEN TRADBURKS

Now that we are back in the land of Israel, prosperous and gathering all the exiles into the land, is it still necessary to observe mourning for the destruction of the Temples?

Beginning this Thursday with Shiva Asar b'Tammuz, we observe increasing degrees of mourning for the destruction of the first and second temples, culminating with Tisha b'Av. During this time we don't have weddings, listen to music or cut our hair. These are all normal practices of a mourner. The one thing that is missing is the *kriah*, the ripping of the garments before the funeral. However, we do this too, but in a different time and place.

The Talmud states that one ought to do *kriah* upon seeing the cities of Yehuda in ruins. One ought also to do *kriah* upon seeing the city of Jerusalem in ruins. Similarly, one ought to do *kriah* upon seeing the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in ruins. Should we still do these various *kriahs* in our time? After all, the cities of Yehuda are being rebuilt. The city of Jerusalem is more built up now than at any time in history (at least in the physical size of the city and possibly also in size of population). Should we be tearing our garments when we see the glory of modern day Jerusalem or should we be saying a *l'chaim*?

Rav Hershel Schachter, the rosh kollel at Yeshiva University, makes an important distinction in these *kriahs*. The Land of Israel has significance to us in two ways, political and religious. This is the land that we have a mitzvah to settle and to govern.

The seat of the Jewish government was in Yehuda, and more specifically, in Jerusalem. The destruction of the cities of Yehuda signifies the loss of Jewish dominion, the fall of the Jewish government. The destruction of Jerusalem signifies the fall of the seat of the government. Therefore, the rabbis instituted the *kriah* as a sign of mourning for the loss of Jewish dominion.

Today, we have dominion over the cities of Yehuda and we have the seat of government in Jerusalem. Therefore, these *kriahs* are no longer to be observed.

However, the destruction of the Temple has religious significance. It is the symbol of the distancing of the Shechina, the Divine Presence. We tear *kriah* as a sign of disappointment, of pain at the distance between man and the *Shechina*. This *kriah* is still required. We are mourning a spiritual state that still exists.

It is for this same reason that all the practices of mourning leading up to Tisha b'Av are still in effect. These mourning practices are for the destruction of Jerusalem in its spiritual aspects. We mourn for this destruction and pray for the rebuilding of the spiritual Jerusalem.

Rav Soloveitchik was vehemently against the suggestion made by Rav Goren to rewrite the prayer Nachem that we say on Tisha b'Av, to reflect that Jerusalem is rebuilt. The physical rebuilding of Jerusalem has happened and continues to happen. The spiritual rebuilding is taking a little longer to happen.

Let us hope and pray that we will contribute our part to spiritually rebuild Jerusalem.

Rabbi Tradburks is the spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah in Toronto.

Commemorating a painful past

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway, like Jewish history, does not always lead to pleasant destinations. But revisiting the bitter events of our past can teach us powerful lessons for today.

We are about to embark on a period which commemorates some of the most painful events in Jewish history. Starting with the 17th of Tamuz and culminating on the Ninth of Av, these three weeks recall the destruction of the First and Second Temples and many other persecutions of the Jewish people.

There are several very good sites which summarize the history of the "Three Weeks" such as **[http://members.aol.com/jewfaq/holiday.htm]** and **[http://www.ort.org/links/benuri/tour_8.htm]**. For a comprehensive look at the customs associated with this season and their origins, visit **[http://www.torah.org/learning/yomtov/fasts.htm]**. And in *Jerusalem in Jewish Consciousness* **[http://www.jajz-ed.org.il/9avrka.html]**. Dr. Dov Goldflam looks at how the loss of Jerusalem and its Temples have etched their way into the Jewish psyche.

Central to the observance of Tisha b'Av is the reading of Megillat Aichah (Book of Lamentations) which recalls the glory that was Jerusalem and the depths to which the city and its inhabitants have descended. If you have installed Hebrew fonts on your Internet browser, you can read Aichah in the original Hebrew at **[http://www1.snunit.k12.il/kodesh/bible/maich.html]**. The King James English translation of Aichah can be found at **[http://www.spd.louisville.edu/~m0zaud01/holy/lam.txt]**.

It can be difficult to understand the impact events of long ago had on everyday life. The *Jerusalem Mosaic* **[http://jeru.huji.ac.il/open_screen2.htm]** tries to bring that history to life. Through photographs, maps and essays, the mosaic follows the history of Jerusalem from the First and Second Temple to the modern times. There are essays on personalities of the day, dress and even food during the First Temple Period **[http://jeru.huji.ac.il/eb1s.htm]**.

Speaking of food, during the first nine days of Av, it is traditional to refrain from eating meat. If you are looking for a new yet ancient dairy meal, the *Jerusalem Mosaic* offers a recipe for a 2,500-year-old dish. Dating back to the First Temple, labaneh **[http://jeru.huji.ac.il/eb42.htm]** is made from sour milk and yogurt. According to the recipe, you *can* use regular milk in your labaneh but "it's worth making the effort to get sheep's milk."

There are several interesting sites which look at the events surrounding this period and offer some contemporary insights. In his article on the *Forgotten Hero of Tisha b'Av Enabled Judaism to Survive* **[http://www.jewish.com/bk950804/comm2.htm]** Rabbi Irving Greenberg tells the story of one of Judaism's great visionaries. It was Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai who was able to secure Yavneh as the centre of Jewish life after the fall of Jerusalem. Rabbi Greenberg suggests that modern Jewish leadership could learn from ben Zakkai's model of combining both trust in G-d and personal initiative.

There is another potent lesson that can be learned 2,000 years after the fall of Jerusalem. In his *Thoughts on Tisha b'Av* **[http://www.virtual.co.il/education/education/ohr/special/misc/tishabav.htm]** Rabbi Yochanan Zweig tells the Talmudic story of the dispute between Kamtzah and Bar Kamtzah. According to tradition, the Second Temple was destroyed because of *sinat hinam* (pointless hatred among the Jewish people).

Rabbi Jerome Epstein echoes those feelings in *Tisha b'Av Tragedy Should Exhort Community to Unite.* **[http://www.jewish.com/bk950804/comm1.htm]**. He decries bickering among Jews who ultimately share a common goal and future. But he finishes on a positive note. "Tradition maintains that after grieving, we must renew our strength and continue our lives. The period of shiva is finite; we are not permitted to mourn forever. In this spirit, let us use the holiday of Tisha b'Av to strengthen both our commitment and our community so that we can lessen, if not totally eliminate, the need for future mourning."

Amen.

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Greater Toronto Area

Romanian-born scholar Heger earns PhD at 72

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — His days of running a large business enterprise are behind him, but Paul Heger's work ethic and high standards are not. At 72, Heger has just received his PhD in Jewish history from the University of Toronto.

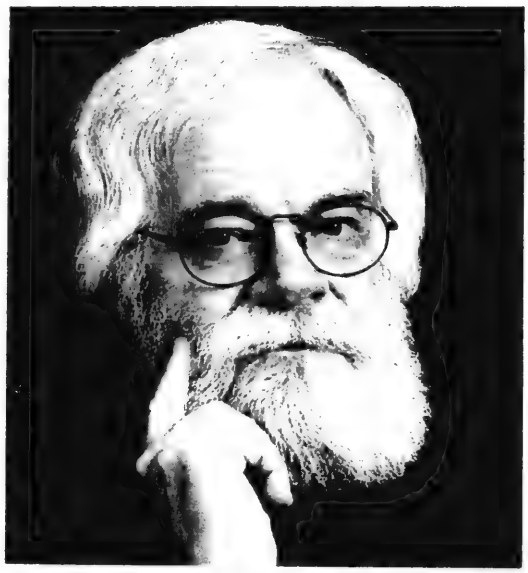
In the past 10 years, the Romanian-born scholar, who moved here from Israel with his wife in 1982, has acquired a BA in Near Eastern Studies and Religious Studies and another in Jewish Studies, an MA in Post-Biblical Literature, two scholarships, two Dean's Honor Roll listings and an academic award. His PhD thesis on *The Development of the Incense Cult in Israel* is being published by international academic publisher Walter de Gruyter.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," Heger says emphatically of his studies, although he admits there were obstacles along the way.

Despite his linguistic ability — he knows 10 languages and has an excellent command of English — he found the study of ancient Greek "boring and difficult, especially for a person [my] age, because it has to do very much with memory."

When it comes to issues, asking questions and making comparisons, however, he feels an older student "who has an interest" may do even better than a younger person.

For Heger, going back to school has been both satisfying and practical. "I know people who retire and don't find a place for themselves," he said.



Paul Heger

He is already at work on another scholarly paper, and reference books in German, French, Italian and English are piled beside his desk. He plans to continue to research and give lectures.

Leaving behind the photographic supply business started by his uncle and his father was an adjustment he likened to quitting smoking, which he did in 1960. "I don't miss it now," he says of the business.

Heger's intellectual curiosity was honed during his teenage years, when he studied at yeshivah for three years each in Eastern Europe and Jerusalem. With the help of his uncle in Palestine, Heger, his brother and his parents were able to leave Europe in 1940.

He had no formal business training when he joined the company in 1946, but his yeshivah background "didn't hamper me from being a successful businessman and leading negotiations with directors of big companies in Germany, Belgium, France and England." For 30 years, the company was the exclusive Israeli distributor for Agfa photographic products.

"I don't regret having learned in yeshivah," he says.

Today Heger is "far from Orthodox" but remains fascinated by the richness of Judaism.

"I think we need knowledge of our culture to be able to be proud of the values and the heritage. It's not just because we eat gefilte fish on Friday night. That's not enough to keep a people alive."

Heger is proud that the oldest of his four grandchildren, a 16-year-old boy, recently won a biblical essay contest in Israel. "I think and I hope that I have influenced them to study also, especially Jewish studies."

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Ruth Rotman gets BA at age 76

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After a decade of part-time studies, both here and in Israel, Ruth Wolfish Rotman, 76, has graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Judaic Studies.

"Canada's such a vibrant and wonderful country. To really understand the workings, you have got to study its government, its courts and its laws. You get all that with political science," she said in an interview at her sister's Toronto home. Among the subjects she studied in Israel were Hebrew language and Israeli politics, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"As far as Judaic studies, I think it's a natural," she said. Pursuing a degree was "strictly self-fulfilment."

A native of Toronto, Rotman attended Harbord Collegiate before going to work as a bookkeeper in 1942 for Royal Canadian Fuels. She worked her way up the ladder at the company, eventually becoming internal auditor for the group of companies acquired over the years.

Although she fully intended to continue devoting herself to work and community life (she is a past national president of Na'amat), she married — for the first time — in 1978 and moved to Israel with her husband Manny several months later.

Manny, her longtime boss, had been widowed in 1975. He was also active in the Toronto Jewish community and received a degree from U of T himself in 1985. His son Joseph, who took over his business on his retirement, hooded Ruth at her recent graduation.

A frequent visitor to Toronto after her move to Israel, Rotman would "squeeze in a subject" whenever they travelled here for a summer. Among her subjects were Gender and the Israeli Courts and a course on the history of battered Jewish women from biblical times to the present.

Ruth Rotman

"While I would always visit everyone once, I couldn't spend a lot of time [with family]. There was always an essay, an exam."

She has high praise for U of T's Woodsworth College for part-time students. "Only a small percentage of the population has the luxury to study full-time, and at Woodsworth you just study when you can."

Rotman found her younger classmates "kind, considerate and thoughtful" — there were always offers to pick up handouts for her if it meant going down the stairs of a large lecture hall.

It felt "absolutely great" to receive her BA. "Many times while I was studying the goal seemed so far away, and to finally grasp it was something special."

Other seniors considering university studies should go ahead, says Rotman. "It will keep them young."

Correction

TORONTO — The phone number for the new Israeli Community Centre in the Bathurst Jewish Centre is 638-2677. An incorrect number appeared in the June 13 *CJN*.

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Wong honored with Beth Sholom Humanitarian Award

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Dr. Joseph Y. K. Wong, a strong advocate for multiculturalism, was honored recently at Beth Sholom brotherhood's 45th annual Humanitarian Award dinner.

The more than 600 people attending reflected Wong's multicultural philosophy.

"This is not only my honor, but the honor of my people — the Chinese community," Wong told *The CJN*. "Working for the wider community enhances our sense of belonging."

Wong said he has worked with hundreds of thousands of volunteers, adding that "this event is a tribute to volunteerism."

The principal objective of the Beth Sholom brotherhood is "to foster better understanding among people of all races, colors and creeds who make up the mosaic of this great country," said Mendel Green, award ceremony chair.

In his presentation of the award, Green described Wong as "a great Canadian who has in his modest and quiet way accomplished more for all Canadians than anyone I know." He noted Wong's close connection with the Jewish community.

Born in Hong Kong, Wong came to Canada in 1968 at the age of 20 and graduated from McGill University as an engineer. He received a medical degree in 1976 from Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

Wong established a practice in downtown Toronto and became active at Mount Sinai Hospital, where he has been a director for many years. He is on the Board of Governors of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

His extensive volunteer activities could fill volumes. Ann Golden, president of the United Way of Greater Toronto praised Wong who served as chair of the United Way from 1990 to 1994.

She noted that to get the Chinese community involved in the United Way, Wong organized a walkathon with 400 participants. Today, more than 30,000 people participate in the walkathon, of which Wong was named honorary chair by the United Way.

Wong created the world's first registry of bone marrow donors. Using Baycrest as a model, he spearheaded the creation of the Yee Hong Centre for seniors in the Chinese community.

He was appointed by the federal government to help promote federalism in 1992 and received an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Toronto that year. In 1993, he was made a member of the Order of Canada. The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews has presented him with their Human Relations Award.

In his acceptance speech, Wong expressed concern about the growing intolerance in Canada. In tough economic times, he said, Canadians find scapegoats in the new immigrant communities.

"We are a nation of immigrants who hate immigrants." Canada was built by waves of immigration — the nation owes its greatness to this diversity, he said.

At the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award dinner is (from left) Stephen Green, Frank Cadesky, Dr. Joseph Wong, Mendel Green and Irving Ungerman.

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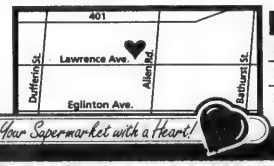

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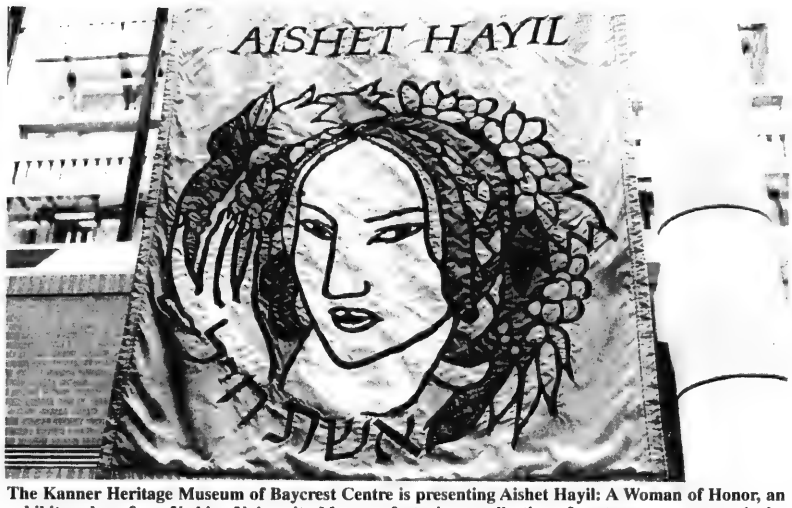
USDS AWARD WINNERS

United Synagogue Day School has announced two major award winners. The Schecter Scholar in Israel has been awarded to Dafna Ross (left), a Hebrew resource and teacher at the Bathurst campus. The award is for professional development in Israel and will enable Ross to spend the summer at the Hebrew University's Melton Centre in Jerusalem focussing on Hebrew as a second language. The other award winner is Naomi Cohen, who has won the Dr. Aaron N. Nussbaum Award in Jewish Education. The award honors graduates of USDS who have demonstrated commitment to Jewish education, leadership and to the community. She will be pursuing her graduate studies at Yeshiva University's Wurtzweiler School of Social Work.



The Kanner Heritage Museum of Baycrest Centre is presenting Aishet Hayil: A Woman of Honor, an exhibit on loan from Yeshiva University Museum featuring a collection of contemporary artworks by Israeli and American artists.

Kolel program re-examines traditional hymn for women

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – A lot of emotional baggage comes with *Aishet Chayil*, the traditional praise of women from the Book of Proverbs.

"Most of us are used to hearing the poem read at funerals, in praise of dead women," said Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. "And *all* they did was cook, clean and slave over their families."

A recent program, An Evening of Art and Learning, sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, offered a re-examination of the traditional hymn, which is also read on Shabbat and at weddings. Scholar and teacher, Rachael Turkienicz and Rabbi Goldstein engaged in an informal dialogue on a feminist analysis of the poem.

"We must meet the text with the possibility that it could speak to us," said Rabbi Goldstein.

Turkienicz agreed and encouraged readers to go beyond the surface meaning of the poem. She noted many women feel intimidated at trying to live up to the expectations described.

"She's a superwoman! She cooks, cleans, does business, learns Torah, *and* she never sleeps. When you find her, find me her number because I want to marry her," Turkienicz said.

She then went on to select from the midrash examples of righteous women: "Yael, Batsheva, Michal, Ruth ... these women were not perfect ... [but] we are not looking for the ideal, perfect woman."

Aishet Chayil, Turkienicz said, talks about the women we live with. "If we do what we're supposed to correctly, then she [the *aishet chayil*] can be found in any of our homes."

Rabbi Goldstein spoke of the poem's ability to capture all the characteristics of the woman. She explained that the hymn is divided into thirds.

"She is a wife and mother, businesswoman and spiritual entity ... two-thirds of this poem is about the independent woman, one-third about the woman in relationships."

In many ways, she said, *Aishet Chayil* is like a protest against the stereotypes society places on women. It resists focusing on a woman's sweetness, but instead stresses the fullness of woman and her spiritual substance.

The evening also included a viewing of the art exhibition Aishet Hayil in the Kanner Heritage Museum of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Thirty-two artists from the United States and Israel were commisioned and asked to choose one line from *Aishet Chayil* and create an interpretive piece of art work.

The result is a colorful exhibit of 36 works, including ceramics, paintings, sculptures, needle work and clothing, by men and women of all ages, including the pencil and ink sketch of a 9-year-old artist.

The goal of the exhibit is to encourage viewers to see the poem in a new light. The diversity in the creative work displayed represents the many interpretations the poem lends itself to.

The Kanner Museum is the exhibit's only Canadian stop. It runs until Nov. 15 and there is no admission charge.

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Greater Toronto Area

Mizrachi lets students learn about politics first hand

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Like many yeshivah high school graduates, Hadassah Rais and Ari Feldman will be spending next year in Israel. But with a difference.

They are this year's Mizrachi of Canada political science interns, and, between classes in Torah and Jewish thought, will get hands-on experience in the workings of the Canadian and Israeli political systems.

The announcement was made officially at a Mizrachi brunch held recently at the Baycrest Terrace Wagman Centre.

The brunch also honored North York Ward 7 councillor Michael Feldman, Ontario Wilson Heights MPP Monte Kwinter and Willowdale MP Jim Peterson, who have agreed to work with the two youngsters in Canada.

In Israel, Rais and Feldman will work with NRP Knesset Member Zevulun Hammer, education, culture and arts minister in the Netanyahu government.

Kwinter told the audience of over 100 that he was "really delighted to participate" in the program, partly to counterbalance the fact that "politicians are held in some disdain. It is important for young people to get some idea of what politicians actually do."

Deborah Feldman, speaking on behalf of her father, said that Michael Feldman believes strongly that "it is important to make a contribution" to the society in which one lives.

Peterson was emotional after being introduced in glowing terms by former Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger as a good friend of the Jewish community, for whom "there is not a Jewish issue he hasn't been involved in."

Having met Rais and Feldman, Peterson said he was "touched by their enthusiasm."

Last year's interns, Daniella Robicsek and Ari Tanenbaum, were praised by Mizrachi executive director Rabbi Menachem Gopin for having "served with distinction on both sides of the Atlantic." They also worked with Hammer, as well as with Maurizio Bevilaqua in Ottawa and Vaughan councillor Bernie Green.

Both spoke of the excitement and satisfaction learning about and being involved in the day-to-day workings of government.

Willowdale MP Jim Peterson (centre) congratulates this year's Mizrachi political science interns Hadassah Rais and Ari Feldman. [Michael Brothman photo]

Lorne Alter, chair of the Mizrachi Political Science Internship Program, brought greetings, and Rabbi Raphael Marcus, spiritual leader of B'nai Torah Congregation, gave a d'var Torah.

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בסוף שנות הארבעים ותחילת החמישים הגיעו ארצה אלפים רבים של ילדים שאיבדו את חוריהם בשואה. כדי לענות על הצורך הדחוף לטפל בהם, הוקמו עשרות כפרי נוער שעשו עבודה נפלאה. "עץ הדומים תפוס" הוא (Under the Domim Tree) סיפורם האישי של נערים ונערות אלה, כפי שסיפרה גילה אלמגור. זהו ספר המשך ליצירה הנפלאה "החקיץ של אביה", והסיפור מסופר דרך עיניה של אביה, יתומה מאב, שהחושמה במוסד עקב מחלת הנפש של אימה. אם אתם באים מאיפה שאני בא (ואני יודע שכן) - הסרט הזה ירגש אתכם מאוד. היו דקות מעטות בלבד בסרט שעיניי היו יבשות. זהו סיפור על נעגועים של ילד לאבא ואמא שנלקחו ממנו לתמיד. זה גם הופך את הסרט לאוניברסאלי מאוד. עצם הבאתו של הסרט לקולנוע מסחרי בטורונטו ובשאר ערי צפון אמריקה הוא חישג יוצא מן הכלל, שזכו לו רק סרטים מעטים בעברית. אפילו קודמו "החקיץ של אביה" שהוא סרט אינטימי, מרוכז וקשה לא הצליח בכך. "החקיץ של אביה" זכה בהרבה פרסים יוקרתיים, כולל " דוב הזהב" בפסטיבל ברלין. את "עץ הדומים " לעומתו , לא כל - כך אהבו המבקרים. הם טענו שהוא מסחרי יותר, עטוף צלופן. זה נכון- אבל לכן הוא גם יגיע לקהל חרבה יותר רחב בכל העולם, בדיוק כמו ש"רשימות שינדלר" הביא את זוועות היטלר להרבה יותר בתים מאשר הסרט "שואה" האוטנטי. בתור מי שנאה בישראליותו כל השנה, הסרט הוסיף לי שני ס"מ גובה. תענוג לראות סרט ישראלי ברמה של הסרטים האירופיים שאני כל כך אוהב. אולם הקולנוע ב"קרלטון" היה מלא לגמרי בהצגה ראשונה- ואלה לא היו רק ישראלים ויהודים קנדיים. לי למשל המליץ על הסרט בחום המתמחה האיטלקי שלי שמאוד התרגש. לכו , וקחו אתכם את הילדים!

גלוריה, הלן וג'ון כותבות עברית:

יש בטורונטו רבים שלומדים עברית. ריגש אותי למצוא שרבים מהם משתמשים ב"שישיאר בינינו" כדי לקרוא קטסט אקטואלי, ולא רק את מה שכתוב בספרי הלימוד. תודה ליעקוב ישראלי ולתלמידותיו על מכתביהם. הלן גרינברג כתבה: "כל שבוע אנו קוראות את המאמרים שלך.... יש במאמרים על מה לשוחח ולחשוב". גלוריה מציינת ש"כל הכבוד לך על שאתה מאפשר לי ללמוד". וג'ון גרינברג מספרת "אנחנו קוראים את המאמרים בערך שנתיים וחם מעניינים מאוד". מה להגיד, מחמם את הלב.

השאלה הגדולה מכולן

האם גישתה של ישראל לשלום עם הערבים תשתנה בעקבות חילופי השלטון? זוהי השאלה ששואלים בוושינגטון, בארצות ערב, בבתי חקפה של תל אביב כמו גם באלה שבעזה וג'ניין. אמנם אין לשאלה זו תשובה מחירה, אבל יש בכל זאת כבר כמה ציוני דרך שאי אפשר להתעלם מהם:

1) בנושא הפלשתינאים סוכמו ע"י פרס רבין ועראפת הצעדים לעוד מספר שנים. ישראל יכולה תיאורטית להתכחש להסכמי אוסלו, אלא שנתנייהו ודויד לוי כבר הודיעו נחרצות שישראל מאמינה בכיבודם של הסכמים בינלאומיים.

2) למרות שחשבו שנתנייהו יבטל את פינוי חברון, חודשו המגעים להמשך תהליך פינוי צ"הל משם.

3) בנושא המו"מ עם סוריה - ציפו כולם שנתנייהו יסכים לחקיקת חוק נגד החזרת הגולן, כפי שדרשה מפלגת "החדרך השלישית" (שקמה רק על שאלה זו) , אך הפלא ופלא - נתניהו סירב לחתום על התחייבות כזו, והתנגדותו גרמה לזעזוע רציני במחנה הימין. הוא אמנם הסכים לכתוב שהוא מכיר בחשיבות הגולן, אך סירובו לחתום מראש על חוק שריון הגולן אומרת בפירוש שהנושא פתוח למשא ומתן בין ישראל וסוריה, וממילא מו"מ כזה אפשרי ורצוי. לסיכום - למרות שהנבואה ניתנה רק לשוטים, אני מעז להציע שנתנייהו חולך להיות פרגמטי מאוד, ושהאידיאולוגיה של הימין הולכת להיות ממש לא במרכז העניינים.

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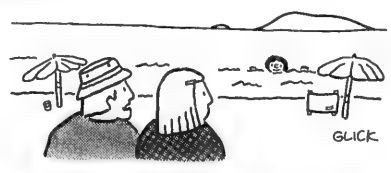

"Watching Aunt Gertrude cool off in the ocean makes me think of Passover -- because on all other beach days Aunt Gertrude doesn't dip even once, but today she has dipped twice."

From coast to coast

Wosk and family honored by Bonds

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Philanthropist Morris Wosk and his family were recently honored for their support of Israel over the years.

At a tribute dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, organized by State of Israel Bonds, Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen officially proclaimed June 18 as Wosk Day.

The dinner also marked the 50th anniversary of Wosk's marriage to his wife, Dena.

The Wosks had just returned from Israel, where they were one of 24 leading world Jewish families honored for their contribution to the Jewish state.

At the Jerusalem 3000 tribute ceremony, a time capsule containing a genealogical record of each of the 24 families was buried at a specially prepared site behind the King David Hotel.

The other Canadians recognized were the George Cohon family of Toronto.

CNN interviewer Larry King opened the Vancouver tribute dinner wearing his trademark suspenders (he put his jacket on later), and bantered with Wosk.

Wosk, 78, a member of the Order of Canada and Order of British Columbia and who was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws degree by Simon Fraser University a few days before, has lived in Vancouver for 68 years.

In a message from the government of Israel, consul general Jehudi Kinar said, "We are extremely impressed by Mr. Wosk's goodness and generosity. It seems that anybody who asks his help never leaves empty handed. Morris Wosk is the personification of what is meant by tzedakah."

In addition to Larry King, speakers included Leon Kahn, Gordon Diamond, Dr. Al Bogoch, Senator Ray Perrault, Owen, World Bonds president Nathan Sharony and Rabbi Marvin Hier.

Children in the Wosk family are Miriam, Rabbi Joseph, Marcus and Kenneth.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

At the Toronto Hadassh-WIZO volunteer recognition awards evening is (from left) Sharon Kroft, vice-president; Vivien Sharon, president; Bob Spivak, husband of Taylor Hogge; Taylor Hogge, guest speaker; Margi Oksner, awards evening co-chair; and Ellen Goldstein, awards evening co-chair.

Moshe Safdie slams Israeli urbanization

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The rapid growth of Israel's population and economy has been accompanied by unchecked urbanization, with little regard for controlling congestion and preserving green space, internationally acclaimed architect Moshe Safdie said at a recent Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev dinner in his honor.

"In its first 48 years, Israel has had an enormous preoccupation with security, the absorption of immigrants and economic survival. It has made achievements in agriculture and forestration, but the urban environment has never been a priority," said Israeli-born Safdie.

With peace and increasing affluence, he said Israel must start addressing the problem over high-density population, too many cars and roads, and loss of open land, particularly that which is public.

The population of central Israel, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, is so dense that it constitutes one metropolitan area, he said. The population continues to concentrate between Haifa and Beersheva.

"Acres and acres of agricultural land is being converted to housing," he said. And in Jerusalem itself, the present administration is not continuing former longtime mayor Teddy Kollek's goal of preserving the ancient holy city's character with the same vigor.

"There are now 20 buildings over 20 stories high under development," he noted.

Over the past 15 years, car ownership has quadrupled and the highways are nearing gridlock, yet roads continue to be built rather than developing mass transit — with little thought to the environmental consequences, he said.

What green space remains is increasing in private hands, he said, while public parks and general infrastructure are "falling into disrepair."

Major investment is being made in projects like shopping centres, while housing deteriorates — a situation he attributes to rent control.

Safdie called for a public education campaign aimed at instilling a true love of the land. "Loving the land is not limited to simply settling the land, but keeping it beautiful."

About 300 people attended the dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, where Safdie was recognized as "one of the foremost architects and designers of this century," who never lost sight of human needs and the need to harmonize buildings with their surroundings.

The event was chaired by Jonathan Wener, chief executive officer of the Montreal-based real estate development firm Canderel.

Dinner proceeds will go toward the development of Rabin Park near the famous Burma Road in the Sha'ar Hagai Forests, which were devastated by fire last year.

Bomb linked to right-wing group

CHARLOTTETOWN — The Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC) is playing down last week's discovery of a pipe bomb that's been linked to a far-right fringe group.

The self-styled terrorist group calling itself Loki 7 is being investigated after the bomb exploded at a propane plant where the RCMP were trying to defuse it.

The bomb was found between empty propane tanks. No one was hurt and there was little damage.

The prior warning, sent to a CBC reporter, was on letterhead that had the words: "Loki 7 — The Final Solution" and a stylized swastika.

The group has claimed responsibility for two prior bombings in Charlottetown: one under a wheelchair ramp at the legislature in April 1995 and one in front of a courthouse in 1988.

City police said the latest bomb was more powerful than the two previous ones. An electronic detonator was wired to the explosive.

Police were quoted as saying they believe the author of the letter planted the bomb.

Jon Goldberg, AJC executive director, said he's not worried about the incident.

Goldberg said he spoke to a Halifax police source, who said the incident "is not a threat" to the Jewish community.

Goldberg said he's had no calls from any of Prince Edward Island's 25 Jewish families.

Meantime, Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal said it was not responding to reports that a June 24 riot in Quebec City that caused some $2 million in damage was fomented by the Northern Hammerskins, a neo-Nazi group with chapters across North America.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, July 4, is deadline for July 18 issue. As we are not publishing July 25 issue, all items that would ordinarily appear July 25 will be included in the July 18 column. Thursday, July 11, is deadline for Aug. 1 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, July 7

MUSIC FROM ALL AGES

A concert, Music From All Ages with Pat Silver and Friends, 7:30 p.m. at Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. Free admission, reception to follow.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling 7:30 p.m., at Beit Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. All welcome to listen or tell. $3 donation. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts. 440-1330.

GARAGE SALE

Garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 788 Marlee Ave. parking lot. Proceeds to Canadian Volunteers for Israel. Donation of items needed. 781-6089. In case of rain, sale will be held July 14.

Thursday, July 11

AND GET—TOGETHER

AND (Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada) Get-To-Know-Us Night for families, individuals with disabilities, and professionals who would like information about a home-based stimulation and therapy program, Richview Public School, 59 Clement Rd., Etobicoke. Video *Steven and Friends* 7:30 p.m., discussion 8 p.m. Register 244-1992 or 1-800-561-1497.

ENDOMETRIOSIS NETWORK

The Endometriosis Network of Toronto (TENT) monthly support group meeting. 591-3963.

PAIN SYMPOSIUM

Over 60 health professionals will offer advice at the First Cooperative Hands-on Charitable Pain Symposium, 5-11 p.m. at Howard Johnson Hotel (Keele and 401). All proceeds will benefit Camp Trillium, a summer camp for children with cancer. $10/person, $15/couple. 1-800-567-PAIN.

And What Else Is New...

INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM

B'nai Brith Canada 40th Institute of Judaism Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre, Maple Lake, Ont. Guest faculty **Prof. Martin Lockshin**, topic — Jews: Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going. Special Saturday night concert, An Odyssey Through Jewish Music with **Faye Kellerstein**. Coordinator **Ruth Elias** 226-2050, chair **Debbie Cowitz** 633-0115.

YIDDISH COURSES

The Yiddish Education Committee of UJA Federation Yiddish courses begin after the High Holidays. 635-2883, ext. 155.:

Sunday morning Yiddish classes for children, junior kindergarten to Grade 8, using arts as an important part of learning.

High school credit classes for students, beginners and intermediate, will prepare students for C & C credit classes. Free evening classes open to all students attending schools in Metro. Moderate fee for students outside of Metro. Scholarships considered.

For adults, beginners, intermediate and advanced classes. Yiddish conversation reinforced by reading and writing. Folk music and innovative learning, games.

Courses are sponsored either privately or in cooperation with North York and region of York. $75 for 10-week course. North York $6.50 registration fee for seniors.

CAFE L'EUROPA

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Cafe L'Europa presents a talent show Tuesday, July 9, 2-3 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre, Upper Lobby. Your choice of poetry reading, storytelling, songs from your former country, spiritual musical presentation. **Freda Rosenblatt** 223-6405

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What's New

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Trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake including the play *The Conjurer*, Thursday, Aug. 1. Bring lunch or enjoy the many restaurants. Reserve now. **Robert Engel** 490-6364, ext. 246.

Nathan Garnick

ACTORS, SINGERS!

Nathan Garnick, producer/director seeks non-professional actors, singers, children, teenagers and adults for an October production. Have fun and learn Yiddish through drama and song. 651-1131.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is looking for some warm, friendly people willing to share one or two hours a week with some elderly citizens who have trouble getting about. If you speak Yiddish, Russian, Polish, Hebrew or Hungarian, you would be especially welcome. Volunteer coordinator, 225-2112.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395.

Lectures in Hebrew, Sundays, 8:30 p.m.: July 7, Kabbalah and Medicine; July 14, The Astrological Sign of Gemini; July 21, Armageddon and the Year 2000; July 28, Kabbalistic Meditation. Register.

Kids Summer Camp for ages 3-14, Aug. 19-30. Register.

Video class, Thursdays 7 p.m.

Morning prayer, Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m., Sunday 8 a.m.

Shabbat (Saturday) service: Morning prayers 8:30, lecture on weekly portion and Torah reading 9:30 a.m., Zohar study 5:30 p.m., children's service 9:30 a.m.

DJCS HIGH SCHOOL

Downtown Jewish Community School (DJCS), located at Bloor JCC, offers Wednesday evening high school classes for students Grades 8-12. **Marsha Slavens,** acting principal, 924-6211.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

North York Public Library children's programs:

Dial-A-Story: For all ages, call anytime, 24 hours a day, to hear a variety of stories: fairy tales, multicultural folk tales, poetry, First Nation myths and legends, and more. Stories in English, French or Italian. Free. 395-5400.

At Centennial Community branch, 578 Finch Ave. W. 395-5490: Chalk-Walk Art, Friday, July 5, 10 a.m. to noon, ages 5-10; Summer Film Festival, ages 5 and up, Thursdays, July 4-25, 2-3:30 p.m.; Summer Crafts, ages 5 and up, Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. through July 24.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Holy Blossom Temple sisterhood has duplicate bridge Tuesdays at 7:45 p.m. **Jean Sengaus** 781-9895.

For Seniors

Association of Jewish Seniors annual picnic Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Earl Bales Park, Area 1. Everyone welcome. Bring chairs and lunch. Free refreshments, bingo, entertainment. **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). July 4 is *Shmil* with **Ori Zohar** and July 11 is a documentary video *Wild Forces of Nature* introduced by **Raphael Gamzo**. **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka** 630-5771.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club orientation meeting for Israeli trip (Nov. 4-25). Monday, July 8, 1 p.m. Other trips coming up are Thousand Island cruise July 15 and Catskills Homowack Hotel, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Monday, July 8, Thornhill Mall; July 22-28, Catskills Raleigh Hotel; Thursday, Aug. 1, Peterborough, transportation, kosher chicken picnic lunch, visit to the Locks and tour, members $25, non-members $30; Wednesday, Aug. 7, *Phantom of the Opera*; Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, bring lunch, members $20, non-members $25. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club has a few rooms available for the Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 14-23. Register at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. 630-9444. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Young at Heart Seniors Catskills trips to Pines Hotel, 10 days, $1,065, including Atlantic City, also Raleigh Hotel for 10 days $1,175, may include Atlantic City. Money is being collected now. **Helen** 785-2500, ext. 2724, 9-11:30 a.m. or 6-9 p.m., or **Doreen** 636-7124 after 6 p.m.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute four-part series, Is There Life After Mike Harris? with **Prof. Hugh Innis**, Tuesdays July 9-30, 10 a.m.

Summer recreation programs: Soft Crafts, **Terry Winston**, Mondays, July 8-Aug. 12, 10 a.m.; Passport to Hebrew (beginners), **Aneeta Checinski**, Mondays July 8-Aug. 12, 1 p.m.; Ballroom Dancing, **Ken Fennell**, Tuesdays, July 9-Aug. 6, 10:15 a.m.; Israeli Folkdancing, **Marco Ben-Shimon** Wednesdays, July 10-Aug. 7, 3 p.m.; Creative Choir, choir director **Eleanor Rice**, Fridays, July 11-Aug. 8, 9:30 a.m. Members $5 per five-week session, non-members $15. For information, **Norma Steiner**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. July 10 program is a lecture by **Ehud Savion**. For information, **Anna**.

at the JCC/BJC

BJC summer courses for seniors: Line Dancing, starts Friday, July 5, 1-2:30 p.m., eight weeks; Bridge I-Beginners Review, 1-3 p.m., seven weeks; Bridge II-Bid and Play, 7-9 p.m., starts Monday, July 8, seven weeks. **Yvonne** 636-1880, ext. 259.

BJC toddler and preschool daycare spaces available. 636-1880, ext. 248.

Israeli folkdancing on roof of Bloor JCC with **Marco Ben-Shiman** starts Monday, July 8. 954-1174.

About People

Denise Gold

BOYS TOWN APPOINTMENT

Denise Gold is the new executive director of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem. Originally from South Africa, Gold, a teacher by profession, came to Canada in 1978. Since her arrival here, she has served as executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation and of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, and in public relations with B'nai Brith Canada. Gold is an active member of Beth Sholom sisterhood.

BIALIK GALA DINNER

Pictured at the Bialik Hebrew Day School recent Gala Tribute Dinner celebrating its 35th anniversary and honoring the memory of the late Julius Sokoloff, a founder of the school, are (from left) Judy Hendler, dinner chair; Michael Burgess, entertainer; Anne Sokoloff, Leslie Dan, who gave a tribute to Julius Sokoloff. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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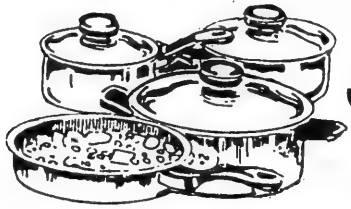

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Cellist Ofra Harnoy...

By LINDA ANDER
Special to The CJN

When Ofra Harnoy plays the cello, the notes soar into space like magic in the air. She has been called the Mario Lemieux of the music world.

Ofra was born in Hadera, Israel, on Jan. 31, 1965. Her parents Jacob and Carmen are both musicians. She has been told that hours before she was born, her parents were listening to Tchaikovsky's trio for piano, violin and cello. Since Jacob is an amateur violinist and Carmen plays and teaches piano, they dreamed of playing the trio. As Ofra grew up, their dream became a reality.

From infancy, Ofra loved to listen to music and when she was very young, her mother brought home a quarter-sized cello from the conservatory where she taught.

Ofra's first teacher was her father. She was so good at remembering the music that she only had to practise half an hour a day. Her father gave her difficult pieces to play, but did not tell her that most students would find them difficult. As a result, Ofra was never afraid of a musical challenge.

In 1971, the Harnoys moved to Toronto where Ofra went to a Jewish day school and continued to study music and play the cello.

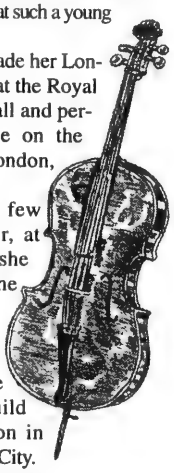
She was so talented that she was only 10 when she first soloed with an orchestra. Because Ofra was so young when she first started performing at concerts, her mother Carmen always went with her. Even today, although Ofra is famous, Carmen is involved in her daughter's life and takes responsibility for schedules and travel arrangements.

SIMON KIRSHEN BLAT

As part of her training, Ofra was given a special grant to spend three summers at a music camp in England where some of the greatest musicians were her teachers. They gave her advice about solving the difficulties in the pieces she played, but did not try to change her style.

Ofra was a guest soloist for the Montreal Symphony at age 13 and with the Toronto Symphony at 14. It is rare for a musician to solo with a major orchestra at such a young age.

Shortly after that, she made her London debut at the Royal Festival Hall and performed live on the radio in London, England.



Just a few weeks later, at 15, she became the youngest person ever to win the Artist Guild competition in New York City. As part of her prize, she appeared at Carnegie Hall. She has said that when she played at the famous hall, she first realized that she was doing exactly what she most wanted.

"At first I thought Carnegie was just a name," she writes. "But when I was there, I knew what it was.

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WORD SEARCH

Read the list. Find the words in the puzzle and circle them. The same letter may be part of more than one word. The words can be up and down, across, diagonal or backwards. You will have 21 letters left. What two words can you make with those letters? The two words are in the story about Ofra Harnoy.

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Kids' news

...makes beautiful music

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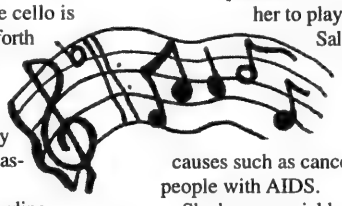
The big hall has so many ghosts, so much history to it. You feel special walking down the corridor so many have walked before."

When you speak to Ofra, it is clear that she is not conceited about the awards she has won or about the fact that she has never lost a competition that she entered.

Ofra's style of playing the cello is unique. She sways back and forth and the notes seem to flow from the strings. She expresses emotion through her music. She loves to play any kind of music from rock to classical.



She has made over 40 recording, many of which have beautiful album covers. She appreciates physical beauty and designs glamorous dresses for herself. But she does not want critics to focus on her looks. "Just because a woman doesn't look plain, the music is regarded with suspicion," she has said.

Ofra has toured in Europe, the Far East, North America and Australia. In Japan, she was asked to play privately with members of the royal family.

In September 1991, Prince Charles invited her to play for a concert to restore Salisbury Cathedral in England. Her performance helped raise millions of dollars.

Ofra supports other causes such as cancer research and helping people with AIDS.

She has a special love for Israel and spends time there whenever she can. She has opened the season for the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Her mother has said she is both sabra and Canadian.

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Coburn Fellowships

OTTAWA — The Canada Council and Victoria University of the University of Toronto, recently announced that Anna Januszkiewicz and David Moscovitch are the recipients of the Canada Council Coburn Fellowships for 1996.

The $20,000 Coburn Fellowships are made possible by a bequest by Kathleen Coburn, who graduated in 1928 from Victoria University and taught there for many years. Her bequest established a fund to provide travelling fellowships to qualified students in Israel and Canada.

The fellowships are intended to cover expenses, accommodation and tuition at the University of Tel Aviv or the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for Canadians, and at the University of Toronto for Israeli students.

The fellowships were first awarded in 1995. Ron Borkovsky of Victoria University spent a year at Tel Aviv University, while Judith Sone of University College, Toronto, was enrolled at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Anna Januszkiewicz is a Victoria student enrolled in the specialist program in Christianity and Culture. After completing her undergraduate degree, she intends to begin a master's program in biblical, theological and historical studies at the Toronto School of Theology.

David Moscovitch is a University College student enrolled in major programs in psychology and Jewish studies. He hopes to gain a deeper understanding of contemporary Israel and intends to enrol in courses dealing with such topics as the foreign policy of Israel, Arab-Israeli relations and the evolution from Zionist idea to Israeli society.

He is very interested in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the ongoing peace process and wants to spend his year in Israel interacting with the people on the street to gain a better understanding of the country, its culture and its politics that so deeply affect his own life.

Januszkiewicz and Moscovitch will be leaving in early July for Israel, where they will attend Hebrew University.

Hamilton Negev Dinner honors Holocaust survivor

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — An unprecedented 1,000-plus guests attended the recent Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Tribute Dinner in honor of businessman Arthur Weisz, the first Holocaust survivor to be honored by the Hamilton community.

With 96 new projects pledged in a community the size of Hamilton, this Negev Dinner "had the most projects in the world" per capita, said Hamilton-based JNF Jerusalem emissary, Brig.-Gen. Dubi Dekel, quoting Keren Kayemeth officials in Jerusalem.

Dinner co-chairs, Dr. Janet Weisz and Tom Weisz paid tribute to their parents.

A video presentation produced by Julia Kollek chronicled their lives in Hungary, return from concentration camps, subsequent flight from Communist oppression, arrival in Canada, early struggles here and eventual rise to prominence.

As honorary chair of the Yad Layeled project, a "museum and living educational complex in memory of the 1½ million children killed in the Holocaust," guest speaker Eli Wiesel, expressed his appreciation that proceeds from the dinner are designated for it.

The renowned author and Nobel Prize winner spoke about the importance of remembering, especially the Holocaust and the murdered children, and of not ignoring history.

"Jews have a special feeling for children," he said, "and throughout history our enemies knew this and always murdered the children first. Why couldn't our oppressors stand children?

"It always began with the children," he reiterated, "always the children!"

Other tributes came from federation president, Judge George Czutrin; national JNF president, Sid Halpern; and city officials. Local politicians brought greetings from the federal and provincial governments.

Former Negev Dinner honoree Sam Taylor made the official presentation and Broadview-Danforth MP Dennis Mills presented a flag from the Peace Tower in Ottawa on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Others taking part in the event at the Copps Coliseum were Rabbi Morton Green, Adas Israel; Rabbi Israel Silverman, Beth Jacob; Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz, Temple Anshe Sholom; and Anshe Sholom rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Bernard Baskin. Marvin Rosenshein sang the anthems.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

At the recent UIA of Canada annual general meeting, held in Montreal, Joan Stevens (second from left) was elected national chair, UIA Women's Division. Seen (from left) Gerald Halbert, immediate past president, UIA of Canada; Stevens, Trudy Pekarsky, immediate past chair, Women's Division; and Harvey Wolfe, UIA of Canada president.

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Hebrew University names student centre after Lougheed

By JUDY SHAPIRO
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — Future generations of overseas students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will come to know the name of Peter Lougheed and to recognize the former premier's well-established link to the province of Alberta.

One of the four main halls in Canada House, a new overseas student centre at the university, will be named the Honorable E. Peter Lougheed Alberta Hall.

When the proposal for the new Canada House was announced, local Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University chapter president Karen Behar said that Lougheed immediately came to mind.

"In a lot of our minds, he's Mr. Canada," said Behar.

"His interest in national unity, his support for Canadian universities, his strong interest in education," all made Lougheed an ideal candidate for the honor, Behar said.

Home to 4,300 students from 60 countries, the Rothberg School for Overseas Students has experienced unprecedented growth. Canada House is being built to solve the serious problem of overcrowding in the existing facility.

Each province will have a prominent place within the building and the Alberta Hall will be first to be dedicated.

"This means that the most prominent institution on campus for students from throughout the world will be identified with our country," said Canadian Friends' executive director in Calgary, Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum.

"Per capita, Canadian Friends is the highest contributor to the Hebrew University in the world," Behar said. "So it is fitting that the new overseas student centre be called Canada House."

In developing an event where the Hebrew University's Scopus Award will be presented to Lougheed, organizers sought to link two of the former premier's primary interests — education and national unity.

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is, therefore, organizing a national unity forum to be held Aug. 21, which will bring together a panel of prominent Canadians to address, from a western perspective, the issues surrounding Canada's future.

Chairing the day-long event will be Jeff Lipton, president of NOVA corp. Prof. David Taras of the University of Calgary will chair the unity forum.

From the Canadian Friends' point of view, the national unity forum fulfils its mandate to provide educational opportunities in Calgary.

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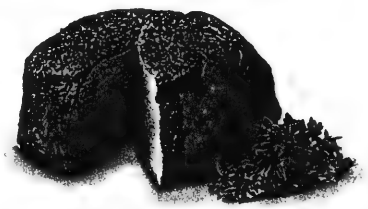
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Yoga helps to cope with hurly-burly of modern life

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Forget those stereotypes about yoga you've heard in the past. You don't have to contort yourself into a human pretzel to enjoy the therapeutic benefits offered by this ancient Eastern spiritual and physical discipline.

Instead, by practising a variety of poses, training your body to stretch and doing breathing exercises you can give yourself a sense of well-being and an inward focus that helps in coping with the hurly-burly of modern life.

That's part of the message contained in a new how-to book by Toronto yoga maven Esther Myers. A longstanding instructor on the Toronto yoga scene, Myers is the author of *Yoga & You, Energizing and Relaxing Yoga for New and Experienced Students* (Random House, $22).

The softcover book explores the different forms of yoga while tracing its origins to its roots in Indian philosophy. But for those more interested in stretching than spirituality, the book is replete with easy to follow instructions accompanied by illustrations on how to perform the various exercises and postures that are emphasized in hatha yoga, its physical brand.

Myers, 49, believes yoga is growing in popularity as part of a shift away from high impact, high-injury exercises to low impact, low-injury activities.

One of the reasons for the surge in yoga's popularity is its applicability for today's stressed-out working person caught in the rat race. It's an excellent way to slow down, find inner spiritual peace and relax the body and mind, Myers said.

"It's about concentration and inward focus. If you focus on breathing [and exercises] then your physiology and state of mind will be affected," she explained.

The immune system is one of the beneficiaries of a yoga regime, Myers said.

It's widely accepted these days that the immune system is affected by stress. So anything you can do to reduce tension has a beneficial effect on your health, she said.

It's also useful in helping people cope with chronic pain and recover from surgery. Yoga had that effect on her a few years ago after she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was shocked at the diagnosis. How could it happen? I was doing all the right things," she said.

Unfortunately, her mother had died of breast cancer and Myers came to realize the preponderant role of genetics in her case. Myers underwent a mastectomy and found that yoga "was an incredible resource. It's like you're drowning and someone throws you a life preserver."

A yoga instructor with 20 years experience, Myers has seen a jump in the number of people trying it recently, including a growing number of men.

Associated in the popular media with the 1960s counterculture, yoga is "hot now ... It had a weird, flaky connection that seems to be dissolving. [Pop singer] Sting does yoga. Ali MacGraw and Jane Fonda both made videos," she said.

At her Annex-area studio, Myers stresses breathing exercises and flexibility. She tailors exercises for individuals' body types, injuries and abilities.

"The purpose of the poses is to heal, to allow people to move more easily, to breath more easily," she said.

Esther Myers

Yoga is infinitely adaptable, she continued. Her studio alone offers a pre-natal class, a class for family and teens and a program for sufferers of multiple sclerosis.

You're never too old to take up yoga, she said, pointing to an instructor and a student at her studio who are both over 80 and who didn't take up yoga until they were in their 50s.

Myers' interest in yoga began when she was still in her 20s. An alumnus of Associated Hebrew Schools who had been active in USY and Hillel, Myers was working in London, England, when she first got interested in yoga and Tai Chi.

She returned to Toronto in 1975 and began to teach.

Myers believes that yoga, though it comes with its own spiritual baggage, is fully compatible with Judaism. For example, on Yom Kippur Jews focus inward and contemplate foregiveness, repentance and compassion, all of which are encouraged by yoga, she said.

Even the liturgy recited on Yom Kippur has a relevance to yoga. Sins are expressed in physical terms — a stiff neck, for example — while righteous people are "upright." Yoga teaches there is a connection between physicality and a person's ethical or "upright" behavior, she said.

Yoga's stress on meditation is paralleled in the kabbalist strain of Judaism and the rest from work required on Shabbat is reflected in yoga, which calls for stopping normal daily routines, focusing inward and contemplating holiness and spirituality, she said.

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Kupat Holim Friends plans fundraiser for cancer wing

TORONTO —Canadian Friends of Kupat Holim are holding a fundraising brunch to raise money for the upgrading of the cancer wing of Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba, just outside Tel Aviv.

The brunch will be held at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., on July 7 at 11 a.m.

Keynote speaker will be Josef Krystal, chair of Kupat Holim.

The current oncology treatment facility is a windowless room in the basement of the hospital. Plans are to enlarge and redo the oncology wing, and to move the treatment room to a bright area on the main floor.

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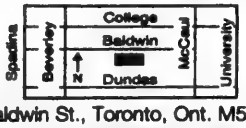

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Three Israeli soldiers killed in ambush

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Three soldiers were killed and two wounded when gunmen ambushed an IDF patrol near the Jordan River last week.

At press time, the attackers were still at large after fleeing into Jordan, despite a joint Jordanian-Israeli effort to catch them.

Military sources said the attack was well planned and caught the patrol completely by surprise during a routine sweep of the security road near Moshav Na'aran, north of Jericho.

There were five soldiers in the ambushed unit, three on foot and two in a command car equipped with a machine gun. The three foot soldiers were killed, and one in the command car was wounded. A soldier in a second patrol that arrived shortly after the attack began was also wounded.

The infiltrators apparently got away unharmed, although there was an exchange of fire.

Dead are Sgt. Ashraf Shibli, 20, from the village of Shibli, and Staff Sgt. (res.) Asher Bardugo, 22, of Kiryat Bialik, who were killed immediately.

Ya'acov Turgeman, 33, of Rishon LeZion, was badly wounded, but managed to get away, only to die several dozen metres from the scene of the attack.

The army spokesperson denied reports that the gunmen had tried to kidnap Turgeman.

According to an Associated Press report, a Damascus-based splinter group of the PLO's mainstream Fatah faction has claimed responsibility for the killings, saying the attack was intended to protest peace accords signed between the PLO and Israel.

The splinter group is reportedly led by Col. Mohammed Saeed Moussa, also known by his code name Abu Moussa.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said there was no concrete information as to who was behind the ambush, but added that Syria and Iran were known to have had a hand in such attacks. He vowed that Israel would act with the government of Jordan to prevent similar attacks in the future.

King Hussein called Netanyahu to express his condolences, and promised his country's help in preventing future infiltrations.

Joint seaches for the infiltrators were conducted by Jordan and Israel, in an operation that had an Israeli air force helicopter flying over Jordanian air space and permitted an IDF unit to cross the border into Jordanian territory, military sources said.

The searches were part of a closely coordinated effort that has existed along the Jordanian-Israeli border for the last 18 months.

King Hussein said there are those out to undermine the peace between Israel and Jordan – an apparent allusion to Syria, Israel Radio reported.

Military sources described the gunmen as well trained, and said they were clearly not on a suicide mission. The sources noted that they didn't flee immediately, but lingered to take the dead soldiers' weapons.

Initially, the army did not rule out the possibility that the terrorists remained in Israeli territory, and dozens of troops were rushed to the scene.

But it soon became apparent that the gunmen had fled into Jordan, and the IDF was left with little to do but wait for updates from the Jordanian army on the search being carried out east of the Jordan River.

Eitan, Segev to be indicted

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair has decided to indict both Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan and former energy minister Gonen Segev, his office announced last Thursday.

The draft indictment accuses the two, as well as two other Tsomet activists, of violating the Privacy Protection Law by illegally extracting from the IDF computer confidential documents relating to another Tsomet activist, and making improper use of this material to threaten the activist into leaving the party.

However, Ben-Yair decided not to charge Eitan with extortion, which the police had reportedly recommended. The State Attorney's Office apparently decided that this charge would be too difficult to prove, both factually and in terms of criminal intent.

Responding to the announcement, Eitan said: "I'm not surprised, since I knew from the beginning that this was a wicked persecution over nothing."

Ben-Yair also decided, due to lack of evidence, to close the case against Tsomet MK Eliezer Zandberg, who had been investigated along with the others.

If he wishes, Eitan can request a hearing with Ben-Yair, at which he can try to persuade the attorney general that the charges against him are baseless. If Eitan waives this right, or if he does not manage to convince Ben-Yair, the latter will then have to ask the Knesset to lift his immunity.

The indictment is unlikely to affect Eitan's ability to serve as a minister, however, since Ben-Yair has already said this charge is not serious enough to disqualify him from a seat in the cabinet. Had Ben-Yair decided to charge Eitan with extortion – a much more serious charge than violations of privacy – Eitan might have been forced to resign his cabinet post.

Iran warns Israel against air attack from Turkey

By Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM – Iran has warned Israel against using a military accord with Turkey to strike at Teheran, saying it would retaliate if attacked, a newspaper reported last week.

"It is not believed that Turkey poses a threat against us, but we are watching our enemies' slightest moves and will use our retaliatory capacities if necessary," air force deputy commander Gen. Shahram Rostami was quoted by the daily *Iran* as saying.

Rostami was commenting on the military cooperation agreement concluded between Turkey and Israel in February, which allows each country to use the other's airspace for pilot training.

Iranian newspapers have carried Western press reports in which some Israeli officials have suggested the possibility of an air strike against Iran's nuclear sites.

Rostami said Iran's air force would stage major war games to display its power and evaluate its combat readiness.

Western military experts have said Teheran has tried to develop a long-range strike force by acquiring Russian-built Sukhoi Su-24 fighter planes in a program to overhaul its air force after the end of the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war.

Meanwhile, Jordan's air force commander, speaking as U.S. air crews ended a training mission, said in Azraq that he looked forward to the day when Jordan would be able to hold joint exercises with the Turkish and Israeli air forces.

Gen. Mohammed Ababneh told a news conference at the base in Jordan where American forces were just ending a three-month mission that joint training with Turkey was possible once the two countries agreed they would both benefit.

He said joint air exercises with Israel would depend on progress in the peace process, but he favored the idea.

It was also announced at the press conference that the F-16 jets Jordan purchased from the United States will not be improved by Israel Aircraft Industries and then sent to Jordan as originally planned. Instead, they will be improved in the United States.

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Clinton honeymoon may not endure

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The late Yitzhak Rabin put it best. "Israel," he said, "has a good friend in the White House."

Mideast Analysis

Three years into his term, President Bill Clinton has proven to be the most pro-Israel president in American history.

Clinton's warm regard for Israel will doubtless manifest itself when Benjamin Netanyahu, the freshly-minted Israeli prime minister, visits the White House on July 9.

True, Clinton backed Shimon Peres, the Labor party leader, in Israel's general election. But once it was clear that Netanyahu had won, the Clinton administration closed ranks behind the winner, while Secretary of State Warren Christopher — who visited Jerusalem last week — pointedly said that the bonds between Israel and the United States are "enduring and unshakable."

Despite some nasty bumps, Israel's relationship with the United States has usually been close. Today, in Netanyahu's words, it is as "solid as a rock." Israel, to the United States, is a strategic asset and a reliable ally.

But there have been times when the bond has been frayed. During the early 1990s, when Israel was administered by a Likud government under Yitzhak Shamir, the two countries clashed acrimoniously over U.S. loan guarantees and Israeli settlements across the Green Line.

However, when the Labor party bounced back into power after the 1992 election and Rabin announced a more flexible policy, the chill in Israel's bilateral ties with the United States vanished.

Since the Clinton era, relations have never been better. Until the May 29 election, Israel had a government which embraced territorial compromise, a position advocated by the United States since the Six Day War. And in sharp contrast to Shamir's distrust of George Bush, Clinton and Rabin, and later Clinton and Peres, got on exceedingly well.

Like his predecessors, Clinton has championed the peace process to the hilt, having encouraged Israel to sign historic agreements with the PLO and Jordan and having tried to bring Syria into the circle of peace.

On a bilateral level, Clinton, who reportedly received 60 percent of his campaign funds from Jews in the 1992 presidential election, has displayed remarkable sensitivity to Israel.

While previous U.S. administrations called Israeli settlements in the territories "illegal" and "obstacles to peace," Clinton went no further than characterizing them as a "complicating factor."

When Israel deported 415 Palestinian Islamic fundamentalists to southern Lebanon, the United States successfully opposed efforts by the United Nations to condemn Israel.

The United States also vetoed a United Nations resolution denouncing an Israeli plan to confiscate land in East Jerusalem. Clinton supports Israel's claim to Jerusalem and believes that the U.S. embassy should be located there once Israel and the Arabs settle their differences.

Much to the chagrin of one of its chief Arab allies, Egypt, the United States supported Israel's refusal to endorse an international pact to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. (Israel claims it it will affix its signature to the Non-Proliferation Treaty only after threats to its existence are eliminated).

Clinton — the first sitting president to address the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Zionist lobbying group — has consistently endorsed high levels of aid to Israel.

In this fiscal year, Israel will receive $3 billion (US) worth of military and economic assistance. (Together, Israel and Egypt consume more than 45 percent of the total U.S. foreign aid package).

In addition, the Clinton administration has earmarked an extra $200 million for the development of the Arrow, an anti-missile system being jointly developed by Israel and the United States.

Last March, following the four closely-bunched suicide bombings which killed 59 civilians in Israel, Clinton pledged $100 million for an anti-terrorism initiative. And after attending a hastily-convened meeting in Sinai to combat terrorism, Clinton, a yarmulke on his head, won the hearts of Israelis by placing a stone on Rabin's grave and by visiting the graves of Israeli soldiers who had fallen in battle.

Furthermore, Clinton has turned a blind eye to Israel's closure of the territories and, during Operation Grapes of Wrath, made a point of absolving Israel of any blame for the accidental shelling of a United Nations compound in Lebanon.

Clinton's pro-Israel stance has been unpopular with Americans who contend that the United States is compromising its traditional role as an honest broker in the Middle East by being too closely identified with Israel.

For now, Clinton can shrug off their criticism. But if the new Israeli government rejects the pivotal concept of trading land for peace and freezes the Oslo peace process, Israel's current honeymoon with the United States may not last too much longer.

June 24

• David Levy, Israel's new foreign minister, reportedly fell into line with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after being rebuked over a proposed compromise on the Golan Heights. Meanwhile, Minister of Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer reportedly said that Palestinians should not expect more powers of self-rule than they now have.

June 25

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Knesset members Uzi Landau from the Labor party and Yossi Beilin of Likud submitted two bills proposing to cancel the law providing for the direct election of the prime minister.

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Israel, Jordan and the United States have announced the establishment of the Trade Fund, a new fund to support research and development projects. The fund will encourage joint R&D technological innovations. The three countries will begin by jointly investing a total of $1 million in the project.

June 26

• Israel's Prison Authority suspended the visitation rights of Yigal Amir, after he broke a closed-circuit camera installed in his cell. He said the camera invaded his privacy.

June 27

• Jewish settlers reportedly blocked a Gaza Strip road, defying the Israeli army for the first time since the election of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Palestinian officers said Jews from the Netzarim settlement kept their officers from travelling a one-mile stretch of road in front of the settlement that the Israeli army reopened to the officers earlier in the day.

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Hijack survivor had been resigned to death

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The word "unreal" is much used today, yet I cannot think of another word to describe my feelings at the time and the situation in which my mother and I found ourselves. I also felt a strange detachment and almost resignation in the face of possible death, since our greatest fear was that of being blown up in the sky. After our predicament had sunk in, I felt another emotion – anger, anger at these people who would ultimately decide our fate.

After 26 hours in the air, we got permission to land at Ben Gazi Airport in Libya. A collective shudder went through the plane – Muammar Khadafi! I remember two things from our brief stay on the tarmac: being given a meal of elephant meat, and my legs swelling to twice their size from sitting in one position for so long.

We were once again airborne and after several hours, a further announcement: We would be landing in Uganda. Another shudder – Idi Amin.

I should mention that the German man was the one one who was most in control of his emotions and the German woman the least. He was obviously the leader of the group in the air and spoke in calm, measured tones, unlike his hysterical compatriot. I was amazed to later hear this same calm, almost soothing manner being used in the middle of the night, with an elderly woman who was apparently suffering from Holocaust remembrances.

Tamara Elagin

There were buses waiting on the tarmac at the new Entebbe airport to take us to the old airport. I remember that as we were lining up to disembark, I saw the German hijacker standing just inside the plane at the head of the stairs, pleasantly smiling and nodding to each of the passengers. In fact, the woman ahead of me even shook his hand – an action which to me seemed surreal – as if bidding adieu to an attentive steward and thanking him for the wonderful flight!

We arrived at the large building (just one big hall, really) where some of us were to spend the next three days. I remember one Israeli woman seated next to us saying that Israel would never give in to the terrorists' demands, thus implying that we were doomed. (Tragically, this woman's husband would be one of the casualties of the raid by the Israelis on July 4.)

I recall a number of images, impressions, events, but not the order in which they happened: the gentle French captain sweeping the floor and the French crew acting in such a way as to reinforce their solidarity with us; a young French girl screaming as she was repeatedly slapped by the German woman; Merv Griffin's producer (a fellow passenger); the last day sleeping on mattresses bearing the label "Made in Canada;" being attended to by Ugandan waiters from the nearby new airport and being given meals of, initially, some sort of stew, rice and chunks of pineapple, meals which were gradually reduced to a diet of rice and bananas.

And most ominous of all, I remember the separation of the Israeli passengers. I was later told by a young Jordanian passenger seated near us that he heard there was some question of whether I was to be held with the Israelis, since my Australian passport bore an Israeli temporary resident stamp from the time when I had been there in 1969.

Apparently, the terrorists were looking for people who had been in Israel during the wars of 1967 and 1973. I don't think they quite knew what to make of me. I was born in Gibraltar, had a Russian name and held an Australian passport with Canadian landed immigration status and an Israeli temporary resident stamp.

I would like to recount one incident involving my dear mother, who passed away in 1994. While we were all trying to sleep the night after the separation of the Israeli passengers, I saw my mother stir beside me, get up and go to the back of the hall where one of the terrorists was keeping watch. What the devil was she doing? I thought, has she gone mad? At times like these, one tries to be inconspicuous.

I watched in awe (and with some annoyance) as she approached the terrorist and started talking to him. When she returned, she explained that she was feeling chilly, couldn't sleep and had decided to look for a blanket, which the tall terrorist gave her. Such chutzpah! But she also told me she could see into the adjoining room where the Israelis were kept. All the lights were blazing so that no one could get a decent night's rest, unlike in our part of the hall which was dark.

During our stay in Entebbe, Amin came to visit us four times, the first time accompanied by his wife and 4-year-old son decked out in fatigues. Of course, Amin was in full military regalia, complete with all the requisite rows of medals. I remember he said shalom to us and showed us his Israeli paratrooper wings.

A hopeful sign came on the day it was announced that a certain number of mothers and their children would be released. Surely our time would come soon. And it did.

On July 1, 1976, all the non-Israeli passengers were released including my mother and myself. We were transported by bus to the new Entebbe airport where our Air France jet was waiting to take us to Paris. Our original French crew did not join us, as they refused to leave their Israeli passengers and stayed behind with them.

I learned of the Israeli raid later in Paris and felt a little wistful (if that's the right word) that I wasn't there to experience the incredulous outcome and joyous homecoming in Tel Aviv.

Four years later, in 1980, while I was a volunteer on a kibbutz near Netanya, I was to meet, quite by accident, one of the commandos who took part in the raid on Entebbe.

And, of course, on this 20th anniversary, the brother of the hero of the raid on Entebbe is the current prime minister of Israel.

Pope honors Nazis' opponents

By DANIEL DAGAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN – Pope John Paul II told German Jewish leaders last week that too few Roman Catholics had resisted the Nazi regime.

Making his first visit to Germany since reunification, the pope met in Berlin with members of the Central Council of Jews in Germany after he beatified two German priests who perished during World War II while opposing the Nazis.

"Not enough of the faithful followed the example of the courageous ones" who dared oppose the Nazi regime, the pope told the Jewish leaders.

"Although many priests and lay people opposed this [Nazi] regime of terror, as historians have now shown, and many forms of resistance arose in people's daily lives, they were still too few," he said, according to the official text.

Ignatz Bubis, chair of the German Jewish council, praised the 76-year-old pope for speaking out against anti-Semitism and for trying to strengthen Catholic-Jewish relations.

Bubis added the Jews were aware that during the Nazi era, thousands of priests did resist and suffered severely as a result.

However, both the pope and the Jewish leaders skirted the controversial role of Pope Pius XII, who is widely accused of having been silent while six million Jews perished.

Instead, Jewish participants in the meeting stressed the need to educate people about the horrors of the past and the example set by the few who resisted the Nazis.

During his visit, the pope himself appeared to want to avoid controversy with Jews and other critics of the church's role during the Holocaust by digressing on more than one occasion from his prepared remarks.

At the open air mass held in Berlin's Olympic Stadium, attended by some 120,000 people, the pope did not read several passages in the prepared text.

One of the omitted sections said, "Those who don't limit themselves to cheap polemics know very well what Pius XII thought about the Nazi regime and how much he did to help the countless victims persecuted by that regime."

When he celebrated mass in the town of Paderborn, the pope omitted a passage from his prepared statement that said, "The whole church" had put up resistance against the Nazis.

Such remarks were in contrast to a statement made by German bishops last year lamenting the "profound failure" of Catholics to oppose anti-Semitism during the Nazi era.

Asked to comment on the omissions, Bishop Karl Lehmann, head of the German bishop's conference, played down the issue.

"It really was a question of time," Bishop Lehmann said. "It was just a coincidence that these particular passages were left out."

But according to Vatican officials, the written version of the pope's remarks remains the official record.

At the Olympic Stadium, the site of the 1936 games where Hitler had tried to project the image of a racially superior Nazi Germany that also was open and tolerant, the pope beatified two German priests who died during World War II while defying Hitler.

One of the priests was the Rev. Bernhard Lichtenberg, who condemned the Nazis' treatment of Jews from his pulpit and died in transit to Dachau.

The other was the Rev. Karl Leisner, who was sent to a concentration camp because he was overheard expressing regret that Hitler had not been assassinated.

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Will Diaspora/Israel gap widen?

BY GARY ROSENBLATT

One can almost hear the changing of the guard in the American Jewish community as a new government is formed in Israel. Who's in? Who's out? And who cares? These are the critical questions posed after an election that is certain to change the landscape of Israel-Diaspora relations, and where there are a number of danger signals.

Opinion

Non-Orthodox Jews, who represent the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, are worried about the increased political power of the religious parties in Israel. Specifically, they are concerned about religious pluralism and whether future legislation regarding non-Orthodox conversions will make them feel like second-class Jews in the Jewish state. It is an emotional rather than a practical concern, but it resonates deeply with many American Jews.

In addition, Jews on the political left, who until recently represented the view of the Israeli government, are now the opposition. Groups like American Friends of Peace Now and the Israel Policy Forum now see their role as watchdogs, monitoring the Netanyahu government and trying to ensure that it keeps the flame of Arab-Israeli negotiating progress burning. They may be in for a frustrating time.

What would be a shame, and unfair, is if Jewish doves are again characterized as anti-Israel if they oppose the policies of the new government regarding such delicate issues as the expansion of settlements, working closely with the Palestinian Authority and negotiating with Syria.

Whatever our own political views, we need to distinguish between the phrases "anti-Israel" and "anti-government" and not repeat the ugly mistakes of the past.

On the other side of the spectrum, groups like the Zionist Organization of America, which steadfastly focused on the Palestinian Authority's peace treaty violations, and the National Council of Young Israel, which championed the cause of Jewish settlers, are feeling vindicated by the Netanyahu victory.

But they may find the new prime minister focusing his attention on mainstream groups like AIPAC (the American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, whose roles will become more important as tensions between Jerusalem and Washington increase, as they are almost certain to do.

The majority of American Jews have said in various polls these last several years that they support the peace process of the Rabin-Peres government. Will they now shift gears and support the more hardline policies of Benjamin Netanyahu, since it is, after all, the government of Israel, or will they remain loyal to the more dovish policies of the previous government?

Perhaps most significantly, will increasing numbers of American Jews feel so alienated by the political and religious policies of the new Israeli government that fundraising for Israel, already on the decline, will be further impeded? Whether or not they admit it, our mainstream Jewish communal and philanthropic organizations are seriously concerned about this possibility.

Netanyahu, who prides himself on his ties to and understanding of American Jewry, seems aware of the potential problems ahead. His confidante, Zalman Shoval, the former ambassador to the United States under Likud, has made a point in recent days of emphasizing the importance of Israeli and American Jewish relations.

In a meeting with American Jewish leaders recently in New York, Shoval asserted that "nothing is more important today than Jewish unity."

Addressing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, he reiterated several points he had expressed before. Most notably, he described the Israeli-American Jewish relationship as having "seriously eroded" over the last four years and proposed an emergency meeting of Diaspora Jews in Israel to deal with these issues.

Such a meeting could be a positive and symbolic step in highlighting the importance Israel places on American Jewry. Just raising the issues, though, is not enough. A similar meeting convened by Israeli President Ezer Weizman several years ago only seemed to underscore and deepen the rift. Many blamed Weizman, who equated Zionism with aliyah and had little patience for those who spoke of the importance of Diaspora Jewry.

What is needed instead of lecturing by Israeli officials is a genuine dialogue that allows both sides to explore a new and more meaningful relationship. The philanthropic role that American Jews have played for decades is less important now that Israel's economy has grown. Smoothing the way for more business investments in Israel and partnerships between American and Israeli Jews would be most constructive.

In terms of instilling a love of Jewish history, heritage and observance in young people, Israeli and American Jews need to work more closely together, because neither side has been successful alone and the clock is ticking.

The sad truth is that almost 50 years after statehood, Israeli officials can no longer take gut-level American Jewish support for granted, particularly as a government takes power that is reliant on Orthodox religious parties and appears to be more removed from the liberal Western values embraced by most American Jews. That perception may not be true, or it may indeed be true and need to be explored and explained. In either case, it needs to be addressed.

Any relationship worth saving requires caring, understanding and commitment from both sides. The sooner the Netanyahu government moves to bridge the gap between Israeli and American Jews, the better.

Gary Rosenblatt is the editor and publisher of the New York Jewish Week.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

FOLK CHOIRS & AUCTIONS

Folk Choir Going Strong: To mark its 70th anniversary, the **Toronto Jewish Folk Choir** has released a 32-minute video, *Keeping the Flame Alive*: The Story of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir traces the choir's growth from the day it was founded by immigrant needle trade workers on D'Arcy Street near Spadina.

The choir's glory days were evidently in the 1940s and 1950s, when it hosted renowned guest artists like **Jan Peerce**, **Regina Resnick** and **Paul Robeson**.

The video focuses on more recent triumphs, however, such as the choir's 1993 premiere of **Milton Barnes'** *Fantasy on Jewish Themes*, performed with the **Flying Bulgar Klezmer** band, with the Toronto-based composer conducting.

Last month, several choir members were honored for singing with the ensemble for 50 years or more. They are: **Brina Harris**, **Rae Orlan**, **Molly Myers**, **Toby Kelson** and **Brenda Fishauf**.

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Auction of Confiscated Art: In a historic move that marks a step towards restitution for artwork confiscated by the Nazis, the auction house Christie's, acting on behalf of the Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities, auctions more than 1,000 art works in Vienna Oct. 29 and 30. Most of the art was seized from Jewish homes between 1938 and 1945. Proceeds are to be distributed to Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and their families.

After the war, the United States recovered thousands of pieces of confiscated art and turned them over to the Austrian government with the proviso that every effort be made to trace the owners; some 10,000 objects were identified and returned to family members. For more than 40 years, the unclaimed art was stored in a medieval monastery in Mauerbach, a town about 50 kilometres outside Vienna.

The sale, which Christie's has volunteered to conduct on a non-profit basis, is expected to raise more than $3.5 million. Property includes 19th-century paintings, Old Master paintings and drawings, and carpets, tapestries, furniture, arms and armor, coins and literature.

The Mauerbach auction takes place at Vienna's MAK Museum, the Austrian Museum of Applied Art. Public viewing begins Oct. 22. To reserve a cataogue, phone 800-395-6300.

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More Auction News: Letters, military plans, photographs and the Bible belonging to **Major-General Orde Wingate**, one of the most legendary and controversial military heroes of World War II, are to be sold by Sotheby's London on July 11.

Wingate's campaigns turned the tide of the war in Africa and the Far East, and he played an integral role as the founding father of the Israeli military.

His papers are being sold in seven lots comprising the main Wingate archive; the archive relating to Palestine; Wingate's Bible; seven letters from Chaim Weizmann; three letters from Weizmann to Lewis Namier; two letters from Winston Churchill. Together, they are expected to raise about $ 200,000.

A world auction record was set by Sotheby's last April when Wingate's gallantry medals sold for about $ 113,000. Sotheby's site on the Worldwide Web is http://www.sothebys.com.

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Survivor Literature: *Strange and Unexpected Love: A Teenage Girl's Holocaust Memoirs*, by Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, was the topic of a recent two-day international conference at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva, Israel. The conference was titled Belated or Timely Memories: The Last Phase of Survivor Literature, and attracted leading scholars worldwide in the field of Holocaust literature.

Dr. Karin Doerr of Concordia University was apparently the only Canadian delegate.

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Outdoor Art Exhibition: Nathan Phillips Square, in front of Toronto City Hall, is the setting for the city's 35th annual Outdoor Art Exhibition, involving some 540 art displays, Friday July 12 to Sunday July 14, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, rain or shine.

Admission for an art auction and party on July 12 is $35. Admission to the exhibition is free. Organizers plan to award more than $18,000 in prizes to artists, who are given a rare opportunity to sell their wares to the public. 416-408-2754.

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In Brief: Amy Sky, who recently made her stage debut in *Blood Brothers* at Toronto's Royal Alex Theatre, has many songwriting credits. She has just released a new CD, *Cool Rain*.

Forbidden Hollywood perfect vehicle for Toronto actress

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Lizzie Kurtz

TORONTO — If you had asked Lizzie Kurtz when she was five years old what she wanted to be when she grew up, her answer would have been immediate — a stage actress.

Nineteen years later, her ambition still strong, Kurtz is the female understudy in Gerard Alessandrini's *Forbidden Hollywood*, a musical comedy running indefinitely at the Atlantis Theatre in Ontario Place.

The fast-paced, upbeat show takes the audience on a comedy tour of Hollywood, including a hilarious parody of *The Sound of Music*. It is a perfect vehicle for Kurtz's ambitions as a performer.

Kurtz, who grew up in Toronto, says that from the time she was a young child and was upset at not being invited to be part of a children's concert, she knew that one day she would be on the stage.

"I was single-minded. I auditioned for Claude Watson School of the Arts four times until I was admitted. It didn't matter that they kept rejecting me. I kept on applying because I knew that is where I should be and I finally got in as a dance major."

She recently graduated from Sheridan College's musical theatre program where she appeared in such productions as *Top Girls*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Cabaret* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She also sang in the Beth Tzedec choir and in the chorus of Toronto Operetta Theatre's *Die Fledermaus* at St. Lawrence Centre.

Her heart is in live theatre, Kurtz says, because of the immediate satisfaction she gets from acting in front of an audience.

"When I am on stage, the audience experiences what I am doing with me. If an audience sees an incredible performance, they know it and the performer knows it. It is no longer acting but rather, it is the truth, and the truth exists here and now.

"It is a similar feeling to the one I get in synagogue. I become spiritually uplifted when I sense something powerful and I feel the presence of G-d. Performers call that feeling 'being in the moment' and it is that towards which we all strive.

"The audience knows when they have experienced a good performance because in some way, it has changed their life. A wonderful performer such as Bette Midler shares herself on the stage and for a split second, she can reach the audience and change them. I am proud to do that."

She admits that although Toronto theatre has treated her well, she does see herself acting on Broadway one day.

Acting is a lifestyle commitment, but it is a commitment that is easy to make, Kurtz says. "In addition to staying fit and healthy, I even have to limit the amount of talking I do because it could change my vocal chords. If I enter a relationship one day, it would have to be with someone who understands my schedule and lifestyle."

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ABC Islands: Caribbean travellers will know that the so-called ABC Islands refer to Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, the trio of small resort isles off the coast of Venezuela, 2½ hours from Miami by air. Curacao, which has one of the oldest synagogues in the Western world and a historic Sephardi community, has been written up in this space before.

Less attention has been paid to its upscale sister, Aruba, whose 81,500 inhabitants represent a diverse mix of 43 nationalities, many living in the capital city of Oranjestad.

Aruba's One Cool Summer festivities feature weekly sailing regattas, a reef-cleaning dive, an underwater awareness week for divers and snorkellers at all levels of experience, a men's tennis tournament and an international deep-sea fishing tournament. Island hotels offer hot summer discounts up to 40 percent below winter prices. Aruba Tourism Authority, 800-268-3042.

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Yiddish singer celebrates her first love

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Canadian stage star has come home to her first love — the Yiddish language.

In an unusual premiere concert to a sell-out audience, Beth Anne Cole said Yiddish folk and art songs are "the inside and outside of the same coat" and answer a yearning deep inside her.

As if to give this practical expression, the Ottawa-born singer twinned her own haunting English lyrics of her new song, *All the Way Home* with a song written in the Vilna ghetto by poet Lea Rudinsky expressing the loneliness of people forcibly separated.

Using her eyes and eyebrows as exclamation marks, and body language to enhance the story, the diminutive actor-singer's lush voice ranged all the way up and down the emotional scale with songs of humor, longing and puckishness, many of them adapted from her idol and mentor, the late Vienna-born singer, Martha Schlamme.

Cole is the complete artiste and an ideal choice for the first Friends of Yiddish concert to show that dramatic interpretations of old folk songs can enthrall, as they did the 200 attending the Ford Studio Theatre.

Her accompanists were Lona Davis, piano and Brian Katz, guitar.

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Business Profile

Cosmoda Corporation:

Family business a major distribution company

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The family that works together stays together — at least in the case of Andrew and Judy Menceles, owners of Cosmoda Corporation, marketer and distributor of fashion watches and designer and manufacturer of gift products and lifestyle accessories.

In the 21 years since the husband and wife team, parents of two boys aged 13 and 11, established the business, working out of a small space on Spadina Avenue, Cosmoda has grown to be a major force on the market. The company employs 25 people in their 15,000 square feet of office space in Downsview.

"We both grew up with a family business and we know the amount of work it takes to make a go of it. As well, our strengths complement each other. I develop concepts, while Judy is more detail oriented. The work just kind of naturally gets divided. Couples really can work together," Andrew Menceles says.

The thrust of the business in 1975 was gift items, but on a 1983 trip to New York, Menceles visited Macy's and happened upon a test run for Swatch watches.

"We had wanted to expand to include fashion accessories and this seemed to be what we were looking for," he says. "We became the first distributor in Canada to bring in Swatch watches and one of the first three distributors worldwide. They were great sellers."

Until 1979, Menceles, a chiropractor by profession, had his own practice and worked on Cosmoda business on the side, but "the appeal of merchandising and marketing was overwhelming, and I closed my office and devoted all my efforts to building the business with Judy."

Today, watches account for 60 percent of their business and the company distributes several brands, including Fossil and Giorgio Beverly Hills. Roots approached Cosmoda looking to license their name and Cosmoda has since become the first licensee to design Roots products including watches and a group of outdoor and personal accessories such as flashlights and compasses.

"Roots is very quality conscious and I believe that we are on the same wave length. With prices ranging from $75 to $130, they make good gifts.

"Right now, the watches are made in such places as the Far East, France and Germany, but we plan to start assembling them here so that we will really have a Canadian product. If we do our job properly, within five years, the vast majority of our products will be Canadian designed and exported around the world. There is no industry here yet; so we will have to buy all the necessary machinery.

Andrew Menceles with Cosmoda-developed Road Max. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

"So far, we've shipped our products to Hong Kong, Korea and Taiwan, and in the fall, Roots watches will be launched in the Japanese market. We are anticipating sales in Japan to be greater than those in Canada."

This year, Cosmoda negotiated a licensing agreement with Disney Canada to design and produce the first ever RCMP watches, due to be on the market for the 1996 gift season.

"Branded products are making a comeback, while the no-names are dropping off," says Menceles. "That is because the consumer's purchase consideration before was price alone. However, if you produce a better product that is reasonably priced and features a twist of design or redefinition, the purchase becomes a happier, more satisfying event. There is and will continue to be a niche market for this type of product."

A major component of Cosmoda's success is in research and development, and Menceles says they are committed to designing and developing quality products that have strong consumer appeal.

"Cosmoda is product driven. In our opinion, the consumer is increasingly making an independent decision to purchase something they love and appreciate the quality and value of, without being influenced by advertising. This particular philosophy is an important one at our company. In fact, the concept of independently made purchase decisions is happening more and more, especially in North America.

"Everyone may not agree with this point of view, but it has worked for us and ultimately this type of approach will produce a better product, if not as many sales in the short term. Our view, however, is long term and therefore our challenge is to convince selective retailers to make the jump to our products. We are confident that exposure at the right retail outlets will generate sales."

A product developed by Cosmoda, of which they are particularly proud, is the Road Max, a moulded, tire-shaped, compact emergency road kit that contains booster cables, flashlight and batteries, tire inflator, first aid kit and other essentials for stranded motorists.

"It has been rated the number 1 gift item in the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalogue for the past two years," Menceles says. "At $50 retail, it is a great gift item, because it is the redefinition of something that everyone needs in their trunk. It is fun looking — not a greasy automotive type of product.

"Also available now is a soft pac, slightly lower-priced version of the Road Max, which is tire-shaped as well, but is offered in different colors.

"What we've done with the Road Max," he says, "is appeal to the mass market, to the high end market, to the men and to the women. We've covered everyone. In the past few months, we have reached a number of U.S. retailers including Bloomingdales, J. C. Penny's and Lord & Taylor. We will also be in such catalogues as Bloomingdale's by Mail, J. C. Penny and Sharper Image."

Offering the consumer good value is uppermost on Cosmoda's agenda. "It is not about price, it is about value. Good volumes can keep prices low," Menceles stresses.

"Our challenge is to design beautiful products that are affordable and long-lasting. With a wide variety of products, we aim to cover as much of the consumer market as possible. For example, our Beaver Canoe watches, also an international licence from Roots Canada and soon to be available in Canada, cost about $40 to $50; so they are quite popularly priced.

"It is also important to us to be appealing and to that end, our products carry a distinctive twist of design that take them beyond the usual. This could mean a special stitch on a piece of leather goods, the use of metallic color on an otherwise traditional material or a redefined shape to a customary design."

Although he travels several times a year, once to the Far East and a few times to Europe and the United States, Menceles makes sure that he is not away from home for long stretches. "It is important to be at home with my family — to balance my time properly — and Judy is always there when the boys get home.

"It would be easy to work 20 hours a day but I try to keep it down to 10. We've ensured that we don't have to be at the office every second.

"The business, though, is definitely our passion. When we started, we did not think about being successful; we were just doing what we liked. But we realized when you're passionate, you're successful. You have to be passionate," he stresses.

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Wrestlers named to Canadian Olympic team

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Jewish heavyweights with lots of mat experience have been named to Canada's Olympic wrestling team and will compete in freestyle events in Atlanta.

Andy Borodow and Oleg Ladik, both of Montreal, made the cut as Canada prepared its roster for the quadrennial games. Their coach, Victor Zilberman, believes both wrestlers should be competitive, and Ladik has a realistic shot at a medal, perhaps even a gold.

In a telephone interview from his home in Montreal, Zilberman said Ladik, who weighs in at 100 kilograms, has more than held his own in a match against the current world champ.

Last year in Atlanta, Ladik, 24, tied the eventual world champ in points but lost the match on a referee's decision. He went on to win the bronze medal match versus a competitor from Ukraine, but that result was overturned on a protest, Zilberman said.

Borodow, who's a 130-kilogram (287-pound) giant, faces an even greater challenge versus top wrestlers from the United States, Russia and Germany. The world champion, Bruce Baumgartner of the United States, is a handful and Borodow has never beaten him, Zilberman said.

Nevertheless, Borodow, 26, has tremendous upper body strength and lots of international experience, the coach added. He finished fifth at the '92 Olympics and he followed that up with the '94 and '96 Canadian championships. In 1994, he won the gold at the Jeux de la Francophonie and in '93, he was the gold medalist at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Ladik also returned home from the Holy Land with a gold medal in '93 and won the World Cup the same year. Canadian champ in 1993, '94 and '95, he won gold at the '94 Jeux de la Francophonie.

In 1985, Ladik, who hails originally from Kiev, Ukraine, was world junior champion. Zilberman has coached Ladik since he moved to Canada four years ago and he's been Borodow's coach ever since he was a feisty 11-year-old looking to mix it up.

Both wrestlers will compete in freestyle events, which differ from Greco-Roman in that wrestlers are not limited to upper body holds. In freestyle, they can grab their opponent's legs, trip them or otherwise take them down, Zilberman explained.

An international wrestler in his own day, Zilberman represented the Soviet Union at the 1973 European Championships, finishing second as a 74-kg freestyler.

After a year in Israel, during which he earned the Jewish state a third-place finish in the 1974 World Championships, he moved to Canada. In 1978, he won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games.

A head coach for Vanier College, Concordia University, and the Montreal Wrestling Club, which all train together, Zilberman was head coach of the Canadian wrestling team at the 1988 Olympic Games. He later served as senior freestyle Olympic team coach at the '92 Barcelona Games and Canadian national team coach at the '93 World Senior Greco-Roman competition.

A native of Minsk, Belarus, he is slated to serve as head coach for Canada at the '97 Maccabiah Games in Israel and expects to have both Ladik and Borodow on the team.

Toronto Maccabi (seen here) will form the nucleus of the Jewish Select team that will compete in the Striker Spirit Soccer Tournament. Seen here (top row, from left) are Bradley Kalk, Barry Meyerowipz, Jason Riis, Scott Sanford, Phil Hollett, Orlando Thorpe, Vito Sinopoli, Micky Alexander (manager). Bottom row (from left) are: Airan Peleg, Shaun Rootenberg, Mike Liechenko, Blake Dinkin, George Schroter (co-coach), Ronny Ushky and Dan Indech. Missing are Rowan Smoulawitz, Menashe Levi, Darren Strong, Daniel Hadida, Eli Olchewski, Ziv Fishman, Eric Bouaziz and Jason Bresler.

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Selects face tough challenge in 'Striker' soccer tournament

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish Selects could be in for perhaps their toughest challenge in the Striker Spirit Soccer Tournament, when they kick off Game 1 against powerful Poland.

If they can get by the Poles, the Selects will have cleared their biggest hurdle and have a realistic shot at the playoff round, said the team's coach, Martin Scott.

Following Poland, the Selects will tackle Nigeria and Chile. All three opponents are the tallest teams in the tournament, but "our spirit is in no way proportional to our size," Scott said.

The Jewish Selects are one of 16 teams that will compete in the tournament, which takes place from July 4 to 14 at Centennial Park Stadium in Etobicoke. Tickets are $5 per game and $2 of each ticket sold by the Selects will go to the charity of the team's choice. The remainder will go the the Canadian Red Cross, Metro Toronto region.

The Selects are comprised mostly of players from Toronto Maccabi, which has competed in the Toronto Services Soccer League (TSSL) for the past two years and was a finalist in the league's Consolation Cup in 1995. Toronto Maccabi has participated in other leagues since it was founded in 1982, as well as in the Scarborough Indoor Soccer League, getting to the semi-finals in the 1996 Consolation Cup.

Scott, in his first year as coach, believes the Maccabi team is the only adult, primarily Jewish team in Canada to participate in a non-Jewish league.

The TSSL is "a couple of steps below the Toronto and District League (TDL), in which Poland competes, Scott said. Nevertheless, he is optimistic that camaraderie and team spirit will keep his boys competitive.

The Selects' captain is Bradley Kalk, 29, who is originally from South Africa, where his father, Fred, was a well-known professional player.

Another key member of the team is Daniel Hadida, 19.

Scott said he expects the Selects will form the nucleus of the indoor soccer team Canada will send to Israel for next summer's Maccabiah Games.

Scott is urging members of the Jewish community to attend Game 1 on Sunday, July 7 at noon to give the team moral support. Game 2 against Nigeria is scheduled for Monday, July 8 at 9 p.m. while game three versus Chile kicks off on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

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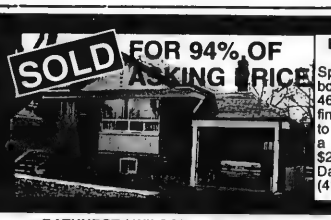

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Life is a highway for Mississauga firm

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Canadian highway developer is part of an international consortium that's been shortlisted to tender a bid for the building of a hi-tech highway in Israel.

Mississauga-based Canadian Highways International Corp. (CHIC) is busy trying to help the consortium win the lucative contract, which has an advertised value of $750 million (US). Others in the group are Hughes Aircraft; SGG, a French firm; and Africa Israel Investments Ltd., a leading Israeli company with interests in real estate, hotels, construction and land development.

The consortium is one of four (down from six) being considered by Cross Israel Highway Corp., a state-owned company, to finance, design, build and maintain the first phase of a planned 300-kilometre expressway that will stretch from the Galilee to the Beersheva vicinity.

Road built for speed

Phase 1 will go from just east of Tel Aviv, 70 km south, with the possibility of another 20 km. It is envisioned to have speed limits of up to 130 km/hour, with two to four, and perhaps six, lanes in each direction.

Between eight and 10 interchanges are planned for Phase 1, which will connect the highway to east-west roads. The Knesset has already approved funding for two of the interchanges.

CHIC is confident because, as a spokesperson said, Israel has specified it wants a fully electronic toll collection system that will cause no delays, much like Ontario's Highway 407, currently under construction.

Free trade

Traffic studies have forecast that by the year 2010, volume on the completed highway will exceed 120,000 vehicles daily.

Final tenders will be submitted later this year.

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Announcement of the shortlisting was made here at a recent reception for Shlomo Grofman, president and CEO of Africa Israel Investments Ltd.

Grofman provided a pep talk on joint ventures and investment in Israel, noting the country is alone in the world in enjoying free trade agreements with both the United States and the European Union.

Because of peace initiatives and a booming immigrant population, Grofman predicted Israel's foreign investments, exports and tourism sector will mushroom in the coming years.

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Topping
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1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup lightly packed brown sugar
1/2 tsp cinnamon

In large bowl, combine strawberries and rhubarb. Stir in sugar, flour and cinnamon. Spoon into greased 13"x9" baking dish.

For topping combine butter, flour, oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle evenly over fruit mixture.

Bake in preheated 375°F oven 40 to 45 minutes or until fruit is tender. Serve warm with ice cream. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

About Seniors

Dear Jesse,

My mother lives close by and has been the surrogate parent to my children during some difficult times in my own family.

Last week, she was preparing lunch for my 8-year-old who had the croup and she forgot to turn off the burner, leaving the pot to burn and the smoke to fill the house. My child was rushed to the hospital to be treated for smoke-inhalation.

There have been several other incidents. None were as serious, but enough to raise concern. My mother's response is "accidents happen." I cannot trust her anymore or am I overreacting?

M.H.

Dear M.H.,

Perhaps you have to reconsider how much responsibility you give your mother. You might watch for other changes and encourage your mother to agree to an assessment (medical and psycho-social) to eliminate the possibility of a problem that might cause some of these changes.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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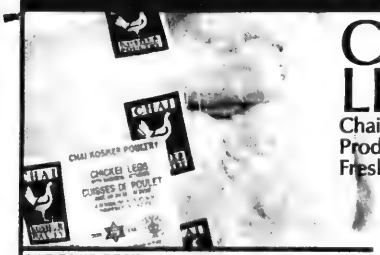

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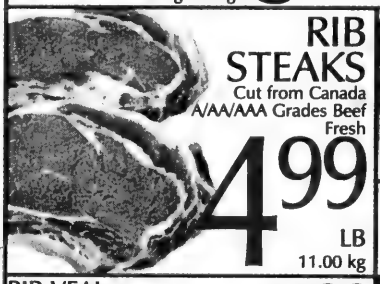

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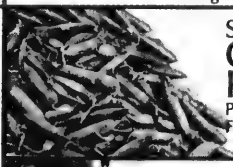

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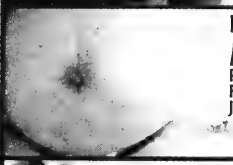

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Netanyahu, Clinton meet

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — On his first visit to the United States as prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to stress the fight against terror as a condition for continuing peace negotiations.

His trip also was being seen as an opportunity to forge a new working relationship with President Bill Clinton, who demonstrated strong support for Shimon Peres, the former prime minister and Labor party leader.

During his visit, the Clinton administration is expected to seek clarifications from Netanyahu regarding his stand on the peace process.

Netanyahu has pledged to continue the peace process on all tracks. But he has rejected what he asserts are Arab efforts to set preconditions to negotiations.

Ahead of the trip, Israeli media outlined a five-point package Netanyahu would present, including:

• A promise in principle to redeploy Israeli forces in Hebron, with some adjustments to the security arrangements drawn up by the Peres government, and with no obligation to a timetable.

• Continued contact with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, at all levels.

• Intent in principle to lift the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, imposed at the end of February after the first of a series of suicide bombings.

• Support of international aid to the Palestinian Authority.

• Resumption of permanent-status negotiations with the Palestinians.

Netanyahu has made clear his opposition to the creation of a

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger to his offices last week during Kissinger's private visit to Israel. *[RNS photo]*

Deportation process halted

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Federal Court decision ordering a stay of proceedings for three alleged Nazi war criminals has outraged the Jewish community and prompted calls for an appeal to a higher court.

The decision by Federal Court Judge Bud Cullen brings the denaturalization cases against Helmut Oberlander, Erichs Tobiass and Johann Dueck to a close.

In a 16-page decision released last week, Cullen ruled that a meeting between Assistant Deputy Attorney General Ted Thompson and Chief Justice Julius Isaac would lead a reasonable person to conclude "there has been judicial interference and that these three [men] would not be coming before an independent court."

Even if Associate Chief Justice James Jerome removed himself from the cases (he did so), "a reasonable person would conclude that ... another judge of this court could be perceived as responding to the pressure that was brought to bear by the chief justice and the assistant deputy attorney general," Cullen wrote. The stay proceedings were prompted by a March 1 meeting and an exchange of letters between Thompson and Isaac in which Thompson complained about the slow pace of proceedings in the cases. Isaac then contacted

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Jewish Agency struggling

By CYNTHIA MANN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency for Israel is struggling for survival.

It is seeking to reform itself, in order to retain a meaningful role in Israel and remain attractive to donors in the Diaspora who are increasingly bypassing its campaign, in favor of other forms of philanthropy to Israel.

Many of the 400 delegates to the Agency's annual assembly last week left Jerusalem saying they were frustrated that little of substance was achieved, at a time when the Agency is experiencing both fiscal and identity crises.

In an effort to ease a crushing cash-flow crisis, the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the federations agreed to an emergency transfer of about $20 million (US).

The Agency, the primary recipient in Israel of funds from this joint campaign, faces a cumulative debt of $76 million.

Many delegates complained that the Agency remains bogged down by political and ideological differences between its partners in Israel and in the Diaspora.

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25th ANNIVERSARY
The CJN celebrates its anniversary with *25 Years Ago*, highlighting national and international items from the past. See Page Two.

OFFICE CLOSED
Our offices will be closed July 13-21. There will be no issue on July 25.

Canadian volunteers helped man secret fleet — please see page

The News in Brief

CANADA

Degree for Cohon

HAMILTON – George Cohon, senior chair of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd., was recently awarded an honorary doctorate of law from McMaster University's School of Business.

Chrétien Lauds CJC

MONTREAL – Prime Minister Jean Chrétien applauded Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, and Le Group des Cent for commemorating the 100th anniversary of the election of Canada's first French Canadian prime minister, Sir Wilfred Laurier.

ISRAEL

Israel's Public United: Poll

JERUSALEM – There is no deep division within Israel on the basic issues involved in the peace process, according to a recent survey conducted by a Hebrew University of Jerusalem researcher.

Road Safety

JERUSALEM – Israel launched another road safety campaign in the wake of rising casualties from traffic accidents.

During a special Knesset debate on the subject, Transportation and Energy Minister Yitzhak Levy promised that a special task force formed to deal with the issue would come up with proposals within a month. He said that a total of more than 1,000 people died on Israel's roads in 1994 and 1995.

Israeli Arabs Meet PM

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met last week with Arab Knesset members, who urged his government to resume negotiations with the Palestinians.

Abdel Wahab Darawshe, of the United Arab List, later told Israel Radio that during the discussion, he stressed the importance for a meeting between the Israeli prime minister and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat if the peace process is to continue.

Children's Conference

JERUSALEM – The Palestinian Authority cancelled a multilateral preparatory conference on children's rights in Bethlehem last week, after the government refused to allow it to host a reception for Arab delegations in the Jerusalem hotel where they were staying.

Begin Criticizes PM

JERUSALEM – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has clashed with a Cabinet minister who claimed that the new premier was too left-wing.

The incident fueled media speculation that Science Minister Ze'ev "Benny" Begin, a member of the premier's Likud Party, would resign from his post when the government held official contacts with the Palestinians.

Olympians Remembered

JERUSALEM – Members of Israel's delegation to the Olympics took time out of their training last week to remember the 11 athletes murdered by Palestinian terrorists 24 years ago at the games in Munich, Germany.

The Israeli team gathered at the memorial for the athletes in Tel Aviv, and said they hoped to take some of their spirits with them to Atlanta.

Parties Still Talking

JERUSALEM – Shas and the National Religious Party continued talks in an effort to resolve a crisis over which party would control the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Mandela To Visit

JERUSALEM - South African President Nelson Mandela will make a landmark visit on August 19-20.

Mandela will also visit Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, and Jordan's King Hussein.

Amir Petitions Court

JERUSALEM – Yigal Amir, who is serving a life sentence for the assassination of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, has petitioned the High Court against his prison conditions, saying the prison authority is trying to drive him crazy.

WORLD

Clinton visits Auschwitz

WARSAW – Last week, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau death complex and met in Warsaw with representatives of Poland's Jewish community.

She was accompanied on the daylong visit by the Polish first lady, Jolanta Kwasniewski.

In The CJN, 25 Years Ago...

Friday July 9, 1971

AMERICANS WANT SUEZ CRISIS RESOLVED

Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the United States, confirmed that Washington wants to put pressure on Jerusalem and Cairo to reach an agreement in order to reopen the Suez Canal.

Diplomatic observers in Cairo said Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat does not contemplate renewing hostilities against Israel at least until the end of the year. One of the most important issues facing the U.S. is whether to renew the suggestion that Moscow join Washington in a new move for peace in the Middle East or continue its role as "honest" broker between Egypt and Israel. The State Department reaffirmed its belief that the possibility of a settlement exists.

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This is the finding after a three-year survey by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in its report to the Human Rights Commission. The report stated: "It is astonishing that this issue was not even mentioned in many texts and that in many others it was treated casually."

Certainty and Tradition

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A native of Toronto, Rabbi Zionce has studied in Brooklyn, New York, under various distinguished rabbis at the Kollel of Yeshiva Birkas Reuven. He served as a member of the Chevra Kadisha of the Vaad Harabonim of Queen's, New York, and trained with the Rosh Chevra Kadisha, Harav Hagaon Rabbi Elchonon Zohn, a leading authority on *Tahara* (purification rituals).

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Community outraged by war crimes decision

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Jerome and later wrote to Thompson saying Jerome was unaware of the pressing time constraints involved in bringing the cases forward.

Criticizing his judicial colleague, Cullen said: "The influence or pressure that was brought to bear on [Jerome] is especially egregious." But, he continued, "it is not sufficient to say the ... cases are of such importance to Canadian society that the transgressions of the chief justice ... and [Thompson] should be overlooked. In my view, the fact that the accusations against the respondents are so serious demands a very high level of judicial independence ... The fact that these crimes are so serious and carry with them such moral approbation also demands that the judge who hears them is convinced by the evidence alone and not by pressure that was brought to bear by any outsider."

"I think it's an appalling decision," said Irving Abella, a spokesperson for Canadian Jewish Congress on war crimes issues. "It's overkill. The remedy is disproportionate to the crime ... It's a bizarre decision and it's insensitive."

"Justice is not served by stopping the proceedings against these three men," said Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC). "Canada probably has the worst record in the Western world in gaining convictions" against Nazi war criminals, he added.

"The outcome of this decision is that Canada has de facto become a haven for accused Nazi war criminals in these cases ... The court's grant of immunity for these alleged mass murderers does more to place the Canadian judicial system in disrepute than the actions of the chief justice of the Federal Court and the assistant deputy minister," said David Matas, honorary senior legal counsel for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

Abella called the decision "an Alice in Wonderland judgement... [Cullen] agrees the crimes are heinous and therefore any transgression must allow the prosecution to be stayed. It's reasoning that escapes me."

It would be like a judge saying that "on a technicality, someone like Clifford Olson or Paul Bernardo could walk away free simply because a lawyer asked the court to hurry it along," he added.

'We're gravely concerned'

John Sims, assistant deputy attorney general, citizenship and immigration, said "we're gravely concerned that these three cases have been stayed...Society has a right to have significant cases tried on their merits. It's important that the courts deal with the issues raised in Oberlander, Dueck and Tobiass."

Sims said Cullen's decision wouldn't deter federal authorities from launching proceedings in other cases involving alleged war criminals. Notices of Intention to Revoke Citizenship have already been filed in two other cases and an announcement of the details of one of the cases can be expected imminently, Sims said.

Federal prosecutors have failed miserably in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice. Since the Criminal Code was amended in 1987 to allow for domestic prosecutions, three cases were stymied in preliminary stages. Former Hungarian gendarme Imre Finta was acquitted after a trial. In an appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Finta's anti-Semitic belief that Jews were enemies of Hungary precluded him from having a guilty mind.

Following that decision, government authorities took a different approach — they attempted to strip alleged Nazis of their citizenship and deport them.

An immigration adjudicator ruled in the Nemsila case that his five years of domicile in Canada saved him from facing deportation for his wartime activities.

That decision was taken to the Federal Court, where Jerome presided over the appeal. Following the launch of stay proceedings in the Dueck, Oberlander and Tobiass case, Nemsila's lawyer Barbara Jackman sought a stay of proceedings in his case as well.

Last week, Jackman, Justice Department lawyers and counsel for four interveners including Congress, the League, the SWC and an association of Montreal synagogues were in court for the Nemsila case. Jerome said he would hear legal arguments on Jackman's stay application on July 18 and 19, according to Steven Shulman, who is monitoring the case for Congress.

Jerome suggested he was ready to rule on the domicile issue if he does not award a stay, Shulman added.

One other case, involving alleged war criminal Konrads Kalejs, is being heard by a Toronto Immigration adjudicator. That case differs from the others in that Kalejs is an Australian citizen with no status as a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

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'Meteor on the Jewish skies' left lasting legacy

I am writing these words on the 20th of Tammuz. Ninety-two years ago, in 1904, the 20th of Tammuz fell on July 3. On that day, Theodor Benjamin Ze'ev Herzl died. He was only 44.

But it is not to recall the anniversary of his death, per se, that I write about Herzl.

This year and next, Jewish communities will be commemorating a number of significant Herzl-related anniversaries, one of them, the 100th year since the publication of his major work, *Der Judenstaat* (The Jewish State). Prof. Naomi Elboim-Dror wrote about Herzl's life and vision in the Feb. 15. issue of *The CJN*.

On Aug. 29, 1997, we will celebrate 100 years since the first Zionist conference in Basel, Switzerland. It was at that conference, organized by Herzl, that Zionism, the movement for the establishment of a home for the Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael, entered the psyche and climbed onto the agenda of the modern Western world. As an aside, it is worthy to note that of all the ideologies and "liberation" movements spawned by the upheaval, despair and optimism of the Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution, Zionism is one of the few, if not the only, movement that succeeded, that remains a creative, people-defining force to this very day.

It is for another reason though that I write about Herzl. His short life teaches that for human beings to achieve, we must liberate ourselves from cynicism, doubt and suspicion, even in this age of rampant materialism, mass media conformity and public corruption. Though a famous song writer once wrote, "we must keep a clear eye to the dirty ways of the world," defeatism is not a natural harbor for the human being. Human beings were intended to sail in the open seas of life's possibilities and promise.

Herzl was born in Budapest on May 2, 1860. He was educated in an "enlightened," liberal Jewish household. In 1878, his family moved to Vienna and he enrolled in the law school at the University of Vienna. In 1884, he received his doctorate of laws. But just one year later, he abandoned the courts of law to take up a career in writing. Eventually he became the Paris correspondent of the Vienna *Neue Freie Presse*, one of Europe's leading newspapers of the time. It was at this post that the young journalist witnessed the trial and public humiliation of Alfred Dreyfus, along with the blood-chilling Paris mobs screaming for "death to the Jews."

Europe's irrational, demonic, insatiable anti-Semitism was the crystal that eventually formed Herzl's driving passion to establish a homeland for the Jews. When he began his work on behalf of the Jewish people, he had fewer than 10 years left to live.

In Elboim-Dror's words: "Herzl's Zionist activity lasted but nine short years ... But during those years he succeeded in making a fundamental change in the Jewish world: He transformed the self-image of the Diaspora Jew; he converted the bourgeois, conservative Chovevei Zion movement into a revolutionary nationalistic and modern Jewish protest movement; he institutionalized the Zionist idea and established the foundations of the state-in-the-making.

"Without doubt Herzl is one of the greatest leaders history has known, one of the few whose vision changed history and became reality.

"He was the first leader who gave a clear political definition of the solution to the Jewish problem and acted to implement it. Herzl's message was phrased clearly and unequivocally – the establishment of a Jewish state. He was the first who dared to declare this openly, to speak on behalf of modern Jewish nationalism and to work to implement it."

Elboim-Dror writes: "Herzl appeared as a meteor on the Jewish skies." The imagery of the meteor is very effective, evoking a sharp flash of bright light against a dark, unilluminated background. But though evocative, the image is somewhat inadequate.

A meteor is ephemeral, a tail of light which leaves merely a short-lived visual splendor high in the sky. Its residue is more in the mind than on the ground.

Herzl, however, became a fixture, a permanent star in the constellation of idealism. He was a beacon. He cast a clear piercing beam into a gloomy Jewish world. He illuminated the corridors of nationalism which, to that point in modern history had remained dark and untravelled for Jews. He resuscitated a dream. And he revived a people.

But he was a human being, like all of us, at times filled with misgivings, frail in the face of illness and disease, fallible in matters of human relations. His marriage was unhappy; his three children were very troubled. By any description, the fate of his family was tragic. His eldest daughter suffered from severe emotional and psychiatric instability. His son killed himself when his older sister died. His younger daughter was killed in Thereisenstadt. Her son, Herzl's only grandchild, was an officer in the British army. After leaving the army, he became an economic adviser in the British mission in Washington, where he committed suicide by jumping from a bridge.

Herzl's life is a reminder to us all, and to our young generation in particular, that human beings are the most precious unit of existence on this planet, that each individual is immeasurably significant, that individuals can change the course of human history.

History is a "partnership of sorts" between the Divine plan and human endeavor. Rather than dwell on the inscrutability of the plan and thereby excuse human inaction, it falls to us, to individual human beings, to show constant initiative, to strive constantly for human betterment.

Three days after the conclusion of the Basel conference in 1897, Herzl wrote in his diary: "If I were to sum up the Congress in a word – which I shall take care not to publish – it would be this: At Basel I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today, I would be greeted by universal laughter. In five years perhaps, and certainly in 50 years, everyone will perceive it."

Fifty-one years later on the 28th of Iyar, the State of Israel was proclaimed; and it is Herzl's portrait, flaming dark eyes, stern countenance, magisterial bearing, bearded like an ancient sage, but altogether human, which hangs in the Knesset, forever framed in time and history.

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Reena reduces budgets as government cuts funding

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Having to do more with less.

That's been the buzz-phrase at every social service organization's annual meeting this past spring, and it's no different at Reena.

The Jewish organization that helps developmentally disabled adults integrate into the community through independent living will be facing a cumulative six percent reduction in funding by next year, due mainly to provincial government cuts, Reena's annual meeting was told late last month.

Outgoing chair Rob Berkovitz said he expects no increases in government funds for the foreseeable future, while at the same time, Reena's clients have increased to about 240 from 200 a year ago.

The treasurer's report mirrored trends taking place elsewhere: Reena ran a deficit of $53,000 this past year, because of a $300,000 cut to its budget. Since 1993, funding from Queen's Park has decreased by over $650,000.

As well, household budgets at Reena's group homes were slashed by 20 percent and a "painful" decision was made to sell Camp Reena's site in Orangeville. The camp program was discontinued in 1992.

But it's not all gloom. Reena's much-anticipated Toby and Henry Battle Centre is slated for completion this fall. The 45,000-square-foot facility on Clark Avenue in Thornhill will be one of only two or three such centres in the world. It will feature day and drop-in programs, a computer workshop, a wellness centre, a greenhouse and activities ranging from creative arts to exercise in a fully-equipped gym.

Just last month, Reena opened a resource office to reach out to those currently not receiving service (see accompanying story).

Stepping down from Reena's board of directors are Berkovitz, Howard Book, David Cole, Terry Kaufman, Susan Roher and Hy Eiley.

Angela Iannuzziello was welcomed as the new chair. New board members are Rob Brickman, Howard Kerbel, Ruth Ladowsky, Pearl Schusheim, Joel Snitman and Howard Ungerman.

Reena's Employer of the Year was Swenson Canada Inc., a health and beauty supplies distributor that employs a Reena client, while Employee of the Year was Reena client Goldy Slomovitz.

Resource office open

TORONTO — Opened just last month, Reena's new Resource Office functions as a kind of proactive intake service for non-clients and a one-stop referral centre. It also listens.

Staffed by Brenda Rothenberg, the office is identifying and assisting Jewish families with very young developmentally disabled children, because early intervention is seen as crucial.

It's also finding aging parents of developmentally disabled adults still living at home, and listening to their concerns.

"We will listen to anyone," Rothenberg says. "There are no boundaries."

The office can also help with financial planning and psychiatric and psychological support, as well as facilitating access to Reena's own resources and providing referrals to other services.

"Families [of the developmentally disabled] may not have any idea of the limited resources out there," Rothenberg adds. The office can also help families tap into family benefits and little-known government funds.

The office is an outgrowth of a strategic plan Reena launched in 1993. Among the goals was to eliminate Reena's waiting list, which persists at roughly 200. Those on the list have been contacted to help them prepare.

The office is also a response to government cutbacks. It's believed that early, long-range planning will allow Reena to get to know families and their financial situations, well before children can become clients.

"It's also a chance to get to know families. We can see them through the whole journey," says Rothenberg, whose own adult son is a Reena client.

For details, call Rothenberg at 416-787-0131.

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Muslims, Jews discuss racism

BY BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Shahid Akhtar, convenor of an inaugural symposium of the Canadian Association of Jews and Muslims, admitted that some Toronto-area Muslims tried to discourage him from organizing a dialogue between the two communities.

"One man said, 'Why rush into it? Why not unite your own community first?'" Akhtar reported. "I said, 'Thank you, I'll call you back in a thousand years.' "

Akhtar and co-convenor Jack Stevens were among eight speakers from the local Jewish and Muslim communities to address the gathering in the B'nai Brith building in North York.

Appropriately, it was in those very premises that Jewish and Muslim leaders met five years ago, after a wave of vandalism and harassment hit both communities during the Gulf War, recalled Karen Mock, national director of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights.

"Within a few days, we had leaders from both communities sitting down right here in this building to talk about it," she said. "Everyone recognized that it was important that we work out concerted strategies ... That very weekend, we had imams speaking out against anti-Semitism and rabbis speaking out against racism."

Akhtar seemingly expressed a fundamental principle behind the gathering when he said: "When there's anti-Semitism, we should be talking about that anti-Semitism in mosques, and asking, 'Why is it that our counterparts are being made targets?' And when there's discrimination against Muslims, the pain should be felt in the Jewish community as well."

Nuzhat Jafri, formerly with the provincial employment equity office, declared that social intolerance is on the rise, and cited the recent rash of arson attacks on black churches in the southern United States.

"It's time for Jews and Muslims to start working together to help turn around the tide of intolerance," she said.

In Spain in a former day, Jews and Muslims lived side by side in a highly civilized, educated and tolerant multicultural society, recalled Erna Paris, author of *The End Of Days*, a book about Spain's golden era and its downfall.

"It was a Muslim-Arabic umbrella society, where everyone spoke Arabic but which protected minorities," she said. "It reminded me of Canada, a multicultural country with a central identity but with protected minorities folded within it."

The idea, according to Rabbi Dow Marmur from the Holy Blossom Temple, was not to talk politics or religion, but to attempt a dialogue on secular grounds. "We live in a country where rabbis have no power whatsoever, and I think that's a cause for celebration," he said.

"The sorry result of the fusion of religion and political power has bedevilled Christianity and Islam, and is about to bedevil Judaism when it gains access to political power."

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Rabbi Marmur to stay as committee chair

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite calls from a "handful" of the 80 members of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's Israel affairs committee for his resignation, Rabbi Dow Marmur has decided to stay on as committee chair.

"I will not allow disruptive elements to take over; it is not in our interest," Rabbi Marmur told the region's executive meeting recently.

Later, he told *The CJN* he did not want to identify the "faction" calling for his resignation or name names. He said he merely wanted to "note" it for the executive.

"Rabbi Marmur has the full confidence of the Ontario region chair [Moshe Ronen] and of the regional executive," CJC Ontario region executive director Manuel Prutschi later told *The CJN*.

"As the region chair knows, I've wanted to step down, but I thank the ones who wanted me to quit for convincing me not to," Rabbi Marmur said.

To update CJC leaders on the intentions of the new Israeli government, Rabbi Marmur said a briefing meeting is to be arranged soon through the good offices of the Israel's consulate general.

A briefing with a broader group of community leaders will take place after Rosh Hashanah, he said. Divisions within the community will not be ignored at these briefings, Rabbi Marmur pledged.

The committee has decided to set up a media watch subcommittee chaired by Genya Intrator, in view of a change in the tone of the general media in reports on Israel affairs, Rabbi Marmur said. The subcommittee will develop its own mission statement, he added.

"There is a campaign to vilify the present goverment in the media," said delegate David Rotenberg.

Ontario region policy is to support the Israeli government, irrespective of its make-up of political parties, Ronen said. The region executive insists on trying to keep the community united, he added.

Rabbi Stroh marks 25 years at Temple Har Zion

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At the age of 32, Rabbi Michael Stroh was chosen to be the spiritual leader of Temple Har Zion. The congregation did not have a home and held its first High Holy Day services in a church on Finch Avenue.

Today, 25 years later, Rabbi Stroh is still head of the Reform congregation, now the third largest in the Toronto area (after Holy Blossom and Temple Sinai). He was honored at a dinner and special worship service recently.

His congregation's membership has grown from eight founders (including Philip Epstein, Lawrie Kaplan, Susan Bordo and Martin Gelfand) to 600 families who attend services in the Temple's handsome building in Thornhill, just north of Steeles Avenue.

It is also the location of the most famous joint parking lot in Canada (shared by Temple Har Zion and its next door neighbor, the Ja'ffari Islamic Centre). In fact, at the dinner, Imam Leyakatali Takim, the mosque's spiritual leader, apologized to the diners. Because of a special service at his centre that night, he said, "the border had to be closed."

The growth of Temple Har Zion parallels that of Toronto's Jewish community, both in numbers and location, Rabbi Stroh noted. When the temple first formed in 1971, most of its members lived in North York, while today most are in Thornhill, Vaughan and points north.

Rabbi Michael Stroh

A native New Yorker, Rabbi Stroh said he felt at home the second he arrived in Toronto in 1966 to become an assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom.

Before he left New York, he recalled that the social dividing line between Jew and gentile was a firm one. "What was Jewish was Jewish and the intermarriage rate was only two per cent. Now, that period is over and we have concerns over intermarriage and assimilation. On the one hand we have Jews who want more in the way of spiritual support, and we must respond, and there are Jews who are indifferent and may marry non-Jews, and yet one day they may come back and be active members of the synagogue."

One of the attractions of the Toronto community for Rabbi Stroh, he said, is its greater affinity to traditional values than in cities he knows in the United States.

"Whether this will be true of the next generation is not for me to say," he remarked.

Turning to events in Israel at the request of *The CJN*, Rabbi Stroh said that from the point of view of legal rights for the Reform and Conservative movements, the recent election results "mean a rough time for a few years."

He said he believes the legal rights established by the Israel Supreme Court will be outlawed by legislation, as part of the deal made by the new government with the Orthodox parties.

"However, concessions to the Orthodox may help us in the long run, because there is increasing resentment in the Israeli population over the price paid for the deal. The amount of money to buy them off is out of proportion to that given to other institutions, not just religious institutions."

The task of the Reform and Conservative movements is to win the hearts of Israelis, he said, "because legal victories can only take you so far."

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Keshet Shalom introduces new prayer book

By GIL KEZWER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The 70 members of Toronto's Congregation Keshet Shalom celebrated Gay Pride Week by introducing their own degenderized Hebrew-English prayer book.

The new siddur, *Keshet Be-Anan* (A Rainbow in the Cloud), was introduced at the congregation's Friday evening service during a recent Oneg Shabbat.

The congregation is currently using a siddur for Kabbalat Shabbat services which they created about five years ago, according to past president Howard Goldstein.

Their goal in the new siddur, he said, was to "produce a new, egalitarian version of our prayer book ... which removes any reference to God as male, in order that our service be more inclusive."

The siddur's name refers to both the rainbow covenant God made with Noah (Genesis 9:12-17) and the congregation itself. It also alludes to the liberation rainbow flag of the lesbian/gay/bisexual movement.

All Hebrew passages are transliterated in the book, which was typeset on Dagesh, a multi-lingual Windows processor.

The new prayer book was inspired by the *Shavat va-Yinafash* siddur of Congregation Bet Mishpachah in Washington, D.C. Material was also adapted from the Reconstructionist Press' *Kol ha-N'shama*.

Though gay Jewish social groups exist in Montreal and Winnipeg, and one used to exist in Vancouver, Keshet Shalom — which was founded in 1992 — is the first such shul in Canada. The congregation is a member of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, an international umbrella group with 60 members in Israel, Europe and North and South America.

Chutzpah

Toronto's gay Jewish community has gone through several metamorphoses since its establishment in the early 1980s. Previously the group had been known as Chutzpah. The establishment of their own synagogue marked an official coming out of the Jewish community closet, Goldstein said.

Judaism's historic taboo against homosexuality, which is decried in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 as an abomination, is crumbling, he suggested. Keshet Shalom is now a member of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Downtown Jewish Community Council.

The group initially found a home at the Cecil Street Community Centre near Kensington Market, but they outgrew the former synagogue, and now meet at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) for Friday night services.

The congregation hopes one day to hire a pulpit rabbi.

"We're proud to have a siddur that reflects both the Jewish tradition and the special nature of our community," said Goldstein.

Members of Congregation Keshet Shalom marching in Toronto's Gay Pride parade.

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The pity and the shame

Like a twisted hand that suddenly seizes one by the throat, the decision last week by Federal Court Judge Bud Cullen to halt deportation proceedings against three alleged Nazi war criminals has left everyone who seeks to bring war criminals to justice, including the Canadian Jewish community, gasping in disbelief. It has also discredited the Canadian justice system.

Cullen ruled that an attempt by the federal government to expedite the deportation proceedings, already underway, so compromised the fairness of the process that "that the three men would not be coming before an independent court."

The decision was the result of a chain of events that began with a meeting on March 1, without notice to the defendants, between Assistant Deputy Attorney General Ted Thompson and the Chief Justice of the Federal Court Julius Isaac. At that meeting Thompson bemoaned the slow pace of the proceedings and said that the government was considering taking the cases to the Supreme Court of Canada. Isaac met with the presiding judge, spoke to him about the need to move the proceedings along and reported back to the assistant deputy attorney general. The meeting between Thompson and Isaac, which Cullen described as "clandestine," inevitably came to light. The presiding judge removed himself from the proceedings. Astutely, defence counsel seized the opportunity to challenge the validity of the entire process, urging that the cases be thrown out.

Cullen agreed. In a ruling dripping with indignation he wrote: "This is not a case about the institutional independence of this court; this is about the liberty of an individual judge to hear and decide the cases free of interference from the chief justice..."

We profoundly regret his decision. We believe Cullen overreacted. In the constant weighing of competing legitimate interests, which is the ongoing burden of true independent judging, he cast too great a punitive stone onto one side of the scales.

We hold no brief for the action of the assistant deputy attorney general, although we sympathize with his aim. It was a misguided effort to make the inexcusably slow proceedings move faster.

Any perception of influence over the proceedings by one of the parties was immediately washed away, however, when the presiding judge removed himself. A new judge brought with him a new slate. By characterizing the case as one about "the liberty of the individual judge to hear and decide the cases" Cullen ignored the long and painful record of the cases. He ignored the human and legal context of the proceedings. He also ignored the fact that there was no suggestion of an infringement on his own liberty "to hear and decide" these specific cases. He could have found a proper remedy for the attorney's "indiscretion" while proceeding to hear the cases on their merits. Indeed former chief justice of Ontario, Charles Dubin, and the Law Society of Upper Canada are investigating the attorney's conduct.

By refusing to do so, Cullen exposed his questionable logic. "The fact that these crimes are so serious," he wrote, "also demands that the judge who hears them is convinced by the evidence alone, and not by pressure..." Yet, by throwing the cases out, he permanently foreclosed the possibility of hearing and judging *by the evidence alone.*

Cullen's decision is even more shameful in light of something else he said. "The public must be assured that anyone coming before the court will be treated fairly..." The three alleged Nazi war criminals were not the only ones who had come before the court. Also standing before His Honor in federal court were the memories of the murdered victims. It was for their sake too as well as for the sake of conscience, decency and the integrity of the Canadian judicial system that these proceedings were launched in the first place. By ending the process at this stage, have they been treated fairly? We think not. It is our fervent hope that Cullen's decision will be appealed to a higher court.

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
July 15, 1905: Benjamin R. Guss, the first Jewish judge in Saint John, New Brunswick, was born.
(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Who was 'conned' in Israeli election?

According to Simon Rosenblum of Canadian Friends of Peace Now (*CJN*, June 27), the floating Israeli voters were "conned" by Benjamin Netanyahu when he crafted a pro-peace message, which Rosenblum thinks Netanyahu does not really believe in.

In the previous election, the Labor Party campaigned on the basis of no negotiation with the PLO, no Palestinian state and no withdrawal from the Golan Heights. During the intervening term, they negotiated secret deals with the PLO, announced their willingness to accept a Palestinian state and laid the groundwork for withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Presumably none of this constituted "conning" the voter.

Rosenblum may be unwilling to take Netanyahu's statements at face value and after their experience with the Rabin/Peres administration, so might the Israeli voter. But the voters concluded that their security and peace interests would be best served by Netanyahu. In other words, the only people "conned" in this year's election were the Meretz/Labor leadership. They fooled themselves into thinking that, as they marched recklessly into the New Middle East of their dreams, the majority of Israelis were marching behind them. The floating voters set them straight.

Shoel Silver
Toronto

Zundel insults Holocaust survivors

I am a survivor of the Holocaust. I was permitted to come to Canada from the concentration camps to rebuild my life. I chose Canada because of the freedom it allows to all its citizens.

Ernst Zundel immigrated to Canada like I did, except his reasons were different. He has continually spread vicious lies that the Holocaust never happened. By spreading all this hate and lies about the Holocaust, he then in turn insults all of the Holocaust survivors, like myself. He has lied to the Canadian government in order to immigrate to Canada.

In Germany, the law would be to incarcerate Mr. Zundel because the Holocaust did, in fact, occur.

Ernst Zundel is not a Canadian citizen as of yet. What kind of politicians and law-makers do we have here in Canada that would allow a hatemonger such as Zundel to remain here in our country to use and abuse our laws.

Canada is known as a free and humane country. Does this mean that Zundel has the same rights and freedom as all other Canadians and can continue to accuse and insult all Holocaust survivors here in Canada and get away with it?

Issie Veisfeld
President
Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression
Montreal

The Palestinian state is Jordan

The Arab Summit has warned Israel to keep the peace or face "tensions." Their proposal is peace for land. But how do they justify their need for land? There is ample evidence that their combined countries possess millions of hectares of vacant land, whereas the entire state of Israel covers an area about the size of Lake Ontario.

They demand that Israel offer land for peace, by withdrawing from the West Bank where they plan to establish a Palestinian state. But that is sheer duplicity. A Palestinian state is already in existence. When Britain partitioned ancient Palestine, the Arabs were awarded the major part of the territory, which became known as Jordan. Now two thirds of its citizens are of Palestinian origin. They and their counterparts in Israel are basically the same people. They share the same language, religion, traditions and customs. By legitimizing Jordan as the Palestinian state, with Amman as its capital, the argument about land for peace becomes irrelevant and the Israeli hope for a true peace can become a reality.

Alex Bellan
Toronto

Looking for lost relatives

My name is Peter Goldsmith, my father's name was Jerry Goldsmith (born Heinz Gunther Goldschmidt in Rheda Germany on Jan. 4, 1925). His parents were Louis and Gertrude Goldschmidt. All were sent to Teresienstadt, where they met a Mr. Burka who had a daughter Petra.

I would like to locate Mr. and Mrs. Burka and their daughter. I understand that Petra won a skating championship and Ellen Denby Burka had been a figure skater as well.

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Perspectives

Canadian Jewish volunteers helped secret fleet

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Eli Cohen can be forgiven for referring to Israel's 1956 and 1967 wars as mere "incidents." After all, he has something to compare them to.

"I was in the Sinai in '56 and on the Golan Heights in '67," Cohen, 68, told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from Ra'ananna, just north of Tel Aviv. "They were terribly exciting. But when I compare that to six months aboard the *Wedgwood*, well..." His voice trails off, like that of someone comparing caviar to tinned tuna.

"That whole experience was so remarkable, it will remain in my imagination forever. Aside from my children, it was the greatest joy of my life."

The wars he fought in later were "incidents," but taking part in the shaping of pre-state Israel was "monumental."

"For me, it was the Holy Grail."

Precisely 50 years ago, Cohen, a Montreal native who stayed in his beloved Israel following his great adventure, was serving as a raw volunteer sailor aboard a warship called the *Beauharnois* (later the *Wedgwood*). He didn't know it at the time, but the Canadian corvette would enter the history books as the first North American-manned ship of the clandestine Aliyah Bet movement to be captured by the British.

Cohen was among some 240 North Americans, including about a dozen Canadians, who served on the storied vessels that tried to smash Britain's blockade of Palestine from 1945 until Israel's independence in 1948. In that frenzied period of desperate emigration from Holocaust-ravaged Europe, 64 ships set out, bearing some 70,000 men, women and children bound for Palestine in an illegal operation known as Aliyah Bet.

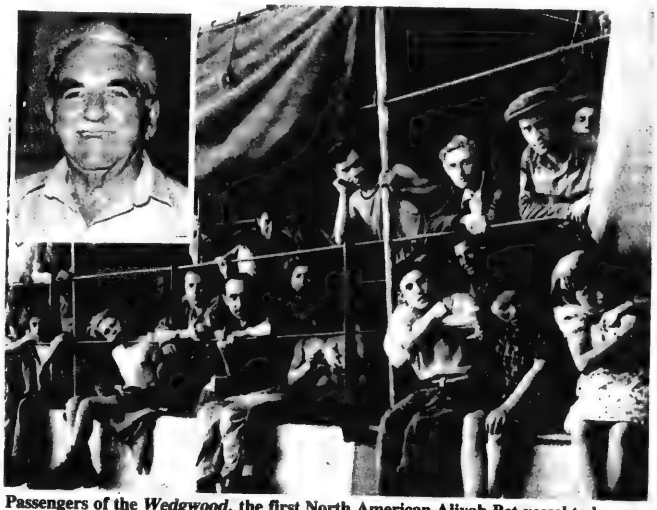
Ten of the vessels had crews made up mainly of young American and Canadian volunteers, still fresh from their World War II experience and eager to do what they could for Jews who survived Hitler. These young men preceeded the members of the famed Machal, the foreign volunteers who fought in Israel's War of Independence. Many later became Machalniks themselves.

Leon Uris made the period famous in his masterpiece *Exodus*, also the name of one of the ships. Canadians served aboard other vessels, including the *Haim Arlosoroff*, the *Hatikvah*, the *Jewish State*, the *Geula* and the *Wedgwood*.

Together, they combined to transport 32,000 people from European ports to the shores of Palestine, only to face capture by the British Navy and see their haggard charges interned in dreadful refugee camps on Cyprus. But on another level, the North American-manned ships accomplished something no one else could do until then: use good old American PR to shift world opinion away from the British — especially the *Wedgwood*, which held 1,257 Jewish refugees from Europe.

Cohen, now retired, recalls the incident well: Just before the ship was towed into Haifa's harbor by a British destroyer on June 26, 1946, a banner was unfurled from the mast reading: "We survived Hitler. Death is no stranger to us. Nothing can keep us from our Jewish homeland. The blood is on your head if you fire on this unarmed ship."

Photographs of this and other demonstrations found their way onto the front pages of newspapers around the world and stirred Western sympathies. Their impact on world opinion — especially on the weary British taxpayer — convinced London to hand the whole matter of Palestine over to the United Nations, which would vote to partition the land between Arabs and Jews.



Passengers of the *Wedgwood*, the first North American Aliyah Bet vessel to be captured by the British. Inset: Ben Ocopnick, who served aboard the *Haim Arlosoroff*.

According to Murray Greenfield, a New Yorker who served on the *Hatikvah* and went on to co-author *The Jews' Secret Fleet*, an impressively detailed account of those years, the American and Canadian volunteers used in the operation gave Aliyah Bet the publicity boost it needed to protest British restrictions on Jewish immigration.

"Until we got into it, they had to rely on small ships and unreliable European crews," Greenfield recalls. "When the North Americans came, we made the noise."

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The first Aliyah Bet boat to land in Palestine in August 1945 brought 35 refugees. Before the end of that year, seven more vessels arrived with a total of about 1,000 people. These successes may have been moral victories but they weren't enough. The plight of Jewish displaced persons in Europe was desperate and the Jewish Agency stepped up its efforts to find bigger and faster vessels for Aliyah Bet.

Across the Atlantic, Jewish volunteers went to work. Operating secretly with Haganah emissaries from Palestine, American Jews arranged to buy two war-surplus corvettes from the Royal Canadian Navy. These 650-ton former warships, capable of 20-knot speeds, could carry large numbers of refugees and present a new challenge to the mounting British blockade. And they would be manned by North American volunteers instead of hired crews. Canada's own *Norsyd* became the *Haganah*, while the *Beauharnois* was later rechristened the *Wedgwood*, after Josiah Wedgwood, the British statesman and advocate of Zionism.

In 1945, Eli Cohen was 17 and had just missed serving in World War II. A Baron Byng High School alumnus, he headed a local chapter of Montreal's Habonim youth, and was approached by an emissary from New York. Was he interested in serving on a ship overseas for a few months?

"He convinced me quickly," Cohen remembers. "I was 17 and not afraid of anything. The only reason I got on the ship was because I wanted to go to Israel. I had no idea of what was to come."

Sworn to secrecy like the other volunteers, Cohen received some training in City Island near the Bronx, where the ship was retrofitted, including removal of its gun emplacements. She set out for Italy in April 1946, with Cohen stationed in the engine room. A week later, the ship broke down.

"The sea was absolutely furious," Cohen recalls. "Everyone was seasick but me." The rough waters rendered the inexperienced sailors too ill to maintain the engines and pumps. "One day, I went up to see the captain. He was white as a sheet, not because he was sick, but because he didn't think we would make it."

The ship made it to the Azores, where she was repaired. It was then on to the Italian port of Savona, where she took on over 1,200 Jewish refugees from 14 different countries, but mostly Polish. Crammed below deck on wooden planks, they faced unbearable heat, food and water shortages and potentially, a sanitation nightmare. But on June 19, they sang *Tzena, Tzena* as they slipped away to Palestine.

On June 25, a British destroyer spotted the *Wedgwood* just 100 kilometres from the coast of Palestine. Concluding that capture was inevitable, the Haganah command decided to offer only token resistance. The next day, just minutes from Haifa, the now-famous banner was unfurled. British marines boarded and pulled down the Star of David as passengers wept and sang *Hatikvah*, joined by watchers from the shore. "I'll never forget that scene," Cohen says, his voice choking.

A convoy of buses took the weary passengers to the Athlit detention camp, south of Haifa, where some remained and others were repatriated,

For the British, the voyage of the *Wedgwood* was a taste of things to come. Other ships on which Canadians served, like the *Haim Arlosoroff*, offered much stiffer resistance, but the result was the same. The ships were seized or routed directly to Cyprus, where barbed-wire camps like those they just had survived awaited the passengers.

Ironically, just one month after independence, Israel's fledgling navy used the *Wedgwood* to shell and sink the *Altalena*, the famous cargo ship loaded with arms for the rebel Irgun faction led by Menachem Begin. Toronto's Ben Ocopnick, now 71, manned the guns on the *Wedgwood* in that battle, which threatened the young state with civil war, but as he puts it, "that's another story."

Earlier, Ocopnick served aboard the *Haim Arlosoroff*, a Prohibition-era revenue cutter originally called the *Ulua*. It was a ship that would give Aliyah Bet a new dimension of danger.

Fresh from air force and army duty during the war, Ocopnick heard through Habonim youth in Toronto that volunteers were needed for a mysterious mission to Palestine. In a few days, he was in New York and then Baltimore, where he boarded the ship in October 1946. "We were all young and eager," he recalls.

The ship arrived in Marseilles for refitting and in January 1947, put into the Swedish port of Trelleborg, where she picked up 664 passengers. Of these, 500 were Polish and German teenaged girls, survivors of the camps who had been rescued in a secret deal between Swedish officials and Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler. Thus the boat was nicknamed "the bride ship."

But near Palestine, the British pounced and things got ugly. Ocopnick led an anti-boarding party and soon the two sides were engaged in a classic battle at sea, including hand-to-hand combat. Passengers hurled iron bars, bolts, clubs and even tins of food at boarding British sailors, who responded with tear gas and bullets fired across the bow. It was the fiercest fight the British had yet faced. When the dust settled, most of the refugees were taken to Cyprus, including Ocopnick, who escaped after three months. But that too is "another story."

Today, like Cohen, Ocopnick keeps old photos, yellowed newspaper clippings and documents about his adventure like the treasures they are. In February, Ocopnick will travel to Israel for a reunion to mark the 50th anniversary of the *Haim Arlosoroff*'s arrival. Perhaps that too will be another story.

Forgotten heroes: Canadians who served

Harold R. (Hess) Abells	*The Jewish State*	Nat Nadler	*Exodus*
Eli Cohen	*Wedgwood*	Ben Ocopnick	*Haim Arlosoroff*
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Hugh McDonald	*Hatikvah*	Manny "Wingy" Weinstein	*Hatikvah*

*Reuben "Red" Shiff of Toronto died in 1948 fighting for the Palmach.

Opinions

'Who is a Jew' a difficult problem

A disconcerting situation has forced me to deliberate one of the most controversial questions in Judaism: Who is a Jew?

By Niva Press

I learned at Hebrew day school that Jewishness is determined matrilineally. But what if someone's father alone is Jewish and she or he identifies with Judaism?

I know that we are the people of the Book and if we start making exceptions to one law then what would stop us from making exceptions to all of the laws? But aren't there still some cases which involve Jewish patrilineal lineage that we need to reevaluate?

My cousins in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, are in a fix. He is Jewish. His wife wants to convert to Judaism, but does not want an Orthodox conversion because her husband is Conservative. Their three sons are enrolled at the Sharon Hebrew Day School. But only two of them identify with Judaism.

The eldest of the three is 11 years old. Until last year, he took Jewish studies and Hebrew together with all the other students. He loved going to shul on Friday nights, following the service, and celebrating the Jewish holidays at home with his family. He was also at the top of his class in Hebrew. He considered himself a Jew.

Last year the school board passed a new mandate that only Jewish students beyond the age of 10 could continue with Hebrew classes. The majority of students at the Sharon school are non-Jewish.

And so, this A-plus student was removed from his Hebrew class. After futile attempts by his parents to convince the school to allow him to study a subject he loved, he rebelled against the faith of his father.

He no longer attends Friday night services. He mocks his younger brothers when they celebrate a Jewish holiday. He openly states, "I'm not a Jew." In fact, he scoffs at anything remotely Jewish.

Meanwhile, hundreds of non-Jewish students are studying Hebrew as an elective of choice in universities and schools all over the world. What's more, his non-Jewish counterparts in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second largest city, are studying Hebrew. All students, Jewish and non-Jewish, study both Hebrew and Jewish studies at the Bulawayo Hebrew School.

The Harare Jewish community, despite its dwindling number, won't accept anything but an Orthodox conversion. Ironically, the board members are almost all converts themselves, and their status as Jews remains equivocal in the eyes of ultra-religious sects of Judaism.

My cousins are in a race against the clock. Their second son is nine, he loves shul and celebrating the *chagim*. And like his older brother, he is at the top of his class in Hebrew. But, unless his parents find a way of convincing the Sharon School Board that their second son should be allowed to continue learning Hebrew beyond the age of 10, he too will be removed from his class. And in the process, kicked out of a faith he loves.

So, who is a Jew? Is it someone born of a Jewish mother who does not identify with the religion? Or is it someone born of a Jewish father who does identify with Judaism? Is a Jew one who is born of neither a Jewish mother nor father but who has converted to Judaism? And does the conversion have to be an Orthodox one, or can it be Conservative or Reform?

I used to think a Jew was someone who through Jewish parental lineage or Jewish conversion was proud to be a Jew. But now I'm not sure.

Arguing because we are united

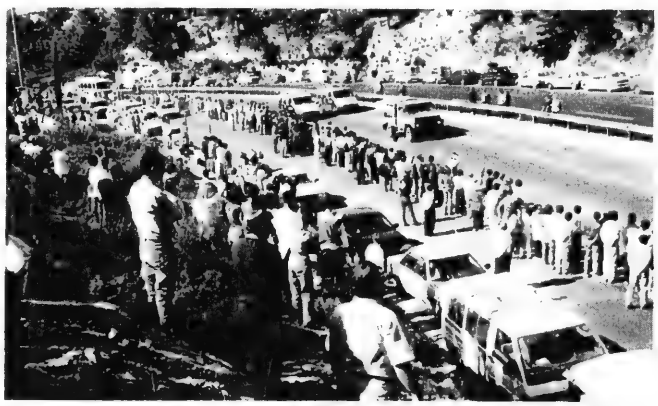
We Jews love to argue. Next to eating, arguing is one of our favorite national pastimes. But we don't argue because we hate each other.

By Hartley Lachter

We argue because we love each other, and like eating, arguing keeps us alive. Of all the topics which get us worked up into a confrontational frenzy, such as couscous versus kugel or the question of who is the messiah and who is not, nothing gets our blood boiling quite as quickly as modern Israeli politics.

The recent election in Israel is an excellent example of just how quickly current Israeli events can bring our tempers to the brink. Almost all Jews, whether they live in Israel or not, had a fairly strong opinion as to which candidate they favored. For weeks before the election Jews were pitting the merits of Likud against those of Labor and Benjamin Netanyahu against Shimon Peres. For a long time the din of conflict and acrimony among Jews over Israeli politics worried me. I figured that if the Temple could be destroyed because of "causeless hatred," what is to save the state of Israel from the same fate? Is raging argument not a form of such hatred?

However, something that a non-Jewish friend said made me change my mind. She commented that before she came to McGill, she had always thought of the Middle East as being some far off region that did not affect anything here. But when she got to school, she found herself surrounded by Jewish friends, both right wing and left, who



In a poignant and painful expression of the national unity which columnist Hartley Lachter writes about, hundreds of Israelis lined the Tel Aviv to Jerusalem highway to honor the coffin of slain Prime Minister Rabin on its way to the Knesset. [RNS]

cried when Yitzhak Rabin was killed and had a large student memorial service in his honor; who continued having memorial services for all of the people who were killed in the suicide bombings; and who were glued to the television every time there was a terrorist act in Israel, making statements like, "I was on that bus only a month ago. I hope that boyfriend is not on it today."

She looked at me and said, "I've never known people who feel such a connection to things that are happening half way around the world."

That conversation opened my eyes to something I should have seen all along. Jews argue about Israel, the peace process and everything else, not because we are divided, but rather, because we are united. There is a unique national Jewish soul, a certain *volksgeist*, which seems to push us all to work and fight for the betterment of the nation, even though we may disagree as to what is the best path to take.

The assassination of Rabin scares me, because it shows that some Jewish people no longer care about the welfare of the nation as a whole, they simply care about advancing the cause of their own agenda through bullets and murder rather than through debate. Arguing shows that we care about who we are arguing with and what they think, whereas murder merely represents hatred.

The recent Israeli election, with all of its division, gives me hope, because it shows that we still care about each other enough to argue. As long as we keep debating and trying to convince each other of the wisdom of our visions of the future of the Jewish people, the national Jewish soul will continue to flourish.

The box in the attic

The story which you will read below is true, but some facts have been altered so that the privacy of the individuals concerned could be preserved.

By Rabbi Dorothy Phair

Mr. and Mrs. Hyde had been living in a small town in western Ontario for a number of decades. Known to be law-abiding and living the anonymous life of many, they decided that they wanted to move. They had a daughter, Helga Jones, who helped them with dismantling their old home and packing. With David, her son, aged 10, she took on the task of clearing the attic. In the corner stood a mid-sized box which, judging by the dust that covered it, had not been opened in many years.

Laboriously they removed the cover and found in it strange items: a silken white scarf with black stripes and fringes, some black leather straps with little boxes attached to them, and books, written in letters they could not read. But when they came to the bottom of the box there were books they could decipher. Jones' language skills enabled her to understand that this was a Jewish prayer book printed in Vienna in the early part of the century. Suddenly matters came into focus: the letters in the strange alphabet were likely to be Hebrew, and as for the scarf and the leather straps, they must be something of the same kind — perhaps religious items of an unknown type.

Naturally, mother and son asked the Hydes what this was all about. The simple question first brought on a silence and then, tears. It turned out that the Hydes had changed their name. Having survived two concentration camps, they had decided that if they would ever come out alive, they would be done with their Jewish past. Jones was never informed that she came of a Jewish family, and of course, David in turn knew nothing of his grandparents' past. The Hydes begged daughters and grandson to forget what they had found and to throw the box into the rubbish heap.

Angry and feeling betrayed, she told her parents that she was going to find out more about her indentity.

Through a friend's father, a letter was sent to the Canadian Jewish Congress, which in turn asked its director of community services to pursue the matter. There was an exchange of letters, followed by materials and recommendations for books, and eventually a meeting took place. By this time Jones had learned that going by traditional Jewish law, she and her son were still Jews. Having made that discovery, they went all out in reclaiming their heritage.

The Hydes, meanwhile, are unhappy and old fears have been rekindled.

But life finds its own way, and Jewish identity is something which is not easily shed. Sometimes it resides in one's subconscious, and at other times in old boxes in the attic. We belong to a people whose history will never be fully written. How many other "Hydes" are there, and how many of their offspring walk the earth unaware of their identity?

The Kirshner File

Jews of Europe face a dim demographic future

Bernard Wasserstein's thesis is unambiguously direct: the Jews are vanishing from Europe and within a few generations will disappear as a significant element on the continent.

By Sheldon Kirshner

The figures speak volumes. There were about 10 million Jews in Europe in 1939. The Holocaust, emigration, a surplus of deaths over births and assimilation have reduced the Jewish population to under two million for the first time since the 18th century, Wasserstein writes in his cogent new book, *Vanishing Diaspora* (Penguin, $40).

Wasserstein — a professor of history at Brandeis University — subscribes to a theory propounded by the late Georges Friedmann in a controversial book, *Fin du peuple juif*, published in 1964. In it, he argued that the solidarities that had bound Jews together in previous generations were dissolving. This process, Wasserstein declares, is now unfolding before our eyes.

•Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, once the backbone of European Jewry, have withered away, notwithstanding revivals in Hungary and Poland.

•Jewish emigration from the former Soviet Union is continuing apace.

•Judaism as a spiritual presence in the daily lives of most European Jews is becoming an irrelevancy.

•Authentic Jewish culture is fading away, having been replaced by a patina of commercialized popular culture.

Only one segment of the Jewish populace, he writes, has resisted these trends — the ultra-Orthodox, an insular and traditional group with a high birthrate.

In what appears to be an apt analogy, Wasserstein compares European Jewry to the Jews of China. During the 12th century, a small number of Jewish merchants settled in Kai-feng, where they maintained a separate identity for several centuries. Encountering little or no hostility from their Chinese hosts, they gradually absorbed the values and practices of the local civilization. By the early 20th century, they had merged into Chinese society.

"The Jews of Europe now face a similar destiny," observes Wasserstein, whose previous books include *Britain and the Jews of Europe 1949-1945* and *The British in Palestine*.

Wasserstein, having read what seems to be all the literature on the topic, fleshes out his thesis in a convincing and readable style.

With regard to emigration, he tells us that 137,000 European Jews settled in the United States between 1945 and 1952, while upward of 50,000 went to Canada, Australia and Latin America.

The steady exodus was caused by a variety of reasons. Chief among them was the climate of uncertainty brought on by jarring episodes of state-sponsored anti-Semitism in Communist states like Romania and Czechoslovakia.

In the wake of the Holocaust, too, some of the survivors who could no longer cope with their Jewishness simply left the fold. A few, such as Israel Zolli, the chief rabbi of Rome, even converted to Christianity.

The issue of assimilation is central to Wasserstein's argument that European Jewry is tottering. He cites the fact that Soviet Jews were the most acculturated and assimimilated national minority (yet also among the most persecuted in terms of state anti-Semitism). He examines the Jewish community in France, where a demographic decline was nipped in the bud by an influx of North African Jews in the 1960s, but where the intermarriage rate rose to 64 percent by the mid-1970s.

In fixing his gaze on Britain, his place of birth, Wasserstein cannot be optimistic. From a peak of 410,000 Jews in the early 1950s, the size of the community has shrunk to barely 300,000 today. And the forecast is grim, given low birth rates.

Ironically enough, the community in Germany, bolstered by inflows from Hungary, Poland, Israel, Iran and the former Soviet Union, is growing.

But over all in Europe, the long-range prognosis is gloomy, at least in Wasserstein's view.

Displaced persons

Two of the films screened at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival were of special interest to me. The first, a documentary, dealt with displaced European Jews in the wake of World War II. The second, a drama, turned on a Jewish partisan in Poland who survives the Nazi occupation and makes a new life for himself in the post-war era.

I identified with these dated films because they reflected my own past and destiny. My parents were DPs. I was born in a DP camp. My father, a soldier in the Polish army vanquished by the Wehrmacht in 1939, fearlessly started anew after coming to Canada in 1948 with only a few dollars in his pocket.

Report on the Living, released in 1946, was prepared by the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The 26-minute film is narrated by Edward Warburg, the then president of the JDC, who had just returned from a fact-finding mission in Nazi liberated Europe.

European Jews, he reports, are threatened by disease, hunger and cold. By means of resettlement and reconstruction programs, and through the shipment of food supplies, the JDC intends to assist them in regaining their dignity and their bearings.

Warburg proceeds to describe the JDC's humanitarian efforts in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Germany and France. The JDC established health clinics, spas and canteens, set up vocational workshops, schools and farms, donated Torahs to synagogues, provided small business loans to struggling entrepreneurs, and facilitated the flight of Polish Jews, scarred by the 1946 Kielce pogrom, to the U.S. military zone in Germany.

In addition to being a compassionate front-line report about the needs of the survivors, the film is a fundraiser. The JDC, as Warburg intones, requires $123 million to meet its obligations. I don't know whether it achieved its objective, but I do know that my parents and I benefited from its largesse.

Long is the Road, made in 1948 in occupied Germany, is billed as the first feature film "to offer a Jewish perspective on the Holocaust." It is in German, Yiddish and Polish.

The Yellin family, having endured the deprivations of the Warsaw ghetto, finds itself on a train bound for Auschwitz. David (Israel Becker), the oldest son, jumps off, dodges German bullets, wanders through a forest, stumbles upon a Polish peasant eager to betray him, meets another Polish farmer who helps him, and finally joins a partisan band. Meanwhile, David's bedraggled family arrives in Auschwitz.

After the war, David launches a futile search for his parents. In a DP camp in Germany, he falls in love with a German Jewish beauty named Dora Bercowitz (Bettina Moissi). They marry and begin to rebuild their lives. In a predictable flourish, David is reunited with his mother, Hannah (Bertha Litwin).

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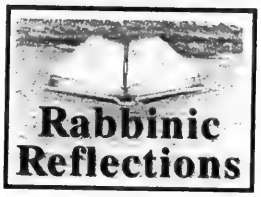


Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI AKIBA LUBOW

In the double portion of *Mattot-Masei*, this week's parshah, our ancestors are in the 40th year of their wandering in the desert. It is therefore appropriate, as the people of Israel approach the end of their journey, and as they stand poised to enter the Promised Land, that the beginning of Parashat Masei recalls the stages of their wanderings over the past 40 years.

Why is this important? Is it not sufficient for the people to know where they are and where they are going? Why is it important to recall where they have been?

In providing this history of their wanderings, the Torah provides us with an enormously important lesson for the Jewish community of our day. It is not sufficient to know where we are and where we are going. We must also know and understand where we have been, because the very future of Judaism is dependent upon it. It is one of the most important lessons which we can teach our children and grandchildren.

The most obvious way to accomplish this is by teaching Jewish history. Whereas we often concentrate on the periods of persecution that are a part of our history (and must be taught), it is even more important that future generations know of the richness of Jewish history. If there are to be future generations of Jews, they must know that Jewish history is more than persecution, that ours is a history in which to take pride.

Whether it be the richness of the ethical values passed on during the period of the prophets, or the eternal values and way of life discussed and set down in writing during the Rabbinic period; whether it be the vibrancy of Jewish life in Babylon, or later, the golden age of Spanish Jewry, or yet later, the vitality of Jewish life in Eastern Europe, these are all stages of Jewish history which must be taught to future generations. We can only understand where we are and where we are going by first understanding that we are rooted in a Jewish past.

A less obvious, but even more effective way to accomplish this goal of transmitting a knowledge of our past to future generations is through the teaching and observance of mitzvot. For example, when a *brit milah* takes place, the parents are engaging in a life cycle event going back to Abraham and Sarah. Later, when youth don a *tallit* or lay *t'fillin* for the first time, they are creating a link with commandments going back to the Torah itself. When Jews pray, they not only engage in a dialogue with God, they do so in a manner and with words whose origin is in the Tanach, developed in Talmudic literature and transmitted and modified down through the ages. When Jews celebrate holidays, whether sitting down to the Pesach seder or building a sukkah, whether hearing the sound of the shofar in the fall or the sound of the Megillah being read in the spring, they are celebrating holidays with origins in the past, but with lessons for today and tomorrow.

By performing mitzvot, we learn that our history is a dynamic one, passed on from generation to generation, with each generation making its own unique contributions toward providing a past which can be built upon in creating a future.

As we read the opening portion of Parashat Masei — *eleh maasei b'nei Yisrael* (these are the stages of the children of Israel), let us all remember that there are few things we can do which are more important for creating a Jewish future than the task of remembering our past and transmitting knowledge of our past onto future generations.

Rabbi Lubow is the spiritual leader of Rosh Pina Congregation in Winnipeg, Man.

What makes a place holy?

By RABBI ELYSE GOLDSTEIN

Tradition says there are two Jerusalems: the earthly Jerusalem, with all its faults, and heavenly Jerusalem, the ideal city, where holiness radiates from the very stones themselves.

But what makes a place holy? Jacob dreams of a ladder with angels and when he awakes, he takes a stone, pours oil over it and consecrates the place as Beth El. Today it is a desolate spot, a stone quarry.

Guest Voices

The rabbis say that when Moses was about to receive the Torah, all the mountains of the world vied to be chosen as the honored spot. So God took a clump of dirt from every mountain on earth and from those clumps Sinai was formed. After the Torah was received, those clumps of earth were returned to their places of origin. Sinai existed for only one brief moment and for only one unique purpose. Then it disappeared. Does holiness reside always where it once was, or must it be rekindled anew in each generation?

Perhaps we in the Diaspora, have the unique ability to *make* holy places for ourselves, because we cannot take anything for granted, because this building is not thousands or even hundreds of years of history, because Abraham didn't walk on the ground of North America. We can't rest on platitudes about place; we must be diligent, we are forced to make Judaism as powerful a spiritual fit for today's searcher as any other system of belief and action out there. We can't just "breathe the air" and feel holiness.

We may be guilty of making an idol out of Israel if we see Jerusalem as the destination rather than the departure point. Anywhere one finds wonder and awe is a holy place; anywhere one is enticed, enchanted, encouraged, chided, enabled, if only for an instant, to reach beyond ourselves to become touched by the divine is a holy place. We have to let ourselves find that place wherever we are. Failing to find it, we must put ourselves to the task of building it.

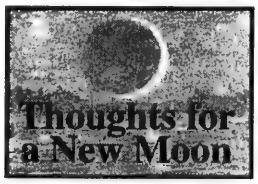
In the second century, Sura and Pumpidetha were known as the Jerusalem of Babylonia — and they produced the Talmud. In the 18th and 19th century, Vilna was known as the Jerusalem of Poland — and it produced countless scholars.

In our day, we must build the new Jerusalem of the Diaspora. I am not suggesting, God forbid, that we abandon Israel. I do not think we should see ourselves as the only Jewish light, but I do not think we can afford to see Israel as the only Jewish light.

As Rabbi Alexander Schindler has written, "We will never know who we are if we continue to use Israel as a fig leaf to cover our own nakedness ... For many Jews, the Land of Israel remains the sole touchstone of their Jewish existence. They have for too long been plugged into Israel as if it were a dialysis machine, a ... marvel that keeps them Jewishly alive. Many federations and foundations view trips to Israel as the sole guarantor of Jewish continuity, as a panacea for the seemingly intractable problems of intermarriage, non-affiliation and assimilation."

Indeed, we hear continuously that more trips to Israel will be a guarantor that young unaffiliated Jews who feel disenfranchised from the organized Jewish community will somehow be recharged into associating when they return. Israel should be seen as the *outcome* of Jewish commitment, not the *creator* of Jewish commitment. A complete transformation from uncommitted Jew to involved and active one just does not happen in two weeks, as powerful as they may be.

So let us send our kids to Israel — as a *result* of a lifetime of Jewish identity, not *instead of.* Let us support Israel financially — as a *result* of a deep connection to Judaism here, not *instead of.* Let us care passionately, debate passionately, love and criticize and even hurt passionately because we are passionate Jews. Then, maybe our teen trips and our money and our love and our passion can help bring the heavenly Jerusalem a little closer to earth.



Disagreement, not hatred

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

The month of Av is beginning and once again our attention focuses on the ninth day of the month, the day upon which we believe the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and our nation was exiled.

Traditionally, we regard this day as one of potential danger for Jewish communities everywhere. It is important to view how the sages reacted to the destruction and what lessons we as a community can take from our history.

The Temple was the place within which we believe the *Shechina* (the Divine Presence) resided. With the destruction of the Temple, the question arose as to whether this Divine Presence continued to manifest itself among us. The rabbis addressed this concern by stating that the *Shechina* followed Israel into exile. If this is the case, why mourn the destruction of the Temple? If the dweller of the house has simply changed locations, why bemoan the change of house?

The answer to these questions speaks of a larger significance attached to the loss of the Temple. We did not lose a building — we lost a state of being.

The Talmud says that the Temple was destroyed because of "baseless hatred." Anyone who knows the political realities of the time preceding the destruction of the Temple understands the allusions to the many factions within Israel's community. Whether to rebel against oppression, whether to negotiate, how to understand the message of Scripture in light of the events of the day, these were all issues that divided the people to the point of turning against themselves.

It is interesting that the rabbis labelled these differences as "baseless." Or perhaps it was the "hatred" itself, rather than its "baseless" nature that must be emphasized.

As a people, we have never been univocal.

However, the distinction arises when the divisions, the questioning and the debating cross the line into the realm of hatred. We may disagree about our approaches to politics, religion, community or any aspect of our identities, but we must never allow these disagreements to escalate to the point of hatred.

When the rabbis use the term "baseless hatred," it seems an inconsistency. Anyone who hates will always find a reason to justify that hatred. The phrase is revealing because of its inconsistency: there are no grounds for Jews to hate Jews. The destruction of the Temple symbolizes not merely the loss of our independence, but also the introduction of self-hate.

The Talmud understands what disappears when hatred abounds. "From the day on which the Temple was destroyed, God knows no laughter."

If we as a community believe we can abide such emotions as "baseless hatred," history has shown there is an ultimate price to be paid.

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Search bureau for missing relatives

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN
Special to The CJN

And ... Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren: "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" – Genesis 45:23.

What is more moving, more stirring to the human soul than a reunion of parent and child or other family members after a lifetime of separation?

The biblical Joseph, having attained the highest civil post in Egypt, slips away to weep when the very brothers who had sold him into slavery come unknowingly before him, hoping to buy provisions for their elderly father and families in famine-starved Canaan. "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" he says, unable to contain himself any longer. Later, he rushes to meet Israel-Jacob in Goshen and falls upon his neck and weeps.

As when two highly-charged thunderclouds come together, a fundamental metaphysical energy is released when long-lost relatives meet. Pure or diluted by time, this reserve of psychic energy fuels the genealogical quest. While some researchers, particularly Holocaust survivors and their families, yearn to find living relatives, many others seek the names of kin from centuries past. For most, the discovery of the identity of a previously unknown ancestor is a kinetic, profoundly moving, almost religious experience.

Batya Untershatz of Jerusalem knows about such things, having tended to many interfamilial reunions. Most recently, she helped an Israeli man find his biological mother who, unmarried, had surrendered him for adoption decades earlier.

"She was in London and he was looking for her in Israel," says Untershatz. "First I found the aunt, and the aunt told me where the mother was."

When she first arrived in Israel from her native Vilna in 1971, Untershatz took a job selling watches and souvenirs in a department store. But like Joseph in prison, she was destined for greater things. Impressed with her facility with languages – Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish, English, Lithuanian, German, Polish – a customer suggested she apply to the Jerusalem-based Search Bureau for Missing Relatives, which was seeking an errand-person with multilingual fluency. She was hired and eventually rose to the top.

This year marks Untershatz' 20th as head of the Search Bureau, which the Jewish Agency established in 1945 to help displaced persons find missing relatives who might have gone to Israel. In slow periods, she handles about 300 requests a month. Not long ago, when Russian *olim* were pouring into Israel, she was getting more than 800 requests monthly. She boasts a success rate of 60 per cent.

"The more difficult it is, the more interesting it is," she says. "I don't like easy cases where you open your computer and find the name. That's too easy, that's peanuts. I like more difficult cases. I never take no for an answer. If I don't find the answer in my office, I'll go somewhere else to get it .... Once I found someone's family only by a connection with the mother's maiden name. I'm a Scorpio, and Scorpios make good detectives and psychologists. Those are skills that you need for this job."

Her basic resource is a computerized list of 1.5 million names of anyone who has ever contacted the bureau. As well, she relies on a microfiched list of all Israeli citizens from 1984, the year the Knesset passed privacy legislation blocking any subsequent release of such lists.

"They closed the source of information but I manage, believe me," she confides. "I have contacts and they give me all the information I need."

Many genealogists doing Holocaust research use the Search Bureau in tandem with records retrieved from the Hall of Names at Yad Vashem, which holds so-called Pages of Testimony for more than two million Holocaust victims.

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To contact the Yad Vashem Hall of Names, write to P.O. Box 3477, 91034 Jerusalem, Israel. For further reading: *How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust*, by Gary Mokotoff (Avotaynu, 1995).

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Sugarman reaches out to disadvantaged

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The disadvantaged women who use the services of Opportunity for Advancement (OFA) are not likely to live near the agency's administration offices on Eglinton Avenue just east of Bathurst Street.

That's why OFA programs are run elsewhere — in low-income areas in Mississauga, Etobicoke, North York, Parkdale, 519 Church St. and two locations in Scarborough, explains OFA executive director Rebecca Sugarman, a

Rebecca Sugarman

42-year-old social worker with a passion for social justice.

Sugarman herself grew up in Forest Hill, around the corner from where she now works.

"I did grow up with privilege," Sugarman admits. "I think, though, that my parents tried to give me an awareness of other things."

Sugarman's maternal grandmother, Irene Samuel, had also worked to help the disadvantaged. In 1934, she became the first national president of the Canadian division of National Council of Jewish Women.

Sugarman has been working with the underprivileged since her high school days, when she began volunteering.

Recently she participated on the Metro Community Grants advisory panel. A former executive director of the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, which offers legal and counselling services for women victims of violence, Sugarman was also an original member of the City of Toronto committee on the status of women.

Since 1990 she has been running OFA, an agency geared to helping socially and economically disadvantaged women improve their situations. Most OFA clients are sole support mothers living in poverty. Other issues for them are being women of color, being disabled or chronically ill, or having experienced violence.

The largest chunk of OFA's annual budget of about $650,000 is provided by the United Way. The agency also receives government and private funding.

"We're considered a first-step agency," said Sugarman in an interview. "By going through our program, a woman on social assistance and at home with kids will be able to set goals for herself and figure out what she wants to do."

To that end, OFA offers a twice-weekly, seven-week pre-employment program called Preparing for Change. It also offers Women Under Stress to help women learn new coping methods, and Breaking the Cycle, a new program for women who have been abused.

Last year 327 women participated in OFA programs. The agency provided another 350 women with follow-up counselling and support.

Now that the Ontario government has reduced day care funding, it's even more difficult for mothers to enter the paid work force or pursue training, said Sugarman. OFA clients are provided with babysitting and TTC tickets to offset some barriers.

Probably the biggest barrier clients face, though, is lack of education, Sugarman noted.

"Oftentimes I think these women are really no different from me except that I've had opportunities," she said. "We try to reduce as many barriers as possible."

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Students at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students of the Hebrew University spent the past semester working on a panel as their contribution to the AIDS Names Project in Israel, in memory of Israelis who died of AIDS. Seen here (from left) are Michelle Cohen of Toronto, Jodi Berger of Farmington Hills, Michigan and Jaimie Simon of Portland, Oregon.

NFJA celebrates 36 years

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though 150 of its 200 founding members have died, the New Fraternal Jewish Association (NFJA) is still playing a "small but significant" role in the life of Toronto's Jewish community.

That was the message from president Morris Biderman at the association's recent 36th anniversary celebration at the Lodzer Centre.

"Some people said we wouldn't last a month, others said we'd go a year at the most," Biderman said, recalling that its members broke away from the United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO) after revelations in the former Soviet Union of the murders of Jewish writers, artists and doctors.

"We had three years of serious debate over the issue within the UJPO before we left," Biderman said.

Over the years, the NFJA, along with other secular organizations, suffered from the inability to shed the image that it was an immigrant and benefit society. "But we continue to have a loyal and satisfied membership."

Synagogues have been successful in attracting a larger membership by offering a wide range of religious and social services, Biderman said, and he congratulated them.

However, the NFJA remains a non-political home for the not religious who want to cultivate friendship and discuss public issues affecting the Jewish people in an open manner.

Among the NFJA's many accomplishmehts, he said, are the raising of $300,000 to establish the J.B. Salsberg Medical Clinic in Kiryat Yam in Israel, $200,000 for an addition to Baycrest Hospital and thousands of dollars for other charities, as well as the promotion of a revival in the Yiddish language.

Greetings and congratulations from Canadian Jewish Congress were brought by Ben Kayfetz, its former director of community relations.

Sam Lipshitz, one of the NFJA founders, was honored in recognition of his 35 years as editor of its publication.

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Greater Toronto Area

Marantz makes kids' programs thrive at BJCC

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Florence Marantz

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ask Florence Marantz how long she has worked at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) and she has to stop and think.

"I've been coming to the JCC since I was 11 years old. My children attended nursery school here and continue to use the facilities as adults. My family has always belonged. We have good memories of all the time we have spent here. The years seem to blend together," she says.

Now director of programs, Marantz, a nursery school teacher by profession, is in charge of all adult and children's programming at the community centre.

"When I started doing some children's classes in 1979 or 1980, there were no other programs for children. I ran a few classes for adults to attend with their children and they became a real hit. There was a tremendous need for something like that in the area."

In 1985, Marantz joined the staff full time and admits it was a logical consequence.

"I live in the area and I am very much a part of the downtown Jewish community. My job is an extension of the rest of my life."

One of the programs she has developed, and of which she is particularly proud, is an after-school program for children in the area.

"We walk about 50 children from neighboring schools to the BJCC and they swim and take gym classes. It's fantastic for working parents. They know their kids are safe and taking part in healthy, fun activities.

"A very important part of my job is listening to members and trying to put their ideas into place. I am very visible and am always there for people to tell me what is and is not working well."

As she walks through the lobby greeting members of all ages by name, she says the homey atmosphere makes the centre a "wonderful place to work. We have a small staff and we all know everyone who comes in. We see children who started as toddlers in our adult-children programs enter nursery school, come to the after-school programs and become members on their own. We even have some second generation nursery school students. We are all quite proud of that.

"What is amazing is that we run all the programs, school and summer camps without any outdoor space. We're at the corner of Bloor and Spadina and it is difficult for members to find parking. They know however, that when they leave their children here they are in good hands. That outweighs any inconvenience."

Marantz sums up the Bloor BJCC quite simply: "We care, and people know it."

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Greater Toronto Area

Canadian student has Jay Leno's cards

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – Marnie Green is spending her second summer working on major American television shows as a volunteer.

Last year, she interned at *The Young and the Restless*. This year she landed positions with *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*.

The 23-year-old Ryerson Polytechnic University student's first degree was a BA in psychology from York University.

"I really enjoyed psychology, but I just knew I would have to take radio and television. I'd always wanted to," she said in a telephone interview with *The CJN*.

Her job at *The Tonight Show* ranges from sorting newspapers for joke material to helping the assistant producers find information on the guests to typing Jay Leno's jokes on to cue cards.

At first, because of the shorter Canadian university semester, she was the only intern there.

"The others didn't start until the beginning of June. I was out there at the end of April, beginning of May. It's nice now having other students to work with," she said.

As an intern, Green receives experience in different areas of production.

"I get to watch everyone in action," she said, adding that she spends time observing in the production booth during both rehearsals and taping.

Green funds herself with money saved from the time she was 13. As well, she credits her parents for being very supportive "not just financially, but emotionally as well."

Although her resume is filled with Los Angeles references, Green would like to work in Toronto.

"At first, I wanted to move out to L.A. I'm not sure what changed my mind, but I have a lot of good friends and family in Toronto."

Green has lived in the Toronto area all her life. She graduated from Thornlea Secondary School and her family is a member of the Pride of Israel Synagogue.

The bachelor of applied arts in radio and television at Ryerson is a four-year program. Green will be going into her third year in the fall. She credits the idea of applying for an internship to Ryerson graduates who came to speak to her class.

"The graduates had worked in both New York and L.A. After they spoke, I just sent out my resume and cover letter. Then I called [the studio] back and back and back," she said with a laugh.

During the past school year, Green also volunteered on *The Camilla Scott Show* once a week.

Green will be returning to Toronto in July. For the rest of the summer, she hopes to find a full-time job in her field.

"I want to get my foot in TV or film ... I love writing, and casting interests me somewhat."

While she currently plans to finish her degree at Ryerson, she would be tempted to take on a full-time job in production, if she had the option.

"The industry is really large in Toronto. There are several opportunities to take advantage of," she said.

Jay Leno with Marnie Green.

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Visiting disabled veterans at their farewell party at Richmond Hill Country Club.

Adath Israel hosts Israeli veterans

TORONTO — Nine men and one woman took part in a group visit by members of Beit Halochem, the Organization for Disabled Veterans of Israel, recently hosted by Adath Israel Congregation of Toronto.

Each of the veterans, who ranged in age from 21 to 48, stayed at the home of a host family, and all the veterans and many volunteers participated in a variety of activities in Toronto.

"I finally feel good. This has helped my spirit. I haven't felt so cared for since my injury. I have not laughed or smiled in two years," said David (Dudu) Sharav of Ashdod, 21. "I think that this visit will really be the beginning of my rehabilitation."

The group spent two days at Deerhurst Resort, thanks to the generosity of Barry and Honey Sherman, and enjoyed a performance of *Phantom of the Opera* courtesy of Livent Inc. The veterans also visited the Ontario Science Centre and Canada's Wonderland, toured Ottawa for two days and shopped.

A Klezmer Conservatory Band gala concert was organized by Beit Halochem Canada, which not only fundraises for the rehabilitation centres in Israel used by the 47,000 war disabled, but also helps coordinate group visit programs in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

Beit Halochem's New Leadership Division and Jerusalem chapter each organized special evenings to honor the vets and to get to know them a little better.

There will be another group visit in 1997. For further information, call Beit Halochem Canada at 416-488-7649.

Agencies help welfare recipients

TORONTO — The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (UJA Federation) and two of its beneficiary agencies are working together for the first time to help find jobs for Jewish welfare recipients.

UJA Federation, Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) and Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) are conducting a six-month pilot project to identify the most employable recipients. UJA Federation will then use its network of contacts in the community to search for job opportunities on behalf of agency clients.

From an operating caseload of 500, JF&CS has targeted 25 people who may be eligible for the program. JVS coordinator Fran Giddens estimates that 20 percent of JF&CS clients are "job ready" and capable of competing for employment based on skills and experience.

"The federation," says Giddens, "will provide the leads through its broad donor base and personal contacts."

"We're not looking for charity. We're just asking for some doors to be opened," says Eva Landa, director of Supplementary Financial Assistance at JF&CS. "Getting more people off welfare and into the workforce will also mean significant savings for the community down the road."

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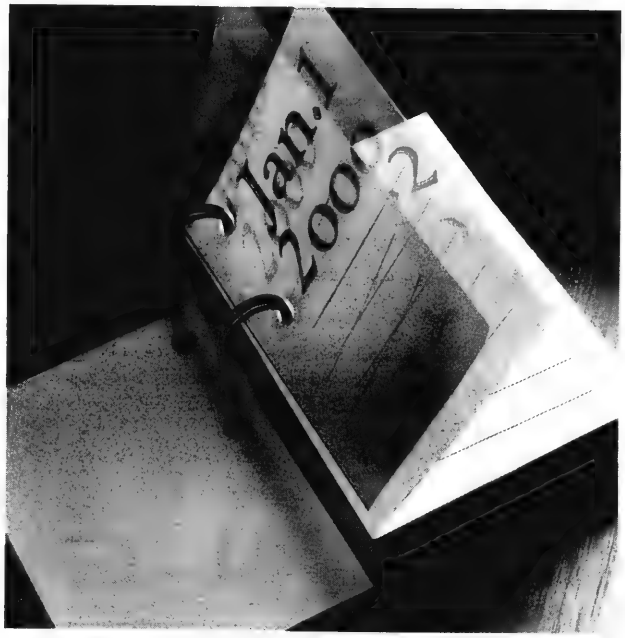

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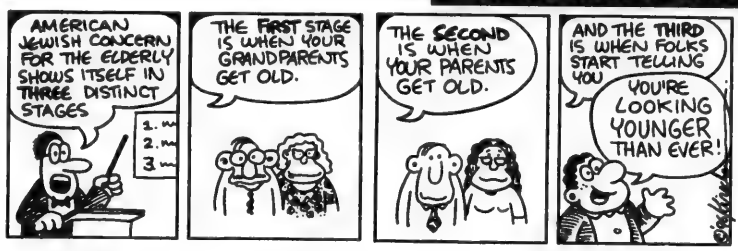

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דער אָנטערשייד צווישן א פּאָלקס-ווערטל און אַן אָפּאָריזם, אינפֿארמירט אונדז דער מחבר, איז די אקסיאָמאַטישע און בצימ-צום'דיקע פּאָרם פון אָפּאָריזם, אָפּטמאָל געשריבן אין א געגראָמטן קופּלעט און מיט א סאָטיריש-אויסטיפט. וואָס שייך וויצן, זיינען זיי מער אָנטוויקלטע אָנעקדאָטן און פּיקסידונגען פון קאָמישע אָדער טראָגי-קאָמישע סיטואַציעס אין לעבן פון יידן אין גוטע וי אין ביטערע צייטן. זיי דריקן אויס סיי די פּרייד און די הנאה פון לעבן, וועו אָלץ גיט כשורה, און דינען גלייכצייטיק וי אַן אָנטידאָט און חצי-נחמה אין צייטן פון צרות און פּראָבלעמען.

אין זיין פּראָוואָרט צו דער זאַמלונג שרייבט אריעל קאַפראָוס, אז דאָס כאַראַקטעריסטישע פּאָרן יידישן הומאָר איז דאָס, וואָס דער יד לאָכט קודם כל אָפּ פון זיך אַליין און ערשט דערנאָך פון אַנדערע. ביי די אומות העולם אָבער איז דער שארף פון הומאָר און סאַטירע געווענדעט פּאָר אַלעמען קעגן דעם אַנדערן, דעם גר און תושב, מיט וועלכע די פּעלקער קומען אין באַריר. דער יד לאָכט אָפּ פון זיך ביטערן מצב, פון זיין גלות-עקזיסטענץ; ער מאַכט חחק פון זיין נגידישקייט און אַרעמקייט, גאוות און אָמעראָצעס, אמונה און אָפּיקורסות, דערשאָגנהייט און האָפענונג אויף גאולה. דער ידי-שער הומאָר, שרייבט קאַפראָוס, איז דורכגענומען מיטן יידישן אויו-ויי-קרעכץ, מיטן היימישלעכן אויס'טענה'ען זיך מיט גאָט, וואָס נאָר אַלע טענות ומענות בלייבט ער אַלץ דער טאָטע-פּאָטער, פּאָר וועלכן מען קען אויסגיסן דאָס ביטערע געמיט און שעפּן בטחון וויטער אָנצוגיין.

די ייִדישע פּאָלקלאָר-פּאָרשונג, וואָס איז אויפגעקומען בימ באַגינען פון היינטיקן יאָרהונדערט, איז באַריכטערט געוואָרן מיט וואָגיקע זאַמלונגען און פּאָרש-אַרבעטן פון א גאַנצער רייַ שרייַ-בערס און געלערנטע: ש. אַנ-סקי, וואַרשאָווסקי, אינגאָ בערג-שטיין, ביאַלאָסטאָצקי א.א. ליידער איז דער געביט פּראַנאָכלעסטיקס געוואָרן בעת און נאָכן מורא'דיקן חורבן בימי היטלער ימ"ש. קומט טאָקע א ישר-כח אונדזער מחבר, א ייִד אין די יאָרן פון גבורה, פּאָר דער מי פון זאַמלען און אַרויסגעבן די-א זאַמלונג.

א געבויערער אין רומענישׂ-בעסאַראַבישן שטעטל קאַפּרעשט, האָט קאַפראָוס פּאַרבראַכט זיינע יונגע יאָרן אין קישענעוו און אין יאַס, וואו ער האָט זיך באַשעפטיקט מיט לערערי. די מלחמה-יאָרן האָט ער דורכגעמאַכט אין די ריימן פון דער רויטער אַרמיי, דערנאָך זיך אומגעקערט קיין בעסאַראַביע, שטודירט און מיטגעאַרבעט אין אַרטיקע צייטונגען און ליטעראַרישע אויסגאַבעס אין רומעניש, ייִדיש אין רוסיש.

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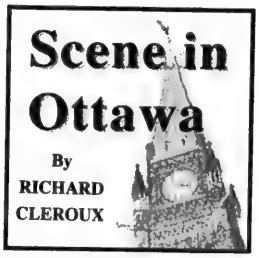
From coast to coast

Wallenberg's fate still a mystery after 50 years



OTTAWA — Half a century later, the mystery continues. Where's Raoul Wallenberg? Is he dead? If he is, when and how did he die?

The final chapter in the life of one of the greatest heroes of World War II still has not been written. Was he executed? Did he die in a Soviet prison? Did he end up in Siberia? Could he still be alive today at age 83, having survived a horrible prison system this long?

Wallenberg was the young Swedish diplomat who saved 100,000 Jews in Hungary during World War II. He did it with impunity and bold abandon, passing out false "Swedish certificates of protection" to thousands of Jews, under the noses of SS officials. Wallenberg would shepherd his new found "Swedes" into giant ghettos, lodging them in huge converted warehouses, where the Swedish flag flew overhead in protection.

He bribed, browbeat and bullied Nazi officers and Hungarian gendarmes into releasing Jewish prisoners into his care, and then he would spirit them out of the country with false papers before they could get them into cattle cars. It was *Schindler's List* scenario on a grander scale.

Within a year, Wallenberg had saved more Jews from Hitler's Holocaust than all the governments of the world combined.

Wallenberg had been a 31-year-old Stockholm businessman from a millionaire industrial family (which also sold war materials to the Nazis) when he was recruited in 1944 by the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, a fore-runner to the Central Intelligence Agency, specifically to go to Hungary and help save Jews from extermination.

But he was also assigned to spy on the Nazis for the Americans at the Swedish embassy in Budapest.

The appointment was approved by President Franklin Roosevelt himself. Wallenberg's funds to operate came from the U.S. War Refugee Board.

Hundreds of secret CIA documents released earlier this year under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act to a *U.S. News and World Report* investigative team establish conclusively Wallenberg's role as an American spy, first against the Nazis, but later against the Soviets in the days after they swept into Hungary.

Wallenberg was quickly fingered, arrested, taken to Moscow and convicted without trial. He was jailed in the dreaded Lubyanka prison under Red Square, where he supposedly died two years later.

No death certificate on Wallenberg was ever produced. Everything has supposedly disappeared from Russian Security Service files. But today very few people really believe that.

The Wallenberg controversy began after the war, as Jews who owed their lives to him clamored to find out what had become of their hero. Wallenberg quickly became the U.S.S.R.'s most famous international prisoner.

In 1957, after much international pressure, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko issued a convoluted explanation that Wallenberg had died in prison 10 years earlier of what "might" have been a heart attack (he would have been 35). But no autopsy had been performed (unusual for so famous a prisoner). The body had unfortunately been cremated (but Lubyanka didn't have a crematorium) and everyone who had known him in prison had died (most convenient).

Today the Russians are admitting the Gromyko explanation was a fraud to get Wallenberg controversy off their backs.

The *U.S. News* investigative team which worked six months on the Wallenberg file in Russia last year came up with all sorts of people who say they saw Wallenberg alive in jail long after 1947.

Several former German PoWs put him in Vladimir prison, 120 miles from Moscow, in the 1950s. They found a talkative 72-year-old cleaning lady, Varvara Larina, who has worked at Vladimir prison since 1945. She remembers the tall, dark-haired, balding man in cell 49, the chronic complainer who was "always scolding, always unhappy", always demanding to see the officials.

Another group of Polish prisoners say they saw him later at a Siberian work camp in Bratsk, the tall man who spoke no Russian. All identified him from photographs.

There are reports, never confirmed, that the Soviets offered Wallenberg in a spy swap in the 1950s. The Americans were ready, but the Soviets said no, to protect their image of neutrality.

The Soviets insisted the Americans admit Wallenberg had been a spy. That would have justified jailing him. The United States refused. It was the time of Cold War politics.

Today the United States might make that admission. The Cold War is over. The new Russians might want to embarrass the old Communist dictatorship. The new Russian Security Service might want to nail the old KGB. The times have changed.

Canadians have a special interest in all this because Wallenberg is the only person in history ever to be given honorary Canadian citizenship, whether he is alive or not. That was done a few years ago by a unanimous vote in the Commons.

The answers are all in Moscow. "That's where the people who know what really happened are today," says Winnipeg lawyer David Matas, who has worked extensively on the Wallenberg file. He believes the "conspiracy of silence" may finally be broken.

"We owe it to someone who fought so hard for the human rights of others to look after his own human rights, whether he is still alive or not today," says Matas.

Wallenberg showed what one person could do against tyranny. He showed the heights humanity could reach. All humanity owes him its gratitude. Finding out what happened is a good way to start.

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By Miriam Herman

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, July 11, is deadline for Aug. 1 issue and Thursday, July 25, is deadline for Aug. 8. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, July 14

CRAFT & GARAGE SALE

Aish's Chayil sisterhood of Aish HaTorah Thornhill craft sale and classy garage sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 949 Clark Ave., Thornhill, rain or shine. 905-764-1818.

KLEZMER JAZZ BAND

Sunday Serenades free concert series with "dancing under the stars" at Mel Lastman Square features the Klezmer Jazz Band 7:30-9 p.m.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, annual picnic, G. Ross Lord Park, 10:30 a.m. Fun for all.

GARAGE SALE

Chapter Soleil, Jewish Women International, garage sale offering household items, clothes, toys and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 47 Greenwin Village Rd. (Bathurst and Steeles)

Monday, July 15

ISRAEL SCOUT CARAVAN

Song and dance performed by Israel Scout Friendship Caravan, Mel Lastman Square, 7:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and Guiding and United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. **Robert Engel** 490-6364, ext. 246.

SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group for Parents and Families of Gays and Lesbians, 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Phone, in confidence, **Ruth** 763-9111.

Wednesday, July 17

INVESTMENT SEMINAR

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education presents Investments: Do You Know All You Should?, a seminar on mutual funds. In conjunction with **Michael Earle**, manager, Mutual Fund Department, Price Waterhouse Securities Ltd., **Brian Mizzi** of AIC Ltd., and **Kim Bolton** of GT Global will provide additional information on investments and mutual funds. 8 p.m., Arback Hall. Free — everyone welcome.

And What Else Is New...

ORT LUNCHEON

Toronto ORT annual Golden Circle Luncheon in honor of Jerusalem 3000, with guest speaker **Elaine Todres**, deputy solicitor general and deputy minister of correctional services, Tuesday, July 23, at noon at the Vaughan Estates (on the grounds of Sunnybrook Hospital), 2075 Bayview Ave. Minimum gift including lunch $150 with tax deductible receipt for portion allowable by law. Reserve before July 13. 787-0297

HEBREW COURSES

Karen Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for fall courses for adults, teenagers and preteens in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Beginners, Tuesday, Sept. 17-Dec. 17, 9:40-11:05 a.m.; Intermediate, Wednesday, Sept. 18-Dec. 18, 9:40-11:05 a.m.; All levels, Thursday, Sept. 19-Dec. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Instructor for beginners **Joseph Klinger** 787-0197.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395.

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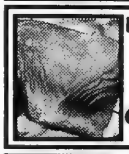

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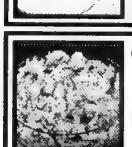

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What's New

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The Power of Kabbalah, Sundays, 7:30 p.m., July 14, 21, and Aug. 4. Register.

Rosh Chodesh Av lecture, meditation and meal, Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday School for ages 3-12, curriculum includes Hebrew language, Jewish holidays, drama, arts and crafts, singing and dance. Register for 1996/97 now.

BLENDING TRADITIONS

The recent concert, Laila De Oro (A Night of Gold) held at Congregation Beth Shalom West in Nepean was a blend of Sephardi and Ashkenazi traditions highlighted by a program of Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish and Ladino words and music. It featured **Cantor Daniel Benlolo** backed by Ottawa's **Evelyn Greenberg**, the Edery Brothers Moroccan Ensemble of Montreal and the Montreal Youth Choir under the direction of **Eyal Bitton**. Guest of honor was Israeli Charge d'Affaires **Eli Yerushalmi**. Also attending was special guest Moroccan Ambassador **Tajeddine Baddou**.

EXPECTING A BABY?

Prenatal classes begin early in pregnancy to help prepare for childbirth. Evening classes held for women and their partners in various locations across North York, No fee. To register, 395-7774.

TEA & ENTERTAINMENT

Adults of all ages can enjoy watching a variety of films, sing-a-longs and special treats on event days, Fridays, 2-4 p.m. through Aug. 30, at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Pick up a flyer each month with a list of films. 395-5568.

SINGLES CRUISE

The annual singles Caribbean cruise sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre of Pittsburgh is Dec. 15-22. **Bill Cartiff** at the centre, 412-521-8011, ext. 371.

O-ED SOFTBALL

Summer has arrived! Make iends and meet old ones. Join the ewish Student Federation for co-ed softball for university students weekly on Wednesdays 6 p.m. to dusk. Baseball diamond is at York campus off Chimney Stack Rd. on Seven Rd. **Esther** 661-8571.

ART CLASSES

Through July and August Koffler Centre School of Visual Art offers daytime and evening classes in ceramics, clay sculpture, stone sculpture for beginners and advanced students. Call 636-1880, ext. 270.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

The Learning Disabilities Association of North York is offering a Social Skills Program for learning disabled children/adolescents. Groups meet after school on a weekly basis for 10 months. 229-1680.

For Seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday, July 21, mid-summer dance 7:30-10:30 p.m., members free, non-members $2, refreshments available; July 22-28, Catskills Raleigh Hotel; Thursday, Aug. 1, Peterborough, kosher chicken picnic lunch, visit to Locks, tour, members $25, non-members $30; Wednesday, Aug. 7, *Phantom of the Opera*; Thursday, Aug. 8, Sherway Gardens, free gifts for all, refreshments and senior discounts at most stores, members $5, non-members $6; Thursday, Aug. 15, trip to Unico Foods, bring lunch, members $5, non-members $6; Sunday, Aug. 18, barbecue party and entertainment, members $5, non-members $6, tickets at office; Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, bring lunch, members $20, non-members $25. 395-7881.

Contract bridge for seniors, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. through Aug.28 at North York Public Library Centennial Community branch, 578 Finch Ave. W. Preregister 395-5490.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Wednesday, July 17, visit to Museum for Textiles. Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m., bingo. **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka** 630-5771.

Association of Jewish Seniors annual picnic Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Earl Bales Park, area 1. Everyone welcome. Bring chairs and lunch. Free refreshments, bingo and entertainment provided. **Goldie Leiberman** 635-2860.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Thousand Island cruise July 15; Catskills Homowack Hotel, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11; Israel trip Nov. 4-25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo. **Viola Landman** 886-2625.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Literary Luncheon features **Ethel Raicus**, co-editor of *Found Treasures*. A collection of short stories by Jewish women writers, translated from Yiddish. Monday, July 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Members $7.50, non-members $9.50.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Personal Emergency Response Service with **Mary Jane Hurley** of Lifeline, Thursday, July 18, 1:30 p.m.

Book Club with **Michael Laitman**, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., July and August. Members $1, non-members $3.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. July 17 is bingo. **Anna**.

Movie *While You Were Sleeping*, Sunday, July 14, 2:30 p.m.

Also Sunday, July 14, dance to music of the Creative Band, Sunday, July 14, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

About People

BOARD OF RABBIS

Elected to leadership positions of the Toronto Board of Rabbis are: **Rabbi Michael Stroh**, president: **Rabbi Philip Scheim**, vice-president; **Rabbi Sheldon Korn**, recording secretary, and **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, treasurer. **Rabbi Wayne Allen** will serve on the executive committee as immediate past president.

Adele Dobkowski

BAYCREST APPOINTMENT

Adele Dobkowski has joined the Baycrest Foundation at Baycrest Centre as director, Corporations and Foundations, spearheading the development of relationships within new donor markets. Her work will initially support the Baycrest Campaign. Dobkowski most recently ran her own marketing and fundraising firm. Prior to that she was executive director of the Stratford Chefs School. She was educated at the University of Chicago and the University of Toronto's executive MBA program.

HONORED BY AJFCA

Libby Volodarsky Labell was named Jewish Family Service of the Baron de Hirsch Institute Board Member of the Year by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) at its annual conference held in Denver, Colo. recently. Labell has also served as director of Family Life Educators at the JFS Social Service Centre. She is a member of the Law and Social Action Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, past chair of the Committee on the Status of Women of its Quebec region, past vice-president of of Auberge Shalom pour Femmes (shelter for battered women), past board member of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation.

AJFCA is the parent body of over 145 Jewish human service agencies located in the U.S. and Canada.

TREE OF LIFE

Grade 4 students of Or Haemet Sephardic School and their teacher Dinah Akierman are pictured in front of the tree of life they created to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund. The names of donors are printed on each leaf. Seventy dollars was raised for the purchase of two acres of tropical rainforest. Top row (from left) Allen Azoulay, Roly Anidjar, Jacques Bendayan, Eny Kadoch, Dinah Akierman, teacher. Middle row (from left) Sarah Benarroch, Jonathan Benbihy, Eli Arosh, Roland Greber. Bottom row (from left) Joshua Benchetrit, Ariel Allon, Sarah Benchemol, Mor Baruchim.

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From coast to coast

Judge's removal urged

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In recommending his removal from the bench for misconduct, a Canadian Judicial Council inquiry concluded that Quebec Superior Court Judge Jean Bienvenue showed, "to say the least, a blatant lack of judgment" in stating that millions of Jews died without pain or suffering in gas chambers.

"Although the judge was aware of the Jewish community's reaction to his comments about the victims of Auschwitz, that reaction came as a great surprise to him," the 62-page majority report of the inquiry committee states.

Noting that Bienvenue later stood by remarks made during sentencing at a murder trial in December, four of the five committee judges found that his subsequent apology to the Jewish community was not an acknowledgment that he was wrong, merely an admission of "the inappropriateness of the analogy."

(Bienvenue reportedly made the comment to illustrate that the convicted woman was even more cruel than the Nazis.)

The majority report says Bienvenue, 67, "misused" his office in expressing personal beliefs about the Holocaust, as well as about women and suicidal persons, and to criticize jurors.

"We find that the judge has shown an aggravating lack of sensitivity to the communities and individuals offended by his remarks and conduct," and moreover, has shown no intention of changing his behavior.

The majority felt that Bienvenue is unfit to continue on the bench because he has undermined the public's confidence in him, but also because he "strongly contributed to destroying" its faith in the judicial system.

Bienvenue, Superior Court judge since 1977 and a Quebec finance, education and immigration minister before that, is the first federally-appointed judge to be recommended for dismissal by a public inquiry. The council, established in 1971, has conducted eight major inquiries, said spokesperson Marcia Pinet, but none recommended removal, although some of the judges under scrutiny resigned.

It was also the first time that a provincial attorney general and federal justice minister jointly requested such an inquiry.

Four of the five committee members ruled Bienvenue had breached "the duty of good behavior" under Section 99 of the 1867 Constitution Act and has "become incapacitated or disabled from the due execution of the office of judge ...

"We believe that if [Bienvenue] were to preside over a case, a reasonable and informed person, viewing the matter realistically and practically, and having thought the matter through, would have a reasonable apprehension that the judge would not execute his office with the objectivity, impartiality and independence that the public is entitled to expect from a judge."

Dissenting member Chief Judge J.-Claude Couture of the Tax Court of Canada, in a 28-page report, argued to the contrary: "I am not satisfied that the evidence has shown that [Bienvenue] was manifestly and profoundly destructive of the concept of the impartiality, integrity and independence of the judicial role [criteria used by the inquiry]" to the extent that public confidence in his ability to judge is undermined.

Couture also stated he is not convinced that Bienvenue "intended to insult or revile women and Jews." What's more, he said, his remarks are open to "differing interpretations."

He observed that Bienvenue had never before displayed sexist or anti-Semitic attitudes, or otherwise done anything that could be construed as misconduct in a judge.

Film executive dies at 66

MONTREAL — Harold Greenberg, the high school dropout who rose to become a leader of the Canadian motion picture and television industry, died July 1 of pancreatic cancer. He was 66.

"No one individual has contributed more to the evolution of Canadian film and TV, and no Canadian industry executive is more respected around the world than Harold Greenberg," Montreal World Film Festival president Serge Losique said when Greenberg was presented with the festival's International Achievement Award in 1989.

Greenberg was chairman and chief executive officer of the entertainment conglomerate Astral Communications Inc., a multimillion-dollar diversified corporation that grew out of a single second-hand camera store that he and his brothers Harvey, Sidney and Ian opened in the 1950s.

The business grew into 120 camera and photofinishing stores across the country, but became better known in later years for its packaging and distributing of movies, television and video programming as Astral Bellevue Pathe. Greenberg was a pioneer in pay TV concepts and had controlling interests in the First Choice (now called The Movie Network) and Super Ecran networks.

Greenberg produced or co-produced almost 40 movie and TV programs, including *Porky's*, *In Praise of Older Women*, *Maria Chapdelaine* and the Canada-Israel co-production, *Tell Me That You Love Me*.

His company is also a major provider of technical services to the industry, such as post-production and duplicating.

Greenberg quit Baron Byng High School at 14 and began working in his uncle's second-hand shop on Craig Street. By 20, he had his own store down the street, selling used photographic equipment.

The business really took off in 1967, when the Greenbergs won the contract to operate all the film kiosks at Expo 67.

A diabetic, Greenberg reduced his day-to-day involvement in the business in 1993 as his health declined, naming his brother Ian president and chief operating officer of Astral. However, Harold continued to focus on planning the future of the company and its expansion.

Greenberg was a general philanthropist in the Jewish community and was particularly active with the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. The Friends awarded him an honorary fellowship in 1985 for his family's support of the university's faculty of visual and performing arts, where they established the Abraham & Annie Greenberg Film and Video Centre in memory of their parents.

Greenberg is survived by Edie, his wife of 42 years; sons Stephen and Joel, daughter Anna-Sue and their families; and five sisters and three brothers.

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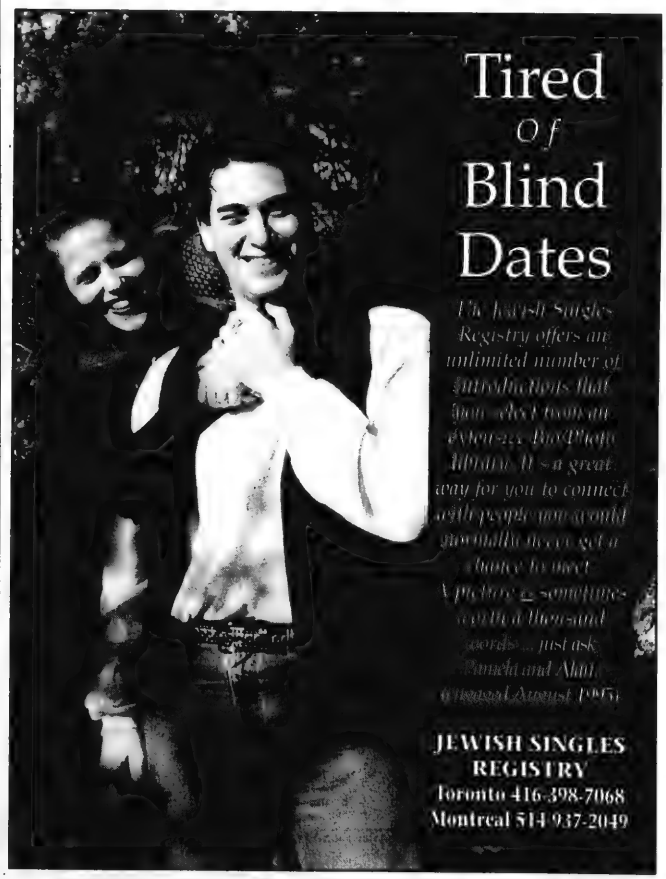

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From coast to coast

Ontario communities seeking people to lead shuls

TORONTO — Some of Ontario's smaller Jewish communities, such as Kingston and Peterborough, are seeking part-time rabbis or people capable of acting as spiritual leaders of established synagogues.

Most synagogues in small communities do not have full-time rabbis because they cannot afford them, said Jennifer Turack, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region director of Community Services and Youth Activities. Many of the shuls, however, hire part-time rabbis or persons to provide spiritual guidance during the High Holy Days and on other special occasions.

As part of its mandate, Congress is committed to preserving and strengthening Jewish life in communities throughout the province outside the Greater Toronto Area. Over the years, Congress has assisted communities in obtaining the services of rabbis, cantors, student rabbis or other qualified persons to provide spiritual guidance.

Many of the shuls in the smaller communities, Turack said, are not associated with international synagogue organizations — either because they can't afford the fees or because they don't fit into the denominational outline.

Jerry Cooper, co-president of Beth Israel Congregation in Peterborough, said his shul is seeking a part-time spiritual leader — someone to lead services during the High Holy Days and come once a month to lead services. The shul does not adhere to one Jewish denomination.

"If we build a strong Jewish presence, there is potential for further growth here," he said. There are about 60 Jewish families living in Peterborough.

Michael Hillel Robinson, president of Iyr-Hamelech, a Reform congregation in Kingston associated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, said his temple is also looking for a part-time religious leader.

Consisting of 56 families or units (as the congregation defines them), the shul is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Robinson said that Iyr Hamelech is seeking someone to lead High Holy Days services and to come on 10 monthly visits to conduct services, visit Sunday schools and instruct those preparing for bar and bar mitzvahs.

For more information, contact Turack, at 416-635-2883, ext. 152 or fax 416-635-1408.

Winnipeg youth recall fight against fascists

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — About 100 mainly young people recently gathered at an anti-racist rally in Winnipeg's Old Market Square to commemorate a battle fought over 60 years ago between fascists and anti-fascists. In that fight, the fascists were thoroughly routed.

One of the speakers at the rally was Fred Narvey, an 83-year-old short story writer and Yiddishist, who participated in that fight.

On June 5, 1934, a group of 75 fascists, armed with clubs, knives and blackjacks, invaded Old Market Square near City Hall to hold their first public rally. They found themselves confronted by about 2,000 opponents.

"We surrounded them, Jews and non-Jews, workers, Communists and Socialists," recalled Narvey. "We knew it was important to stop the fascist march in Winnipeg. We surrounded them and began singing working class songs. They attacked us, but they got the worst of it."

The fight was over in 10 minutes and 13 of the fascists had to be treated in hospital. There were no more fascist rallies in Winnipeg.

In recent years however, the threat of right-wing extremism has once again reared its head in Winnipeg.

Helmut-Harry Loewen of the Western Anti-Racist Network (WARN), one of the rally's organizers noted that Winnipeg has become fertile ground for hatemongers in the past 10 years, citing as examples Bill Harcus, self-styled Ku Klux Klan leader; and Joe Lockhart, founder of the "European Christian Defence League," who has links to Ontario's Heritage Front.

He also referred to the upcoming trial of five neo-Nazis charged with the beating death of a man near the Legislature five years ago, because they thought he was gay.

"We are monitoring the case," Loewen said. "We want the courts to nail these guys hard.

"We owe it to our forebears to deliver a clear message to racists and fascists that we will not tolerate their activities," he said. "We all have to be on the front lines in the battle against hate."

"If we can create an anti-fascist wall, we hope that neo-Nazis won't dare show their faces here," said Yaron Walter of United Against Racism, another of the rally organizers.

Following the speeches, all those at the rally paraded through the downtown to the Law Courts Building to deliver their message.

Loewen reported that the rally organizers have also begun a campaign to have a plaque erected at Old Market Square commemorating the 1934 battle.

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Jeffrey Baum, son of Shirley & Louis Baum and grandson of Regina & Louis Zilberberg and Genia & Kalman Baum recently celebrated his 21st birthday. Brothers are David and Brian.

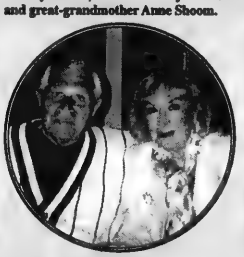
Robbin David Cohen, son of Judy & Leslie Cohen recently celebrated his second birthday. Proud grandparents are Ike & Aidy Cohen, Bubbie Shirley Libman and great-grandmother Anne Shoom.

Happy first birthday to Ada Rose Dowler-Cohen. Proud parents are Barri Cohen & Kevin Dowler. Thrilled grandparents are Nancy & Morty Cohen and Patricia & Dudley Dowler.

Sydney Brooke Shulman, 5 months, daughter of Maxine & Josh Shulman, helped her Bubbie Henna Pomeranz celebrate her 50th birthday on June 18.

Loren Freid graduated from Sheridan College with a diploma in classical animation. Congratulations from your wife Lisa.

A very happy and healthy 80th birthday to Earl Parnes on June 28. With love from your children and their families and all your relatives and friends.



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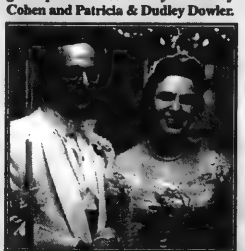

Max & Shilamas Katchky recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Love from children Allan & Cindy, Debbie & Joel, and grandchildren Adam, Ryan, Ashley, Lindsay and Carly.

Florence & Oscar Shainhouse celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 30. Their children, family and friends wish them health and happiness always.

Dr. Joel & Bina Maser celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 8. Best wishes from kids Jeff & Elana and grandmothers Dorothy Nightingale and Dodi Maser.

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Cabinet approves massive budget cuts

Will affect most Israelis

By DAVID HARRIS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The cabinet approved a Treasury plan for a massive budget cut last Sunday, after a debate that lasted more than seven hours. The Treasury had presented a comprehensive blueprint for slashing government expenditures in 1997 by NIS 4.9 billion ($1.633 billion US).

Foreign Minister David Levy, Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav abstained in the final vote.

The document proposes a series of cuts, ranging from drastic reductions in child allowances, standing army salaries and old-age benefits, to extra medical treatment costs, and increases in public transport fares.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the measures as "painful but inevitable surgery," stressing that "this is only a partial step."

"Clearly Israel still has the needs of a developing modern society," said Finance Minister Dan Meridor. "However, the previous government's health, education and welfare expenditure added up to a sum that was beyond our capabilities. Hence the need for tough decisions which necessitated public courage. It would have been easier to be popular."

There is hardly a family in the country that will not be affected by the cuts, which will affect all sectors of the population.

The proposals include flat payments of NIS 10 for each visit to a doctor and NIS 20 for hospital outpatient appointments. Netanyahu said steps would be taken to ensure "a weak family" would not pay more than NIS 15 in any given month.

There will be a 50 percent reduction in child allowances for the first two children in a family with up to three children where family income is above a given level.

The major cut in the defence budget will affect retiring career officers, for an estimated saving of NIS 500 million; public transport fares will rise by 13 percent, other than for senior citizens; and employers will face a 3 percent hike in National Insurance contributions.

Hundreds of civil servants will lose their jobs, including 350 in public works, 100 in transport and an undisclosed number in the Employment Service.

The law which introduced a longer school day will not be implemented until 2000, instead of 1998. This equates to some 50,000 school hours being lost.

Lottery and other gambling wins of NIS 1,000 or more will now be taxed at 20 percent. Previously they were tax exempt.

Capital investment aid, which currently stands at 34 percent, will be slashed to 20 percent in first degree development areas. "Ninety percent of investments that arrive in Israel need no incentives," said Meridor.

Netanyahu was very keen to complete the budget cutting process before he leaves for the United States. "Economically, my visit to Washington will be less important than my visit to New York, and especially to Wall Street, where in essence I will be telling investors that they should invest in Israel, not because of government incentives, but because of its gifted people," he told journalists.

Cuts of NIS 350 million are also being proposed for the current fiscal year. These include NIS 90 million from agriculture, NIS 73 million from the Defence Ministry and NIS 19 million from education.

Overall, the hardest hit ministry is Defence, which has to make total savings of NIS 825 millon. That decision was taken as dozens of officers' wives demonstrated for a second day against cuts to regular army salaries.

Other ministries will also be severely trimmed back: Health will lose NIS 500 million; Construction and Housing will be cut 246 million; and the Finance Ministry will lose NIS 292 million.

Compensation possible for Hitler's slave laborers

By DANIEL DAGAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — Germany's top court would not decide last week whether prisoners in Hitler's slave labor camps could sue the government for compensation.

The court said the case should be considered by lower courts, but reportedly did not offer any guidelines.

The Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe handed down the ruling in April, though it was first published last week.

The decision follows a case in which 22 plaintiffs, all of them Jewish, filed claims of up to $14,500 (US) each because they were forced by the Nazi SS to work at a munitions factory while interned at Auschwitz from 1943 to 1945.

Some have said the ruling paves the way for surviving slave laborers to seek compensation in German courts.

But Saul Kagan, executive vice-president of the Conference of Material Claims Against Germany, said, "Until the full text of the decision of the German Constitutional Court becomes available and is evaluated, it is not possible to determine whether this decision will be of practical significance for Holocaust survivors."

About seven million slave laborers, many of them Jews, worked in Germany during World War II. In the past, individual companies have had to settle with victims of slave labor.

After the verdict, representatives of the victims urged the German Parliament to pass a law that would clearly recognize the slave laborers' claims.

RESISTING ARREST
Several thousand Haredim rioted on Bar Ilan street in Jerusalem last week demanding that the road be closed on Shabbat. Seen here is one protester attempting to avoid arrest. [RNS photo]

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ALL WE ARE SAYING...

Israeli girls shout slogans and hold peace signs as Jewish and Arab members of Peace Now demonstrate outside the prime minister's offices. [RNS]

CJN Rosh Hashanah Photo Contest

The CJN announces its second annual Rosh Hashanah photo contest. We are asking readers to submit photographs either of Israel or of any Jewish theme in their communities. They must be original photos "shot" by the reader.

Who can enter: Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter: A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please write your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You may mail or deliver your photos to: CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners." We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified: Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before Shabbat on Aug. 30, 1996.

When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Quebec.

Refugee issue confronts Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

One of the most vexing issues confronting Israel and the PLO in final status negotiations revolves around Palestinian refugees.

Mideast Analysis

The demand by the PLO that refugees should have a "right of return" to their former homes in what is now Israel is sharply at variance with an Israeli consensus that it must never be permitted to happen.

Israel's position transcends partisan politics, and therefore, Benjamin Netanyahu's policy toward the refugees will likely be the same as that held by Shimon Peres.

Israel opposes the wholesale repatriation of Palestinians because it would, in a word, be suicidal. If Israel admitted masses of refugees, the Jewish character of the country would be subverted, and a fractious binational state would emerge. In all probability, given their higher birthrate, the political balance of power would shift in favor of the Arabs and Jews would be relegated to being a minority in their own land.

Clearly, then, the "right to return" is out of the question, even though Israel is obliged to consider the issue in final status talks.

Israel believes that the refugee problem, which is both political and humanitarian, can be alleviated by resettling the refugees and their descendants in the Arab countries in which they currently reside, by upgrading conditions in refugee camps, by financial compensation and by strictly limited repatriation to Israel.

A resolution of the refugee problem, one of the root causes of tension in the area, is plainly in Israel's national interest. For if it continues to fester, embittering yet another generation of Palestinians, the chances of resolving the debilitating Arab-Israeli conflict diminish.

The problem, the flip side of which turns on Jewish refugees displaced from Arab countries, is rooted in the 1948-49 Arab-Israeli war. Zionist mythology holds that Arabs left Palestine voluntarily at their leaders' urging. Palestinian nationalists maintain that they were deliberately forced out in a brutal episode of ethnic cleansing.

Some Israeli scholars, like Benny Morris, are of the view that the truth is somewhere between these poles. Writing in *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem*, he observes that "it was largely a by-product of Arab and Jewish fears and of ... protracted, bitter fighting." He adds: "In part, it was the creation of deliberate actions by Jewish military commanders and politicians; in smaller part, it was the result of actions by Arab military commanders and politicians."

When the dust finally settled, the vast majority of Arabs who had lived in Palestine/Israel were gone, having been dispersed to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and neighboring Arab countries. Remaining behind in Israel were about 160,000 Muslim and Christian Arabs, the nucleus of today's Israeli Arab community.

A fresh wave of refugees was unleashed by the Six Day War, when thousands of Palestinians crossed into Jordan as the Israeli army conquered the West Bank and Gaza.

Statistics as to the total number of Arab refugees vary widely. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) claims there are 3.1 million in the territories, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Israel disputes these figures as wildly exaggerated. Indeed, Israeli writer Shlomo Gazit contends that the real figure is one-third as large.

In December 1948, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution (194) calling on Israel to readmit the refugees or to compensate them for lost property. Israel agreed to take in 100,000 refugees, but retracted its offer in the face of continuing Arab hostility to its existence.

Since then, the refugees have figured prominently in each and every diplomatic demarche to defuse Arab-Israeli animosities.

•After the Six Day War, UN Security Council Resolution 242 called upon the parties to find "a just settlement of the refugee problem."

•The 1978 Camp David Accords established a committee to resolve the problems of Palestinians uprooted by the Six Day War.

• In its 1989 peace plan, the Israeli government called for an international effort to come to grips with the issue.

•Under the Oslo peace process launched in 1993, Israel and the PLO agreed to defer the problem for final status discussions.

Today, it is being addressed on a bilateral level by Israel and the PLO, on a quadrilateral level by Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinians and multilaterally by the Refugee Working Group, which, so far, has chaired five rounds of meetings headed by Canada.

The previous Israeli government, following talks with the PLO, concluded that the refugee problem could be solved largely through compensation rather than by resettlement in Israel.

It would not be surprising if the new Israeli government adopts this stance as well.

The Week in Israel

July 1

• Hundreds of thousands of Israeli workers reportedly staged a one-hour strike to protest a planned sell-off of government assets by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Israel Radio ceased broadcasts, ports and post offices were closed and banks opened late.

July 2

• Security sources reported that Israeli warplanes blasted a Syrian-backed Palestinian group's base in eastern Lebanon. The strike was intended as retribution for an ambush that killed three Israeli soliders last week. The air raid on the Fatah Uprising base was the first retaliatory attack since Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn into office as prime minister.

July 3

• A young leadership mission of 11 Israelis, under the auspice of the Israeli Labor movement, concluded a visit to the United States to learn about American Jewish life. The mission included dialogues and educational sessions with Reform and Conservative Jews, Jewish federations and national organizations.

July 4

• Within four years, all of Israel's 2,400 schools will have a modern computer lab, making it the first country in the world with so many computers in its educational system, according to Haim Computers in Education.

July 5

• The IDF is preparing for the possibility that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, together with Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, will instruct IDF forces to redeploy in Hebron after the prime minister returns from the United States, *Ha'aretz* reported. Senior IDF Cental Command officials emphasized that the decision to redeploy has been made in principle, but that they are still waiting for the authoritative go-ahead.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

On July 1, the Jerusalem 3000 Photography Project opened. It will run until Nov. 28. Twelve world renowned and Israeli master photographers are showcased.

Israel & the Jewish World

Jewish Agency struggles for survival

[Cont'd. from page 1]

The historical governance structure of the Jewish Agency and its partner, the World Zionist Organization (WZO), has drawn fire for its irrelevancy and waste.

That concern, as well as dwindling campaign dollars and a changing relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, have prompted chair Avraham Burg and others to make long-term plans for the Agency's radical downsizing and reorganization, and to redefine its mission.

In addition to the broad issues addressed by the assembly delegates, the Agency passed a resolution concerning religious freedom in Israel, tabled a resolution on the Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education and appointed a new director general.

When pressed to defend and explain the Agency's purpose, delegates invariably point to the success of the continuing aliyah from the former Soviet Union.

But many, including Burg, who sought but failed to win approval of the establishment of a strategic planning unit, are looking ahead to other roles that the Agency can play as a unique instrument of world Jewry.

"While focusing on this sacred mission" of aliyah, Burg said in an interview, "we have to prepare the ground for the post-rescue era."

Although many welcome the plans for change as long overdue, at the moment "the Agency is in a tailspin," as one North American delegate put it.

Given the poor global economy in the first half of this decade and continuing cutbacks in Western governments, it's not hard to see why the Agency faces such a crunch, says Allan Reitzes, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. But the major reason, said Reitzes, who attended the Agency's meeting, is the ongoing immigration to Israel of former Soviets.

"The need for them has not diminished. In fact, it will continue" at the rate of roughly 70,000 a year, he noted. "And the income just isn't coming in as it used to."

There was a feeling of frustration at the assembly "because we're doing such important work" at a time when more money is needed, but less is being raised, Reitzes said.

And it's extremely difficult to keep going back to the well, in North America, where highly successful Operation Exodus campaigns were conducted in the early '90s for Soviet resettlement, because, he said, "the same message over and over loses its impact."

He said when the next fiscal year is factored in, the Jewish Agency will face a debt of $100 million. Diaspora federations that have spare cash will contribute to the $20-million emergency fund. Toronto will transfer $15 million to the Agency for 1995-96.

Facing $100 million debt

Reitzes pointed out that in addition to slashing its budget, the Agency will transfer to the government its Youth Aliyah program, a network of villages for needy and immigrant youth.

There was a "recognition" at the assembly that rescue and resettlement are still top priorities, said Steven Drysdale, executive vice-president of Montreal's FEDERATION CJA.

But delegates, many of whom Drsydale said were "skittish" over the Israeli election result and what it will mean for Jewish pluralism, passed a historic resolution calling on the new government not to tamper with issues like who is a Jew or Jewish religious freedoms.

Drysdale called it a "pre-emptive declaration," mainly from North American delegates.

As for Israel-Diaspora relations and fundraising, "we're going into a changing period. There is much desire on the part of [Diaspora] communities for a hands-on approach" and the targeting of donations to specific projects, instead of one big pot, Drysdale said.

It was clear, however, that many Diaspora delegates do approve of the Agency's role in rescue and resettlement and want to maintain it as vehicle for Jewish peoplehood, education and Israel-Diaspora partnership.

For many of the North American delegates, the highlight of the assembly and the best showcase for the Agency's expression of a Jewish voice was the resolution unanimously adopted, after a vigorous debate, in support of Jewish unity and calling on the Israeli government to preserve Jewish religious freedom as it now exists in Israel.

Although the word "pluralism" was deleted from the original draft of the resolution in deference to the modern Orthodox members of the assembly, its passage nonetheless was construed as a victory by supporters of non-Orthodox streams of Judaism.

The assembly also approved a resolution proposed by Burg to form a commission of representatives from the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative movements for ongoing consultations with the government on religious matters.

But the spirit of compromise, many here said, also was driven by an implicit understanding that not endorsing religious pluralism would threaten the fundraising campaign and the Agency by alienating non-Orthodox donors.

Meanwhile, the economic situation remains dire. The Agency has undertaken a plan to cut $500 million over five years to cover deficits caused in part by flagging fundraising campaigns by the UJA and federations, which funnel about $220 million annually to the Agency through the United Israel Appeal.

Next year's budget, proposed at $387 million and slated to be finalized in October, is down from this year's $450 million budget, mainly as a result of the transfer to the government of the Agency's Youth Aliyah program.

With files from Ron Csillag in Toronto.

Clinton, Netanyahu meet in Washington

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Palestinian state or any kind of negotiation on Jerusalem, both issues the previous Labor-led government was willing to address.

In a recent interview, Netanyahu said he would support Palestinian autonomy without sovereignty, which would enable the Palestinians to run all elements of their lives that cannot pose any security threats to Israelis.

On the stalled talks with Syria, Netanyahu has said he believes that it is possible to reach "sub-agreements" with Damascus and that he is not adverse to an interim solution regarding Lebanon.

But he has sharply attacked Syria as "a base for Middle East terror."

The Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported last week that Netanyahu had asked the head of the Mossad intelligence agency and the head of army intelligence to draw up a document detailing Syrian and Iranian ties to terrorist groups and activities.

All these issues are expected to be brought up in the Israeli leader's meetings with the head of the CIA and in an address to Congress.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu held talks with former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger, who stopped here on his way back to the United States from Jordan.

Meanwhile, parents of missing Israeli servicemen have asked the government to freeze the release of Palestinian prisoners within the framework of the peace process until more information is produced on the whereabouts of their sons.

The families of seven Israeli MiAs met last week with Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, their first such meeting with a member of the new government.

Kissinger: PM will learn peace is in Israel's interest

BY YOCHI DREAZEN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Furthering the Middle East peace process is necessary for Israel and Benjamin Netanyahu will soon realize this, former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger said last week.

Speaking to reporters after visiting the grave of Yitzhak Rabin, Kissinger said: "What [Rabin] has started grew out of Israel's necessities, and I think any prime minister will come to conclusions that the process has to be continued. Of course, each leader has his own ideas."

Kissinger, in Israel to visit Rabin's family, met Netanyahu earlier at the prime minister's residence. He said he is confident Netanyahu would take a "constructive" message to Washington on his maiden visit this week.

"Israel and the United States have a common destiny, and their leaders have to come to express that common destiny," Kissinger added.

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Explosives expert captured

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The General Security Service (GSS) has captured the man who supplied the explosives for three suicide bombings this spring, an affidavit to the High Court of Justice has revealed.

The affidavit was filed by the state in response to a petition by Ahmed Awada of the village of Dura near Hebron, who was arrested by the GSS on May 18 following information that he was attempting to obtain weapons and ammunition for Hamas.

Awada asked the court to order the GSS to stop depriving him of sleep and forcing him to crouch in uncomfortable positions for long periods of time. Since his investigation was stalled, the GSS agreed to the court's proposal that it issue both an interim injunction and a show-cause order against these methods. These orders were issued on June 11.

That night, however, another central Hamas figure named Raizek Rajoub told the GSS that Awada gave him a large supply of weapons just before his arrest, which he in turn transferred to Hamas activist Hassan Salameh.

Salameh, who was captured on May 18, was responsible for both Bus 18 suicide bombings in Jerusalem earlier this year, as well as the suicide bombing in Ashkelon in February.

Rajoub said Awada knew the arms were destined for Salameh and other wanted Hamas figures, and Awada had also promised to obtain additional weapons for them.

Since Rajoub did not know whether Awada had in fact obtained more arms or, if so, whether they had been transferred to other terrorists, the GSS decided it was urgent to resume questioning Awada immediately as this information might prevent other terror attacks. The state therefore asked the court to lift the interim injunction and, on June 13, the court agreed. However, the show-cause order was left in place.

Two days later, Awada confessed that he supplied "a large quantity of weaponry to Hamas activist Raizek Rajoub for Hassan Salameh," the affidavit said. "He also confessed that he promised to continue supplying weaponry, and even took certain actions to fulfil this promise."

Awada said the material he gave Rajoub included 21 explosive bricks, three mines, an electric detonator and fuse, and large quantities of ammunition of various kinds.

Awada also said that during the two months preceding his arrest, he hid various wanted Hamas figures in his house, including Salameh and Muhi Sharif. The latter was responsible for the Bus 26 bombing in Jerusalem last August, and is one of Israel's most wanted men.

Later, the GSS gave Awada a polygraph test on the subject of whether he possessed additional weapons which the GSS had not yet found. Awada denied this, but the polygraph indicated that he was lying.

Later still, Awada gave the GSS names of other Hamas weapons dealers, along with other details which, according to the affidavit, "could assist in frustrating future terror attacks which are now being planned."

Awada also admitted to assisting in other Hamas military actions, including some planned by Sharif.

However, the affidavit concluded, there is a great deal of useful information that could still be obtained from Awada, which could help prevent new terror attacks.

Hussein: Nothing has happened since anti-terror summit

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – There has not been substantive follow-up to the U.S.-sponsored anti-terrorism summit in Sharm al Sheikh last spring, Jordan's King Hussein complained last week.

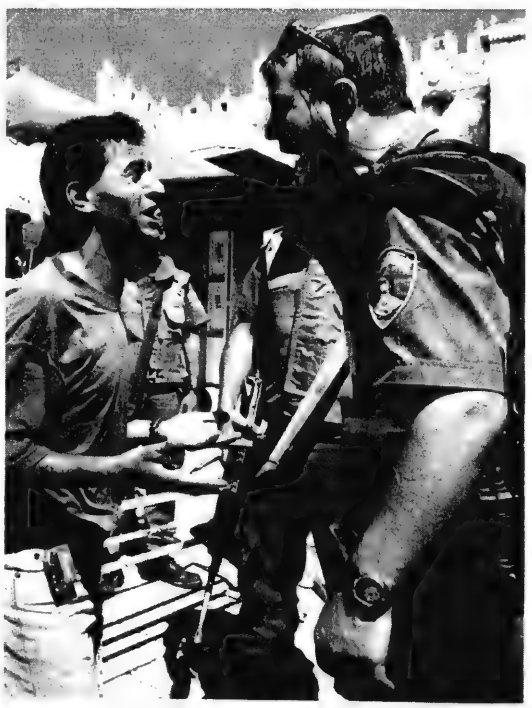
Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, cited Hussein as telling his delegation in Amman that "nothing has happened as a result of the meeting at Sharm al Sheikh. We need concrete steps, and not photo opportunities, to deal with terrorism."

A meeting of foreign ministers was scheduled in Luxembourg as a follow up to Sharm al Sheikh, but was cancelled due to Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Hier said Hussein did not get into specifics, nor did he name countries involved in terrorism. He was joined in the meeting by Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti.

However, it is known that Jordan's ties with Syria and Iran have been poor, in no small measure due to terrorism. According to Arab press reports, Hussein brought 56 files to the recent Arab summit in Cairo and described terror infiltrations across the Syrian border.

Hussein and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are expected to meet when the premier returns from the United States. Hussein met Netanyahu twice while he was in opposition.



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Israeli heart surgeons honor Toronto colleague

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Cardiovascular surgeon Bernard Goldman, in Jerusalem last month for a medical symposium, thought he was going to a regular Shabbat dinner at the home of a colleague. As it turned out, 60 guests showed up for an evening planned in his honor, to recognize the University of Toronto professor's role in training Israeli heart surgeons over the past 20 years.

Because of Goldman, medical care in Jerusalem has "improved significantly," according to a certificate he received from the department of Cardiothoracic Surgery of Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre.

Although "there's usually some new [surgical] procedure we're doing that they're not, technologically [Israelis] are as far advanced as any group I've ever seen," said the energetic 60-year-old in his office at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, where he heads the division of cardiovascular surgery.

Among the new procedures Goldman has introduced to Israel was one involving the use of a pig valve. "It made the papers," he noted.

Although porcine valves were already used for heart surgery in Israel, these were prepared differently and Chief Rabbi Israel Lau provided special dispensation for their use, he said.

This fall Goldman plans to visit Israel for the eleventh time to demonstrate another new procedure. Among the surgeons he will be training is a West Bank Palestinian who trained at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv.

As a major teaching centre, Toronto attracts doctors from around the world for specialty and sub-specialty training. Because Israel is a small country, training abroad is a way to prevent professional isolation, Goldman explained.

But Israel has "more heart centres for their 4.5 million population than we have in Ontario for our 10.5 million," he added.

When Goldman began his practice in 1969, after completing fellowships in Bristol, England and Boston, cardiac surgery was on the cusp of significant change with the introduction of heart transplants and coronary bypass operations.

Heart surgery used to be a "horribly high risk procedure." Today bypasses are routine and surgery on patients in their eighties is not uncommon, he said.

But Goldman cautions his trainees against complacency. "The minute you [become] complacent, you're going to have complications. What we try to instill in the trainees is discipline and focus. We may talk, listen to CD's or kibitz, but we never lose our focus."

Dr. Bernard Goldman demonstrates the workings of the human heart. [Frances Kraft]

Pregnant women's nausea studied

TORONTO — The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto is focusing on complications related to nausea and vomiting of pregnancy.

The Motherisk Program of the Hospital for Sick Children of Toronto is conducting an international study to monitor the health problems caused by severe nausea and vomiting in pregnancy, symptoms that affect more than 50 percent of pregnant women.

Most pregnant women are not aware of the risks to them and their babies that can occur as a result of these symptoms. The hospital is asking for their stories.

For one year, a research group directed by Dr. Gideon Koren will collect data in Canada, the United States and England to determine the consequences of nausea and vomiting in pregnancy and examine strategies to deal with the problem.

In Canada, an estimated 6,000 pregnant women are hospitalized each year due to the severity of those symptoms.

A recent survey of 310 women at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston found that as many as 10 percent of women opted to terminate their pregnancies to escape the symptoms.

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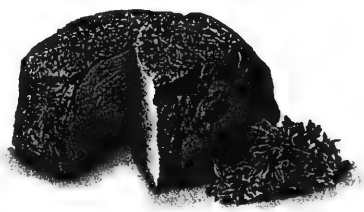

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Talented cantors demonstrate beauty of chazzanut

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — In Talmudic days, the qualifications of the chazzan were spelled out. "He should be a man free of transgressions and with a good reputation that has not been soiled even in his youth. He should be of humble and pleasing personality. He should possess a sweet voice and should be fluent in the reading of the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings."

Further, the very word CHaZaN was taken as an acronym for *CHacham*, a man well versed in the Torah; *Zakayn*, at least 30 years of age and wearing a flowing beard; and *Nasuiy*, married.

Reclaiming Our Tradition, the gala cantorial concert that the American Conference of Cantors and the Guild of Temple Musicians presented at the Ford Centre in North York recently, visibly transgressed at least one of these rules, since the evening was almost perfectly balanced between male and female cantors.

Few female voices, it has been noted, can use certain expressive devices, such as the *krechts* or little sobs that the male cantor evokes. It has been observed that where the male cantor exults in heroism or pathos, his female counterpart provides instead a sweetness and delicacy, interpreting the drama of prayer in her own way.

That's precisely what Cantor Deborah Staiman, for example, did with *Hineni*, the chazzan's supplication written by Meir Finkelstein. A former Torontonian and student at Holy Blossom Temple, Staiman is now a cantor in Miami. One of the few soloists to perform without resorting to sheet music, she was able to produce a full emotional range that proved once again that there is no finer instrument than the human voice.

But it's unfair to single out just one performer from this talented roster, as each demonstrated in his or her own way that *chazzanut*, or cantorial music, is primarily an expressive and emotive art. The program consisted of recovered gems from master synagogue composers such as Israel Alter, Max Wohlberg, Leib Glantz and Jacques Fromental Halevy, who understood this only too well.

These compositions are not songs that one hears every day, either in or out of the synagogue. Some of the pieces, especially ones with choir and organ accompaniment, such as *Tov Lehodot* (composed by Zavel Zilberts, sung by Cantor Robert Abelson of New York), sounded more like selections from a southern evangelical radio hour, except that they were in Hebrew.

That's not to diminish the high spirituality and purity of the music, only to acknowledge the many secular influences that have shaped it.

The premiere of a new work, by Milton Barnes, *Ark of the Covenant*, proved to be the remarkable centrepiece of the program and a sharp contrast to the other 16 musical selections. Instead of paying homage to Jewish liturgical music of the last two centuries, the Toronto composer expropriated the rich ancient sounds of biblical times – harp, timbrel, cymbals, drums, horns, shofars – and wove them into a wondrous narrative fabric drawn from Samuel II.

As the opulent music sounded, a troupe of dancers, choreographed by David Earle, enacted the biblical story of the death of Saul and Jonathan, and the return

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Young artist tackles contemporary issue

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — What does a 20-year-old artist have to say on pastel board or canvas? Plenty, if he is Amir Pichhadze. And with remarkable insight.

The Israeli born Pichhadze came here eight years ago. Until now, his father Jacob, a significant painter and master of pastels, has been his principal teacher.

"I taught him technique," Jacob says. "He will take it from there."

As he hones his skills under his father's direction, young Pichhadze discovers his own concepts.

A Commemoration of a Jewish Tragedy, displayed recently at a juried exhibition in the Leah Posluns Theatre, is a searing probe into the death by gunfire of Israel's late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin at the hands of a Jewish assassin — the enemy from within.

Seen in the aftermath of the murder, a grieving man crouches, head bowed, before Rabin's flag-draped coffin with a broken Magen David representing unity gone awry. A portion of the flag is wrapped around the man's legs and covers his feet. His hands are bloodied and behind him is a blood-spattered copy of Shir Lashalom (Song of Peace), which Rabin had at the moment he was killed. An obvious bullet hole is a reminder of the method of assassination.

***A Commemoration of a Jewish Tragedy* is a searing probe into the death by gunfire of Israel's former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.**

A Jewish Tragedy

The man is the Jewish People, torn by political and religious strife. He mourns the death, yet the infighting marks him as it does all those who cannot or will not come to peaceful terms with their differences.

The song sheet is colored in reverse, white lettering on a black background to accent the darkness of the act and its consequences. But one corner, curled forward, pristine white against the sky, signifies a glimmer of hope. Pichhadze's youthful optimism?

In the surrealistic *Reward for Virtue*, the artist depicts a balance between the good and bad that are in all of us, portraying the good struggling over a barrier, hovering between light and dark and eventually passing through a narrow opening to emerge triumphant.

Yellow Bloom, a single luminous rose, is a lovely feel-good pastel.

Pichhadze uses pastels or oils according to the subject, he says, but he leans toward pastels.

Just out of high school, he has enrolled in Fine Arts at York University and begins classes in September.

How will he reconcile what he has learned from his father with the experience that lies ahead?

"I'll keep an open mind," he says, ready to meet the challenges of computer graphics, which are "new to me and my father."

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This Merchant tackles anti-Semitism head on

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

STRATFORD – No matter how hard directors try, they cannot escape the anti-Semitism in *The Merchant of Venice*. And no matter how tempted they may feel to be politically correct, Shakespeare's text cannot be changed.

But Marti Maraden, director of the 1996 Stratford production tackles the anti-Semitism head on.

Maraden sets the play in a pre-World War II Italy heavily infested with fascism. A young, modest Bassanio seeks a loan from the merchant, Antonio, in order to woo the wealthy Belmont heiress, Portia. Antonio, unable to provide the funds, offers a loan from a third party, the Jewish moneylender, Shylock (played by Douglas Rain). Shylock agrees to the loan, but on the condition that if Antonio is unable to pay it back, he must give Shylock a pound of his flesh.

The modern setting works well, as the period in which it is set is known for its anti-Semitism and intolerance. Yet the simple stage set and costumes create a feeling of familiarity for the audience. The open cafe where many of the scenes take place is comparable to the outdoor cafes of today. When, in one scene, a Jewish man is turned away from dining there, the situation hits almost too close to home.

Maraden plays with her audience's emotions, and when the characters insult and belittle Shylock, viewers are caught between siding with the protagonists and siding with the villain.

And there is no getting away from Shylock's villainy. When he demands that Antonio keep his bond, he is merciless and appears as a "greedy Jew."

In many ways, though, this Shylock is protrayed as a victim of circumstance. Since he has lost his daughter to intermarriage and has dealt with constant anti-Semitism, his outburst against Antonio is almost understandable.

But in addition to the circumstances, Shylock is not a clear villain because of the humanity Rain brings to him. When Shylock is first introduced, he is clean, poised and confident. Dressed in a business suit and fedora hat, he doesn't appear different from his non-Jewish counterparts.

When he is later crushed by the news of his daughter, he delivers the famous "Hath not a Jew eyes?" speech through genuine frustration and grief. Rain's Shylock is well rounded – a human not a stock character.

The combination of the setting and Rain's performance were so effective that at the end, many gasps were heard from the audience as Shylock was ordered to convert.

Other notable performances include Susan Coyne, as the witty, playful Portia and Michelle Fisk as her maid, Nerissa. These two women provide some satisfying and hilarious scenes, their comic relief providing a balance to the intensity of Shylock's story. In many cases, both women outshine their characters' romantic interests.

If nothing else, this year's *Merchant* shows that there are many sides to this complicated story, none of which can be ignored. The audience is left knowing that Shylock was wrong to try to kill Antonio, but they are disturbed by his punishment. While Shakespeare's intent may have been to create a light hearted comedy, in the present day this play bears far more weight.

The Merchant of Venice runs at the Avon Theatre until Nov. 3.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

The Story of J

She lived in Jerusalem almost 3,000 years ago, in the time of King Solomon and his hapless son and successor, Rehoboam. A contemporary of the historian who chronicled Solomon's court, she wrote in the Phoenician-Old Hebrew script, probably using a reed pen on sheets of papyrus that were later glued into scrolls.

Known to modern biblical scholars only as J, she was one of history's great writers, comparable in imaginative and rhetorical scope to Homer, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Cervantes and Tolstoy.

Or so asserts American literary critic Harold Bloom in his study *The Book of J* (1990), which contains a stark translation by David Rosenberg of J's reconstructed text. Bloom embellishes the secular theory that the Torah had multiple authors and redactors, by presenting a literary interpretation of J that opens with the startling proclamation that this greatest of Jewish writers was a woman.

It was in the 19th century that German exegetes first noted various pronounced stylistic differences in the Pentateuch and assigned authorship passage by passage to a number of imagined authors. Although it contradicts the normative Jewish tradition that the Torah was handed down at Sinai, some Jewish thinkers, including Bloom, have furthered this conception of the Torah as a brilliant literary patchwork quilt stitched together over centuries.

Purportedly the author of much of Genesis and Exodus, J is defined by her consistent use of the Tetragrammatonic name of God and by her bold dramatic irony and supreme narrative inventiveness. According to Bloom, J was not attempting to compose a sacred text when she reworked age-old legends about the Creation, the Flood, the patriarchs, Joseph and Moses. Highly erudite and sophisticated, she was a product of the Solomonic enlightenment whose works were censored, revised and abrogated by a series of later hands.

To understand her works, Bloom insists, one must first strip away the heavy varnish that overlays them.

Characterizing J as possessing a Shakespearean narrative ingenuity and an ironic outlook worthy of Kafka, Bloom assesses each of her literary creations, from Adam and Eve to Moses, boldly culminating with J's depiction of God. Unperturbed that this approach contravenes the Maimonidean precept that God is essentially unknowable and indescribable, Bloom sees in J's humanistic conception of God an impish child who fashions the first man from the dirt as though shaping mudpies, and who capriciously, possessively, digs a grave for Moses with his own hands at a spot that no one will ever find.

J has no villains or heroes, Bloom says, only heroines such as Tamar, Rebecca and Rachel, each of whom outsmarts a man for her own shrewd end.

Of all her characters, Bloom says, she shows the greatest feeling for Joseph, who was for her a surrogate for David; both are highly charismatic, charmed figures who win glory for Israel. Having seen the fragmentation of the Kingdom under Rehoboam, J supposedly yearned for a return to that past glory.

J was most conversant with the history of Solomon's court and not of remote events like the Exodus, Bloom notes. "Since I date J in the generation after Solomon, who died in 922 BCE, she was writing of events a full three centuries before her own time, or about as far back as the Cromwellian revolution in relation to current Great Britain," he writes.

In his most recent work, The *Western Canon: The Books and Schools of The Ages*, Bloom categorizes the 26 most important books of Western literature into four categories — theocratic, aristocratic, democratic and chaotic.

Not surprisingly, he elaborates on his caricature of J by suggesting that she was actually Bathsheba, the Hittite woman taken by David who became Solomon's mother.

This, he argues, would explain J's "ironic presentation of the Hebrew patriarchs and her fondness both for some of their wives and for such female outsiders as Hagar and Tamar."

Superbly ironic and audacious, Bloom's interpretation seems entirely in keeping with the J that he has fashioned for us. Whether he has overstepped our willing suspension of disbelief is immaterial. What matters is the refreshing boldness and originality of his insight and his formidable challenge to us to see these very old subjects in a very new way.

Talented cantors perform

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of the Holy Ark to Jerusalem, where King David is chastised for his crude public behavior. What a lush partnership was Lawrence Cherney's oboe and Erica Goodman's harp! The ebullient 12-member troupe also seemed equal to interpreting Barnes' rhythmic score, itself a tribute to the city of Jerusalem on the 3,000th anniversary of King David's arrival.

Besides the soloists, the Guild of Temple Musicians choir, conducted by Cantor Benjamin Maissner, seemed in wonderful voice, even if at times certain members seemed too attentive to their sheet music, neglecting the dramatic tool of eye contact.

Special mention must be made of percussionist Russell Hartenberger, pianist Joyce Rosenzweig and organist Karen Rymal. And thanks go to the two musical groups that brought such a wealth of talent to Toronto on the occasion of their 43rd annual convention.

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The Land of Enchantment

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

SANTA FE, N.M. — Mention New Mexico and folks may think of Roswell, site of the covered-up (at least according to *X-Files* fans) post-war UFO landing, or perhaps Los Alamos, where top American scientists plotted the ultra-secret atomic bomb in 1945.

But the state is also known as the Land of Enchantment, at least on licence plates and memorabilia, and that's no secret.

There's also a fascinating, almost haunting Jewish presence here, but more about that later.

There are few places in the United States (Louisiana being one exception) which offer the traveller such distinctive geography, cultures and ambience. New Mexico has developed into a mix of old, New Age, Indian and Spanish that is at once charming, magical and mysterious. It's like combining Arizona with Mexico, and throwing in the quirkiness of Southern California.

It is chiefly northern New Mexico that beckons, with its Indian pueblos, pink and purple-dotted sagebrush mountains and valleys, and adobe *everything*. It's said too that there are more art galleries in the north than there are people. After a few days, one begins to believe it.

Santa Fe actually lives up to its PR. Here, history resonates, but not so loudly as to interfere with recorded New Age pipes, chimes and whale sounds wafting from nearly every shop and cafe. Founded in 1611 as a Spanish outpost, Santa Fe boasts churches, missions and hotel facades right out of a Clint Eastwood western. There's also a distinct French influence in some of the architecture (the rare, non-adobe variety).

Although it is a state capital, you can hear a pin drop on the leafy side streets. And unlike a lot of similar sized U.S. cities, there's no seediness, no skyscrapers, no neon liquor and gun signs, and virtually no litter. The locals would like to keep it that way, but Santa Fe is one of the fastest growing communities in the country.

Walking tours of the downtown core are recommended. Art galleries brimming with local, color-splashed paintings and pottery tend to be clustered in one area of town (Canyon Road). As for restaurants, it's best to stick to southwestern fare. Prepare yourself: they put blue corn in almost everything.

A good idea is to rent a car and drive north to Taos, an unspoiled, small town that's big on the arts scene. (A road sign in nearby Ranchos de Taos touts the B'nai Shalom Havurah). On the way, guided tours of Indian pueblos (comparable to reservations) give the visitor a fascinating glimpse into how native peoples lived long before the hated colonizer Christopher Colombus showed up.

About 50 families are members of the Los Alamos Jewish Centre.

A trip to Abiquiu to see the Georgia O'Keeffe house is worth the detour, as is a hike through the breathtaking Bandelier National Monument, where the intrepid may climb rickety ladders to peek into the cave dwellings of the Anasazi Indians who lived there, condo-style, from the ninth to the 15th centuries.

Los Alamos banks on its fame as the place where the A-bomb was developed in the top-secret Manhattan Project. (The bomb was actually detonated in the desert 200 kilometres to the south). At the local museum, there's an excellent exhibit on daily life in the 1945 scientific community, complete with declassified correspondence with the Pentagon.

At the Los Alamos Jewish Centre, Rabbi Jack Shlachter leads about 50 member families in services and programs. The volunteer rabbi is a full-time physicist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, a war-era holdover that today employs 10,000 people. He came to the sleepy town as a grad student in 1979 and was ordained a year ago.

Jewish life in New Mexico, while not obvious, is everywhere. Albuquerque has several synagogues (as well as a Chabad presence) and a full array of services. There are shuls in Santa Fe, Roswell, La Jara, Carlsbad and Las Cruces.

But most alluring is the growing research into the existence in New Mexico of Conversos, or so-called crypto-Jews — descendants of Marranos who migrated north from Mexico. More and more non-Jews here, apparently, are unearthing their Jewish ancestry. More on that in a future issue.

In the meantime, a well-visited site in Jewish cyberspace is the Southwest Jewish Archives, with its information on Jewish pioneer families who settled the state in the 1880s. The address, via The Link, is http://www.swcp.com/thelink/.

President's Choice in Israel

By ADELE ROSS SLEPKOV
Special to the CJN

JERUSALEM — President's Choice has come to Israel.

The launching of the popular Loblaws line of grocery products in Israel was timed to coincide with the opening of the Jerusalem branch of the Greenberg's Superstore chain.

The chain, owned by the Israeli Fishman family, chooses locations near Orthodox neighborhoods.

Giora Sage, Greenberg's director general, said once the Canada-Israel free trade agreement is signed [expected to be in late 1996 or early 1997] the chain will import over 2,500 Canadian products to Israel including housewares and cosmetics.

"Greenberg's elected to begin with President Choice (PC) products because of their quality and value," Sage said.

Over 120 PC products are being imported, from cereals to disposable diapers. The Loblaws-Greenberg agreement is said to be worth around $2 million.

The opening of the 50,000-square-metre Jerusalem store was marked by festive displays of Canadian and Israeli flags and was attended by Canada's ambassador to Israel David Berger.

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Henrich fifth pick in OHL player draft

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It wasn't exactly the first day of training camp, but two old pros took the occasion to offer some helpful advice for the up-and-coming youngster.

"It's a long road [ahead] ... Get stronger, don't get too high or low. Every day is a new day," said the former NHLer.

"You seem to like the rough going, so strengthen your neck," said the second veteran. "You may have to fight to establish yourself, get a reputation," he added.

The advice was directed at 16-year-old Michael Henrich, a strapping 6-foot-3, 190-pound right winger who was recently drafted in the first round, fifth overall, by Barrie Colts of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) in its selection of midget players.

The advice came from two veterans of the professional sports wars — Brian Wilks, a 1984 second round pick of the Los Angeles Kings, and Gerry Sternberg, a hard-nosed multi-sport athlete who played for a variety of teams in the CFL from 1966 to 1973.

The occasion was an adult education program at Beth Sholom Synagogue organized by local sports maven Monty Charness. Joining Wilks, Sternberg and Henrich as Charness' interview guests was basketball centre Morrie Herman, a five-time participant in the Maccabiah Games.

While for Wilks, Sternberg and Herman, the evening was a spin down memory lane, for Henrich the talk was about current achievements and future goals. Henrich, who played last season for Wexford Raiders Midgets, recently returned from an under-17 camp in Kitchener that brought together the top 88 skaters from across Ontario.

Though he had a minor injury for part of the camp and missed most of the intra-squad games, Henrich got into the last game and notched a hat-trick. He hopes to make the team and represent Ontario at an international tournament in Red Deer in December that will see provincial teams face off against opponents from the United States, Russia, Sweden and Finland.

Although he scored 110 points in 70 games last season for the Raiders, Henrich considers himself a defensive player who likes to bump and grind. "[The heavy going] doesn't bother me at all ... Yeah, I like it," he said.

Henrich said his father, Jim, stresses defensive play, thinking "not many players do it. If I can do that, I'll get noticed."

Bert Templeton, coach and general manager of the Colts, certainly noticed Henrich. Templeton said the Colts were impressed by Henrich's character and solid family background. In addition, they believe he has a "tremendous upside with no major weaknesses."

Michael Henrich

Henrich is big, has good hands and a great shot, and his skating is outstanding. In addition, he's intelligent and has the ability to read a play as it's developing, Templeton said.

Henrich has been a top player ever since he first laced up his skates as a 6-year-old. He scored six or seven goals (he's not sure) in that first game in a Thornhill house league and went from there. He played midget hockey as a 15-year-old against boys 16 and 17 and when he was a peewee, his Thornhill team won the Esso Cup.

Prior to being drafted by Barrie, Henrich also considered seeking a university scholarship. He choose the OHL because the league offers a full scholarship to Canadian universities for players who never sign a pro contract, leaving open his education option.

Henrich plans to spend the summer golfing, working with weights and attending a hockey school in Minnesota.

His first regular season game falls on Sept. 22 — which also happens to be Yom Kippur. A former student at Har Zion Hebrew School, Henrich is already planning to pass on his first junior game. Clearly he believes there are some nights even more important than opening night.

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When he was drafted in the second round, 24th overall in 1984 (the year Mario went first), Wilks was at the Montreal Forum and was excited to meet the Kings braintrust that included Rogie Vachon and Pat Quinn.

At his first training camp in Victoria, he was "in awe" of his teammates, but quickly realized it was time to get down to business. Camp was gruelling, with six hours a day of on-ice practice accompanied by stretching and weightlifting.

A finesse player, Wilks led the team in scoring during the exhibition season with five points in four games, playing on a line with perennial King Dave Taylor. He played about 50 games that first year but was later sent down to the minors.

"That's tough, going from the NHL to the minors. All of a sudden, you're doing things second class," he said.

He was dispatched to New Haven of the American Hockey League (AHL), where he was coached by Robbie Ftorek, and then went on to Edmonton, which was in the midst of its dynasty years.

"I was really impressed with these guys. There was a different attitude, a winning attitude," he said. "The guys really listened to Mark Messier. Everybody looked up to him."

With the Oilers' strength down centre ice, it's no surprise Wilks was sent to their farm club in Cape Breton. From there it was on to Muskegon in "the I" for three or four months, which at that time was considered a level below the AHL.

After five years in the pros, Wilks, who had suffered knee and shoulder injuries, decided to call it a career. He'd always been small by pro standards and recalls that in his first year as a 16-year-old junior in Kitchener, he weighed 150 pounds.

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Like Wilks, Sternberg was a lightweight in a sport played by heavyweights. The 5-foot-10 running back/defensive back played between 165 and 175 pounds.

Born in Russia, Sternberg grew up in Toronto and attended Bloor Collegiate. He was scouted for college by Tom Watt, who went on to be an assistant football coach for the University of Toronto Blues and later was NHL coach of the year with the Winnipeg Jets. At the U of T, Sternberg played football, baseball and basketball.

He was a first-round pick of Edmonton Eskimos but was dealt to Montreal. After some ups and downs, Sternberg eventually ended up with the hometown Argos during their glory years, when Leo Cahill coached a lineup that featured Jim Stillwagon, Bobby Taylor and Joe Theismann.

He described one particularly memorable run-in with Taylor after he knocked away a pass intended for the hot-tempered receiver. Taylor turned around and smacked him in the face. A few plays later, when Taylor was going for a pass, Sternberg made a bee-line for the receiver and clotheslined him, without even attempting to go for the ball. Cahill was impressed with his tough-as-nails, won't back down approach, Sternberg recalled.

Although he was traded by the Argos before their near-miss Grey Cup experience in 1971, he was with the Tiger-Cats when they won the championship in '72.

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Slain athletes' families seek IOC recognition

By FAYE BITTKER
Special to The CJN

PHILADELPHIA — The families of the 11 Israeli athletes slain at the 1972 Munich Olympics have written to U.S. President Bill Clinton, asking him to intervene on their behalf with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

As the world prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games, "the IOC refuses to recognize the 11 victims, claiming this would be a political act," the families of the Munich victims wrote to the president.

"We thought that since the games were taking place in Atlanta [Clinton] might be willing to help us," Ankie Rekhess-Spitzer said in a phone interview from her home in Tel Aviv.

Rekhess-Spitzer was 26 when her husband, fencing coach Andrei Spitzer, was murdered during the attack by Black September Palestinian terrorists.

She and Ilana Romano, whose husband, weightlifter Yosef Romano, was also among the dead, have been leading the battle with the IOC to gain recognition for the fallen athletes.

For the past two decades, the seven widows have tried to reconcile their losses with what they consider to be the callous response of the IOC.

The world watched in horror when eight Palestinian terrorist entered the Olympic village on Sept. 5, 1972, kidnapping and ultimately killing the 11 Israeli athletes during a botched rescue attempt.

But the games went on, offering the families little official recognition for their loss, according to Rekhess-Spitzer.

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280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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330 OBITUARIES

Ben Valin on June 14, 1996, late of 521 St. Clements Avenue
Betty Cainer on June 14, 1996, late of 9 Kingsbridge Crt. #205
Esther Black on June 15, 1996, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Sarah Bernstein on June 17, 1996, late of 8 The Donway East
Gertrude Blitzstein on June 18, 1996, late of 1 Overload Drive
Sarah Malis on June 19, 1996, late of 205 Cummer Avenue
Sonny Cohen on June 19, 1996, late of 15 Rockford Road #1204
Mary Cowitz on June 20, 1996, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Sarah Sugar on June 21, 1996, late of 15 Canyon Avenue #606
Rose Fichtenbaum on June 21, 1996, late of 9 Watford Avenue
Oscar Daniels on June 20, 1996, late of 592 Manning Avenue
Harry Zanichis on June 22, 1996, late of 265 Muskoka Street S. Box 374
Ellie Haniford on June 23, 1996, late of 9 Renoak Drive
Sally Elfenbein on June 25, 1996, late of 2501 South Ocean Drive
Stuart Roebuck on June 24, 1996, late of 25 Kelway Blvd.
Pauline Goldhar on June 24, 1996, late of 150 Heath Street W. #504
Murray Osheroff on June 25, 1996, late of 121 Regina Avenue

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Charity casinos hit jackpot

By GIL KEZWER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Charity casino gambling hit the jackpot when Ontario Finance Minister Ernie Eves' May budget permitted the establishment of up to 50 permanent charity locations across Ontario.

And the biggest winner of all may prove to be Michael Mandel, president of North York's W.I.N. Gaming Corp.

W.I.N. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Fundtime Games Inc., is among the largest of the 42 operators licensed by the Ontario Gaming Control Commission of the province's Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. Its stock, WNGM, listed on the Canadian Dealers Network, shot up 100 percent following Eves' announcement and is currently trading around $1.25.

Mandel anticipates that revenue from the 50 new permanent casinos will be $1.1 billion, much of it from video lottery terminals. He is optimistic that Fundtime will be allocated a licence for a "considerable number" of the new venues this fall. Mandel would like to operate them in Toronto's northern and eastern suburbs.

Michael Mandel

Operating at capacity, last year Mandel's company ran 145 three-day Monte Carlo events for 35 charities, each attracting 1,000 people. Revenues totalled $4.4 million. Clients, including the East and West Scarborough Boys and Girls Clubs, Youth Assisting Youth and the Reena Foundation for developmentally challenged adults, averaged a $10,000 net take from the W.I.N.-run events, compared to $3,000 to $4,000 raised by its competitors, Mandel says.

Though W.I.N. has 160 full-time and 50 part-time croupiers, managers, pit bosses and inspectors, the company's biggest asset may be Mandel himself. At 36, the Toronto-born entrepreneur has already founded three telecommunication and garment industry companies, each with multimillion-dollar sales annually.

He established Fundtime in 1993, after the cash-starved NDP government's passage of Bill 126 permitting a limited three-day charity casino once a month at the banquet hall of any licensed restaurant. The company went public in December.

"The perception of gambling has changed. Las Vegas has become a family-oriented destination. Gaming is in the mainstream now as a form of entertainment. It's a lot more socially acceptable than it was 10 or 15 years ago."

Mandel is dedicated to the legitimization and popularization of the business. He's past president of the Ontario Casino Operators Association and sits on the boards of the Association of Registered Casino Operators of Ontario, the Charitable Gaming Federation and the Ontario Charitable Gaming Advisory Board. He anticipates the further professionalization of charity casinos when the permanent venues begin to operate.

330 OBITUARIES

Berman, Esther on June 18, 1996, late of 45 Brookview Dr.
Gorbach, Olga on July 20, 1996
Korona, Abraham on June 20, 1996
Safer, Max on June 22, 1996, late of 6250 Bathurst St.
Moskowitz, Faiga on June 22, 1996, late of 429 Walmer Road
Sussman, Muray on June 21, 1996, late of 31 Tichester Rd.
Berenstein, Alice on June 25, 1996
Hoffman, Morris on June 25, 1996, late of 28 Wheatherstone Cres.
Spring, Bertha on June 25, 1996, late of 4 Glenarden Rd.
Rachman, Albert on June 26, 1996, late of 3705 Bathurst St.
Marks, Saul on June 29, 1996
Galperina, Inna on June 30, 1996, late of 4190 Bathurst St. #803
Rogow, Alec on July 1, 1996
Winitsky, Izrail on July 2, 1996, late of 4455 Bathurst St. #312

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Lawrence Besser** will take place Sunday, July 14th at 10 am at Bathurst Lawn Cemetary - Blue Star Lodge Section. Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Louis Blumenfeld** will take place on Sun. July 14 at 11:45 at Bathurst Lawn, Lipsker Young Men's Section. Relatives & friends are invited.

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAUL SHAPERO ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, July 14th, 11:15 a.m.
Beth Tzedec Memorial Park
(Bathurst, North of Finch)
Section #11
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
Sunday, July 14th, at 10:00 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
(Roselawn & Chaplin Crescent)
Eitz Chaim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ISSY (Lipa) LEW ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, July 14th, at 11:45 a.m.
followed by the unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FANNY SCHWARTZ ז"ל
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lithuanian Farband Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The Inside Back

Hamilton cantor retires

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — After 20 years at Beth Jacob Synagogue, Cantor David Bercovici is retiring.

The congregation honored the cantor at a special Shabbat service and kiddush on June 22.

A dedicated teacher, Bercovici has taught countless bar/bat mitzvah boys and girls. He adores children, he has told *The CJN*, and though a strict teacher, he maintains that "kids have to enjoy learning" and that "learning should be fun."

As a result, Bercovici said, he has always enjoyed good relations with his students.

A Holocaust survivor from Transylvania who lost his entire family except for a brother and a sister, he has throughout his years here always led the Kaddish and chanted the K'El Maleh Rachamim at the annual community Yom Hashoah program and has served on the Yom Hashoah committee.

Bercovici grew up in a deeply religious home in Klausenburg (Cluj), where his father was a prominent community leader and president of Mizrachi. He studied at the Rabbi Peretz Yeshiva in Klausenburg and following his graduation, attended the Bucharest Conservatory of Music.

After liberation, he went to Austria, where a Joint Distribution Committee scholarship enabled him to study at the Bruckner Conservatory in Linz. While there, he conducted the High Holy Day services for Jewish personnel in the American armed forces.

In 1948, Bercovici, his wife, Henrietta, whom he had married in Bucharest in 1948, and their infant son, Rouvain, went to Israel, where they remained for 12 years.

But his brother and sister had settled in Canada and in 1960, Bercovici came here to join them.

In Toronto, he continued his studies at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and later served 16 years as cantor of the Hebrew Men of England congregation and principal of the religious school.

Bercovici is founder of the Toronto Council of Chazzanim and a member of the Cantors Assembly.

In 1978, he was awarded the diploma of a cantor-Chazzan (with full authority to serve as a minister of the Jewish faith) and in 1988, he was named an Honorary Fellow of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Saint John museum celebrates 10th year

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — Ten years ago, the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum opened its doors to a small, but appreciative Jewish audience.

Now celebrating a decade of educating New Brunswick's regional, national and international visitors' list, it is widely renowned for its permanent and seasonal displays, and is a winner of numerous awards.

"The number of visitors increases each year," says Marcia Koven, museum curator. "Our mandate is to educate and help eliminate discrimination."

Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays through July and August from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the museum has permanent displays on religious artifacts, a chapel, ritual bath, Hebrew school classroom and an art gallery. The archives and a library available by appointment only have attracted historians and genealogists from around the world, says Koven.

Two years ago, the museum developed a series of eight educational outreach kits on Jewish holidays, customs and traditions and on the Holocaust, which have been widely requested, on a two-week free loan period, by school and church groups throughout the Atlantic region.

Koven says a video, the *History of the Saint John Jewish Community*, is available for $24.95 plus $5 for postage and handling. New displays this summer include Jewish weddings in Saint John from 1882 to 1986, old Jewish postcards and a display and sale of art by acclaimed print maker David Silverberg.

The Silverberg Judaic exhibit opens June 30 at 2 p.m. and will run through Labor Day, Sept. 4. Silverberg is artist-in-residence at Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S., and was formerly at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B.

The museum is closed July 25 and Sept. 23 for major Jewish holidays. The museum season ends Sept. 27, but is open for group tours by appointment throughout the year.

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1 egg yolk
6 tblsp vegetable oil

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Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

About families

Dear Susan,

Summer is always a difficult time for me. My children are away at camp and my workload lessens considerably. Rather than relaxing and enjoying the peace and quiet, I tend to get anxious and unhappy during these unstructured times. How can I overcome these feelings?

Dear Reader,

Your question speaks to a problem that is more common than one might think – the apparent inability to take pleasure and enjoyment from the "good times." In your particular case, you have provided two possible reasons why you are experiencing this.

The first possible explanation relates to the absence of your children and the feelings of sadness and anxiety that have become associated with this separation. Given that so much of your daily activity and energy – and hence, so much of your identity – may be tied to caring for your children, the absence of that activity may take away a very large part of who you think you are and how you define your worth. If that is so, it is no wonder that their absence can make you feel purposeless and anxious.

You also mention a decrease in workload, which seems to further exacerbate your distress. Again, the loss of such an important aspect of self-identification and self-worth could account for your inability to enjoy this respite.

Since you appear to like structure, the answer to your problem may be to structure both your working and leisure time. Learn to live with the unpredictable by making unpredictable times your friend and not your enemy. You might consider spreading your wings and learning to define who you are in terms that do not always include work and children, thus diminishing the intensity of your loss.

If these feelings persist, you might consider group or individual therapy as a venue for exploring the etiology of these losses and more aggressive strategies for overcoming them.

The inability to enjoy life, even when enjoyment would seem to be an obvious response, is one of the afflictions of our age. Your courage in confronting your own demons is a clear demonstration that you need not look outside of yourself to establish your value.

So enjoy your holidays – you deserve it!

Susan Leventhal is a family, marital and individual therapist, who has been practising for more than 17 years.

ספרותנו
מאת: יעל זליגר

בדירת הורי בשכונת רחביה שבירושלים היו מדפים עמוסים בספרות יפה. היה מותר לי לפשפש בשלל איכותי זה כרצוני. מותר היה לי גם לעיין בחומר קריאה "לא כבד" שהורי היו קוראים, סתם כך, לשם רגיעה, בדרך כלל לפני השינה. במדור ספרות זה היתה אצל הורי העדפה לסיפורי בלשות של אגטה כריסטי. וכך, גם אני, במצבים מסויימים, בהחלט בעד ספרות מסוג ב' או ג'. ברדידות תכנית יכול להיות גם חן, בתנאי שתהיה נטולת יומרנות.

מיכל שלו בספרה הפופולארי, מלאכי עליון, הוצאת זמורה ביתן, נפלה לפח היומרנות בטשטוש המחיצה בין ספרות יפה ומהותית לבין ספרות מסוג אחר. בתחילת הרומן, נראה היה שמיכל שלו עומדת לספק לקורא כ- 300 עמודים של קריאה מהנה. מסופר על דלות חיי עולים חדשים לארץ, הסייסת הישראלית, קצת סמים, תאוות אימונים חשודות, ושחיתויות. אלא שבהגשת הסיפור הוכנסו גורמים מפריעים של סירבול לשוני והתחכמות מיותרת. אם אני כבר רוצה בקריאה סתם, לכייף, אני מצפה לקריאה מהנה, נטולת כאבי ראש.

דגם שונה לחלוטין, הוא הספר עוד יום, עוד שנה, ספרית מעריב, פרי עטה של תמר אבידר-אטינגר הכותבת על מחלתה ופטירתה של אמה. כאן תבעיה הפוכה: דלות בהבעה לשונית. הספר יצא לאור בשנת 1985. עיינתי בו עתה משום שידידתי, שאמה נפטרה ממחלת הסרטן ציינה בפני שהספר הביא לה נחמה. עוד יום, עוד שנה הוקדש על-ידי המחברת "לבית החולים רמב"ם ולכל מי שנתן כתף". ספר קצר, בן 80 עמודים, שיש בו חשיבות אך הוא כתוב ללא תחכום וכמעט ברשלנות. בספר שובצו הערות והסברים בסוגריים שיותר מתבהרה יצרו אצלי קושי להבין האם התכוונה הסופרת לכתוב סיפור, סקר, או מחקר. לפתים תמר אבידר-אטינגר גולשת לקביעות והכללות מכעיסות, כמו למשל:

"עתה אני יודעת כי מוטב מוות מקץ מתמשך." קביעה זו, למי תיושם?! תאמנם כל חולה במחלה ממאירה יעדיף את המוות מקץ מתמשך?!

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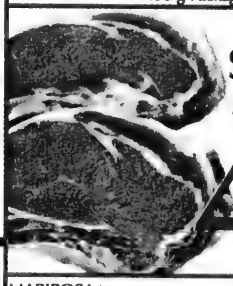

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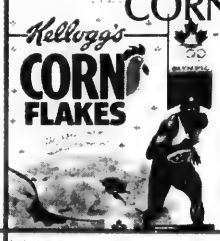

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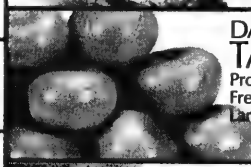

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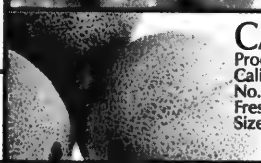

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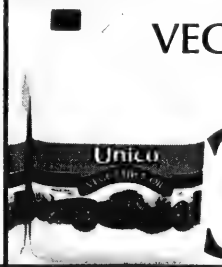

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Arabs react angrily

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu underscores a point during his address to the Joint Session of Congress last week. Vice-President Al Gore, seated behind the prime minister listens intently. Inset we see the embrace of two leaders of state as they depart from their joint press conference last Tuesday. *[Reuters/RNS photos]*

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address last week to a joint session of the U.S. Congress has generated angry reaction from the Arab world.

"It seems to me that Mr. Netanyahu has made up his mind to go ahead with a declaration of war against the Palestinians," Faisal Husseini, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, told Army Radio last week.

In his speech, Netanyahu said Israel would move ahead with the peace process when Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat demonstrated that he could clamp down on terrorism.

Making no concessions to the Palestinians in a speech that reiterated the "peace with security" stance of his election campaign, he also declared that "there will never be a redivision of Jerusalem."

Hanan Ashrawi, recently named the Palestinian minister of higher education, called Netanyahu's remarks one of the "most dangerous speeches" ever delivered before Congress.

The Palestinian Council – the legislative body in the self-rule areas – met in a special session to discuss what Ahmed Karia, the council's speaker, described as the "unbearable Israeli violations" of the self-rule accords.

Karia said the council would present recommendations to the Palestinian leadership during a meeting in the Gaza Strip.

Arafat offered only a brief reaction, telling reporters in Gaza that Jerusalem is "the capital of Palestine, forever."

In Syria, Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa was quoted as saying the Israeli leader's policies were "irresponsible," warning that they would lead to a halt in the peace process.

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Deportation decision to be appealed

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The federal government is appealing a court decision that brought denaturalization cases against three alleged Nazi war criminals to a halt and it will announce details of a case against a sixth Nazi war crime suspect – probably as early as this week.

The Federal Court of Appeal will be asked to overturn a stay order by Justice Bud Cullen in cases involving Johann Dueck, Helmut Overlander and Erichs Tobiass, said John Sims, a spokesperson for the federal Justice Department. At the same time, a sixth suspect will face deportation for his wartime activities.

Although he declined to give details, Sims said the sixth man is part of a group of 12 alleged Nazi war criminals that federal ministers pledged to bring to justice in January 1995.

Since that time, efforts to strip suspects of their citizenship and deport them have run into judicial roadblocks. Cullen granted a stay order after lawyers for Oberlander, Dueck and Tobiass argued that a March 1 meeting between Assistant Deputy Attorney General Ted Thompson and Federal Court Chief Justice Julius Isaac amounted to interference in the judiciary's independence.

The government said it will argue on appeal that judicial independence can be preserved without stopping the proceedings.

"We want to move forward quickly on these very important cases," said Justice Minister and Attorney General Allan Rock. "The government is committed to ensuring that justice is done and that our country does not become a safe haven for alleged war criminals."

The announcement was applauded by Canadian Jewish Congress. "In appealing the Federal

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Nazi Case

OTTAWA – Days after the denaturalization and deportation proceedings against three accused Nazis were stopped, the lawyer for accused war criminal Josef Nemsila requested a halt in actions against his client.

The lawyer, who wanted the proceedings stayed on the basis of judicial interference, also said an improper discussion had taken place between a chief justice and a Justice Department official.

Jewish Studies Chair

TORONTO – David Novak has been appointed as the first Chair of Jewish studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto. He will officially assume the chair on Jan. 1, 1997.

Novak is the Edgar M. Bronfman professor of modern Judaic studies at the University of Virginia.

Or Haemet Campaign

TORONTO – Or Haemet Sephardic School recently raised over $3 million towards the construction of its first permanent home.

To date, the school's capital building campaign has raised $5.5 million. A further $4.5 million is still needed to pay for construction of the new facility and to outfit and furnish the building.

Judicial Appointment

OTTAWA – Justice Ronald L. Berger was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal of Alberta. Berger graduated in law from McGill University in 1967 and was awarded a fellowship in criminal law from the University of Pennsylvania. He was called to the Bar of Alberta in 1969.

ISRAEL

New U.S. Envoy

JERUSALEM – Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar has been appointed Israel's ambassador to the United States. Ben-Elissar, 64, will replace outgoing ambassador Itamar Rabinovich on Sept. 1.

First elected to the Knesset in 1981, Ben-Elissar headed Israel's first delegation to Cairo in 1977 and was appointed first ambassador there in 1980.

Sharon Sworn In

JERUSALEM – The Knesset last week voted 58 to 33 in favor of bringing Ariel Sharon into the government as national infrastructure minister, despite an effort by Meretz to delay the move for a week by submitting a no-confidence motion on the subject. There was one abstention.

Palestinian Views on Peace

JERUSALEM – The first Palestinian poll since the election of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu indicates there has been little change in Palestinian attitudes toward the peace process.

Support for continuing the process increased from 78 percent in a March poll by the Nablus-based Centre for Palestinian Research and Studies to 81 percent in its latest poll on June 28 to 30.

Hijacker Convicted

JERUSALEM – The Beersheba District Court has convicted an Iranian Air steward of hijacking a domestic airliner to Israel last fall.

The court reportedly found the Iranian guilty of air piracy. Sentencing was to be announced at a later date.

Street Closed For Shabbat

JERUSALEM – Jerusalem's Bar Ilan Street, which has become a flashpoint between Israeli religious and secular interests, is slated to be closed to traffic on the Sabbath for an experimental period of four months.

WORLD

ACRI Report

JERUSALEM – Israel basically respects the human rights of its own citizens, but violates the rights of residents of the territories "often and widely," the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) said in its first comprehensive report on human rights in Israel.

Jewish Music Journal

NEW YORK – The Cantorial Council of America has published the 1995-1996 *Journal of Jewish Music and Liturgy*, Vol. XVIII.

This issue, published in memory of the 50th year after the Holocaust, is dedicated to Dr. Karl Adler, a central figure in music education in Germany and the United States.

Religious Parties Praised

NEW YORK – The success of the religious parties in the recent Israeli election was "a call for the re-Judaization of Israel," Rabbi Rafael Grossman said in his opening address at the first World Wide Rabbinical Conference, which was held last week in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Grossman is president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, which organized the conference.

In The CJN, 25 Years Ago...

Friday, July 16, 1971

RABIN WARNS CABINET OF U.S. SELF-INTEREST

Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the United States, has upset some cabinet ministers – especially Foreign Minister Abba Eban, by claiming the U.S. was only concerned about its own interests in the Middle East.

The United States, Rabin claimed, did not want to arrive at a situation where Israel was its only remaining friend in the Middle East. Rabin's critics allege his outspokenness is part of his plan to make his personal mark on the public as he is expected to seek a post in the cabinet later this year.

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COMMUNITY MOURNS SAMUEL BRONFMAN

Canada's outstanding Jewish leader, philanthropist and businessman Samuel Bronfman died in his Westmount home of a heart attack July 10.

Bronfman, founder of the Canadian Jewish Congress, mainstay of the United Jewish Appeal, was buried following services at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in Montreal. One of his main business feats was acquiring distillery Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Ltd. in 1928.

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UJA Women's Campaign changing

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The 1997 United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Women's Campaign has some changes in the works to make the project more efficient and volunteer friendly.

Following last year's innovative UJA campaign strategy of soliciting three-year pledges, volunteers can now concentrate on seeking new gifts, said 1997 Women's Campaign chair Vicki Campbell in a recent interview at the UJA office in the Lipa Green building.

One-third of UJA supporters here gave three-year pledges last year. Of the $34 million raised, just under $4 million was from Women's Campaign.

"Women's Campaign started out as being that little extra money. Now it's a very integral part of [the overall] campaign," said Campbell, an active community volunteer and former physical education teacher who has been giving time to UJA for almost 20 years.

"The reason I'm so hep on UJA is because a little over half the money stays here in the community, as well as going to Israel."

'Always looking for volunteers'

The daughter of Jewish immigrants who fled the Nazis in 1939, Campbell, 47, was born and raised in Allentown, Pa. She has lived here since 1976, following four years in Montreal, her husband's home town.

"Because my parents were fortunate enough to flee and be accepted, I want to [show] my gratitude."

Campbell also wants to set an example for her three children, ages 15, 18 and 21, and to "keep the community vibrant for them."

Some of the changes instituted for this year's Women's Campaign should help keep the volunteer community vigorous as well.

Because "everybody is busy," Women's Campaign now offers a choice of day or evening meetings, and the business typically conducted at two or three meetings was combined into one meeting for the first time. "It was very successful."

Campbell also wants to make the volunteer canvassers' work more personal and less intimidating for those who don't know other volunteers. Women's Campaign has introduced mentoring teams — "a great concept," enthused Campbell — to help new volunteers learn the ropes.

"We're always looking for [new] volunteers," she said. "Always."

Vicki Campbell

See JN

Art Eggleton, Member of Parliament for York Centre, "sings" praises of Canada at a recent community picnic at Clanton Park in North York, while young Jordana, 4½, (inset) enjoys a kosher hot dog. [Jeff Rosen photos]

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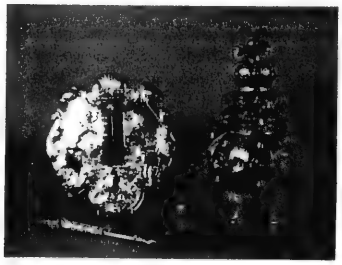

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By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 25, *The CJN* is entering the prime of life.

It has successfully weathered the difficult formative years, enjoyed a growth spurt in its teen years and is now bracing to face the challenges posed by the new computerized information age.

Through the course of its first quarter century, it has moved around like the proverbial wandering Jew, upgrading its residences from a cramped one-room news office to its current premises on Gateway Boulevard.

On July 9, *The Canadian Jewish News* celebrated its 25th anniversary. Its modern history began when a group of community leaders purchased *The CJN* from private owner, M.J. Nurenberger, with the stated goal of turning it into a paper "that will be operated on a non-profit basis on behalf of the Jewish community."

Murray Koffler, Albert Latner and the late Ray Wolfe spearheaded the acquisition of the paper.

In announcing the acquisition to *CJN*'s readers at the time, Wolfe praised Nurenberger for his "independence, controversy (often provocative) and profound concern for the Jewish people. These qualities, the new management intends to perpetuate. It also intends to open the pages of the newspaper to diverse opinions within the Jewish community and to establish *The CJN* as a community forum."

The troika installed Sol Littman, who had served as executive director of the Canada Israel Committee, as editor and promised a change in direction and appearance for the paper.

Donald Carr, current president of *The CJN*, said that under Nurenberger, the paper "tended to reflect the views of the publisher and not the broad sweep of the community."

During Littman's two-year tenure, a variety of columnists debuted in the paper, including Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, J.B. Salsberg and Miriam Herman with her still popular *What's New* and *About People* columns.

In those days, *The CJN* was a broadsheet which often published only six, eight or 12 pages.

By Sept. 10, 1971, the paper had trimmed its size (though it was still a broadsheet), adjusted its look and adopted the distinctive front-page banner lettering that is still used.

Littman, currently Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, recalls it was a struggle finding advertising in those early days. With the closing of the *Toronto Telegram*, advertisers began to see *The CJN* as an alternative. They were also attracted by the suddenly increased *CJN* subscriber base that resulted from an arrangement between the paper and the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the precursor to the the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Under the arrangement, the federation purchased subscriptions for its donors and *The CJN*'s subscriptions shot up from 500 to 6,000, Littman recalled.

Although the paper was criticized for its close ties to the federation and Littman feared every Jewish organization would expect coverage as of right, "we thought it was for the federation's own good not to turn it into a house organ."

The CJN supported the federation and Israel, particularly during UJA fundraising campaigns. "There was no question about that," Littman said. "The question was how much of the paper should be devoted to federation news and how it should be written."

In those early years, the paper benefited from the editing skills of Ralph Hyman, who had just retired from the *Globe and Mail* and had 35 years of journalistic experience.

Hyman took over the paper in 1973 and served as editor until 1980. His successor, Maurice Lucow, currently *The CJN*'s Western correspondent from his home in Victoria, B.C., praised Hyman's professionalism and his ability to get out the paper using primitive typesetting technology and despite the lack of a timely newswire service.

Miriam Herman, who has written her distinctive columns since 1971, recalls Hyman as a warm and caring man.

Brian Stoneman, who's been with the paper for 23 years, also said of Hyman, "Everybody was really fond of Ralph.

"Ever since then it's been a great place to work. It's a company that cares about the people who work here," said Stoneman, the paper's composing room manager.

While that aspect of the work environment hasn't changed, other aspects of *The CJN* have changed considerably, particularly in the realm of technology.

Typewriters and carbon paper have given way to word processors and computers, and ad typesetters use sophisticated Macintosh computer programs to speed up a process that took ages with the old machinery.

While technology has changed, the unexpectedness and gravity of news stories covered by *The CJN* have not. One example was the tragic assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Another was the historic handshake between Rabin and Yasser Arafat.

CJN general manager Gary Laforet said, "The '70s saw the horror of the Munich massacre and the shock of the Yom Kippur War, along with the elation following the raid on Entebbe.

"Those early years saw the emergence of the struggle for Soviet Jewry culminating in Operation Exodus.

"As a very junior staff member almost 25 years ago, I can remember the editorial and production staff ripping up pages following the first news reports from Munich. I saw the same grim expressions I had seen that long night once again just after the assassination of Rabin [last November].

"A sense of personal investment and caring throughout every department amid the good news

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MURRAY B. KOFFLER RAY D. WOLFE ALBERT J. LATNER

COMMUNITY LEADERS PURCHASE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

M.J. Nurenberger, founder and editor, retires to write book; will direct French language monthly

Three Toronto businessmen, Murray B. Koffler, Albert J. Latner (representing the Greenwin Group), and Ray D. Wolfe, announced today the purchase of the Canadian Jewish News from North American Press Limited.

The announcement of *The CJN's* purchase from North American Press Limited as it appeared on the front page on July 9, 1971.

From the editor's desk
Will return next issue

Greater Toronto Area

Kalejs linked to guard unit at concentration camp

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Konrads Kalejs commanded a company of guards at the Salaspils concentration camp outside Riga, where prisoners were crammed together in sparse barracks, subjected to hard labor and periodically beaten, an immigration adjudicator was told last week.

"[Kalejs] gave the orders, who went on guard duty ... He gave the orders to the platoon leader and the top sergeant carried out the orders. The platoon leaders were under him," said Karlis Strazds, a former corporal in the Arajs Kommando (AK).

His videotaped testimony was recorded in Latvia in September 1987 as part of the U.S. Justice Department's case against Kalejs. Kalejs, an Australian citizen, was ordered deported from the United States and he left in 1994.

He came to Canada later that year. Canadian authorities are seeking a removal order against him on the basis that he is not a genuine visitor to Canada and because he allegedly participated in war crimes.

Prisoners died at the camp because of the conditions. "They were physically very weak and there were many illnesses," Strazds testified. "They lived very much crowded together. [There were] all types of illnesses and those who were older could not stand the labor. They were all very weak."

Strazds, who was stationed at Salaspils for about one week in 1942 before being transferred, said "the food was very poor, mostly soup. It was very thin [made from] potato and beetroot. Bread was mixed together with sawdust. I tried it once myself. I could not swallow it."

Strazds identified a special unit under another commander who patrolled the camp armed with truncheons and who administered beatings.

Evidence from a number of sources has identified Kalejs as a senior officer in the wartime Arajs Kommando, which collaborated with German forces in the murder of more than 30,000 Latvian Jews.

Strazds' testimony was the latest evidence that places Kalejs at the centre of the wartime Latvian collaboration with the Nazis. When his AK platoon was transferred to the Salaspils camp in November 1942 "there was already a guard company there. It was called the Kalejs company," Straszds said.

After serving in Salaspils, Strazds, a corporal, was put in charge of a guard unit at a camp called Sauriesi where 300 Latvian prisoners worked at a quarry. Kalejs, who appointed him to the new post, would come to the camp regularly to oversee the change of guard, Strazds said.

In June 1943, Strazds was transferred to the Harkov district where his AK unit guarded a small concentration camp. On one occasion, "they brought the gypsies for shooting."

The AK were given the task of bringing the intended victims to a pit and guarding the area while the shootings took place. Although his platoon was commanded by a Lt. Lacis, Strazds said that under the unit's chain of command, Lacis must have received orders from the company commander, Kalejs.

Strazds also identified Kalejs as part of a group of AK officers who later were stationed on the Latvian border with Byelorussia.

In other testimony, Strazds described his participation in a mass execution in April 1942. Speaking unemotionally and with barely any facial expression, Strazds said "they took 10 people and brought them to the opposite side of the pit. They stood with their backs to us and according to Lt. Galins' command, we shot at them. Then all the people shot were covered with sand. Then we returned back [to headquarters]."

In other testimony, Karlis Rozkalns testified on videotape that in early 1942 he was a police officer "and then for some days I was a guard at Salaspils and the commander of the company was Kalejs."

Afterwards, he was transferred to anti-partisan duty and he took part in a battle in a village near Nasva. After SS Gen. Stahlecker was mortally wounded, "in a short time it was seen that everything was burning there, smoke was rising. There were talks that all the inhabitants had been driven into one building and the building had been burned down. I didn't see it myself. The soldiers said so."

Rozkalns said Kalejs was a company commander, but he didn't know where he was during that battle. However, he testified that "Kalejs gave the order to go to that action. And Kalejs got his orders ... from Stahlecker probably."

The CJN celebrates

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and the bad is a built-in advantage *The CJN* has," Laforet said.

The 1980s was a period of tremendous change for *The CJN* under Lucow's stewardship. Lucow, a veteran newsman who came to the paper after nine years as a publicist for the federation, hooked *The CJN* up to a computer wire service that brought in the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA)* and the *Jerusalem Post Foreign Service*.

Lucow, who worked at Maclean-Hunter publications for 15 years and had edited *Style* magazine, brought fashion supplements to the paper and then home decor and bridal pages. Advertising from the supplements "carried the paper," he said.

Patricia Rucker, who was editor of the paper from May 1989 to October 1994, said that under her stewardship, the biggest change was the increasing distinctiveness of the Montreal edition, which had been added in September 1977. *The CJN* hired a reporter to write in French, reflecting the growth in importance of the Sephardi community there.

Towards the end of Rucker's tenure, *The CJN* got a new look. The front page banner was given its distinctive blue color, and color photographs became a staple feature of page one. Due to rising newsprint costs, the paper also began to use a slightly smaller page size.

Carr, who was a reporter in England before moving to Canada, is pleased with the development of the paper but sees room for improvement. The paper is attempting to reach out to younger readers and "I'd like to see the paper become more national" in scope, he said.

For the current editor, Mordechai Ben-Dat, running *The CJN* "is an enormous privilege. I take the responsibility very seriously ... In the future, it's important that the paper reach higher and reach further. 'Further' in terms of attracting as many readers as possible, people who are interested in knowing what's going on in the life of the Jewish community in Canada. Reaching 'higher' by constantly striving for self-improvement, which means newer and different things in the paper."

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Greater Toronto Area

NDP's anti-Semitism program still on: Tory minister

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Marilyn Mushinski

TORONTO — It may come as news to many Jewish Ontarians, but "most" aspects of an ambitious government campaign to fight anti-Semitism, launched by the NDP in 1992, have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented, says provincial Citizenship Minister Marilyn Mushinski.

The far-reaching plan, said to be unique in Canada, undertook a "proactive" battle against anti-Semitism and involved several ministries. It came on the heels of the desecration of three Metro synagogues.

The multi-point strategy called for a coordinated law enforcement response to hate propaganda and hate groups involving the attorney general and solicitor general; the development of public awareness, including seeking input from major Christian denominations; establishing direct, ongoing links with the Jewish community; expanding anti-hate education in schools and on police forces; and amending Ontario's Human Rights Code.

The plan said the Ministry of Citizenship would ask the attorney general to examine legal remedies like group defamation and pre-emptive actions that could prevent racist gatherings before they are held.

The initiative was unveiled, to kudos from the Jewish community, by the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat (OARS) in September, 1992. But little has been heard about it since. And last August, Ontario's cost-cutting Tories disbanded OARS.

"My understanding is that most of these initiatives have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented," Mushinski told *The CJN* in a recent interview. "Still under consideration" are aspects of the plan relating to hate crimes, and are before Attorney General Charles Harnick.

Harnick has already announced there is not enough evidence to launch criminal proceedings against pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel.

Mushinski said the plan also called on the government to officially declare anti-Semitism a form of discrimination under Ontario's Human Rights Code. "My understanding is that that's been done. Anti-Semitism is discrimination. They're interchangeable."

But Mushinski acknowledges that "more effective effort" is needed from Ontario's Human Rights Commission to deal with systemic discrimination.

The minister said her government's Equal Opportunity Plan, which replaced the Employment Equity Act last November, undertook a three-pronged approach to reforming the human rights code and commission, including "administrative restructuring" — in this case, cutting 38 percent of senior ministry management — designed to shrink the commission's crushing backlog and improve delivery of other services.

Among other options, Mushinski says a review of the human rights code is needed. She is examining changing words like "shall" to "may," which she says will help with early resolutions and allow the commission to turn away "frivolous" cases.

Indeed, the Tories promised to make the human rights commission a prime weapon in the battle against discrimination. Mushinksi says her government plans "to make sure the [commission] will do what it is intended to do, which is deal with systemic discrimination."

The Tories have also eliminated the much-praised Cabinet Roundtable on Anti-Racism, in which Canadian Jewish Congress played a part. "Clearly however," Mushinski said, "that does not mean this government is any less committed to eliminating discrimination. This government is absolutely, 100 percent committed to the elimination of discrimination."

Cyclist raises funds for Aish Hatorah

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – Miles Bocknek is not your typical recreational cyclist.

While most satisfy their cycling crave with a quick ride around the block, Bocknek needs a slightly longer excursion.

"I like to do three- to four-hour rides. It's a good opportunity to push, test and enjoy myself," he said.

Bockneck is also interested in helping the Jewish community and recently decided to use his skills to raise money for Aish Hatorah. He planned to cycle from Richmond Hill to Georgian Bay, where an Aish Hatorah Shabbaton was being held. He was going to meet his family there.

Only, with $500 in pledges to live up to, he got up that Friday morning none too pleased at the sight outside his window.

"I woke up, saw the rain, and said, 'Wow! Great!' "

The estimated 10-hour ride looked as if it might be postponed for another time.

"Then, I said to myself, 'What am I being such a wimp for?' "

At noon, he walked into the kitchen in full cycling garb. His wife, Jackie Blaff said, "You're joking."

But by 12:30, a determined Bocknek was on the road.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Bocknek insisted that his love of riding is strictly recreational. He has never competed in a formal marathon and admitted that he is a slow rider. He developed his passion after a cycling trip he took through Europe when he was 22. Now at 34, the self-employed husband and father of three says he has difficulty finding the time to ride for enjoyment.

But that afternoon he had plenty of time to enjoy his ride. With the coming of Shabbat, Bocknek had to cut his trip down to six hours and ride only up to Orillia, where he was picked up by a friend.

He said the beginning of the trip from Bathurst and Elgin Mills to Newmarket was the hardest, because it was all uphill. The rest of his route was diverse, with flat landscape in the middle and a strong opposing wind at the end.

Bocknek hopes to ride more marathons for charity, possibly to open up the opportunity for a group of riders.

"But it would have to be outrageous," he said. "Maybe have three or four of us ride up to Thunder B..."

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Greater Toronto Area

Future for Russian Jews not necessarily bad: Gur

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The outlook for Jews in Russia is not as grim as some commentators have painted it, Baruch Gur, the architect of Operation Exodus and now UJA *shaliach* in Toronto, said here recently.

"From a Jewish point of view, don't pay too much attention to the warnings," Gur told a small group at the Lipa Green building, as they watched a satellite broadcast of the reaction to the re-election of Boris Yeltsin.

"There is no difficulty today in getting an exit visa to leave Russia, the Jewish Agency is operating as before (though still without official status), emigration is continuing and it is possible to practise Judaism in Russia," he said.

A less optimistic view was given on the broadcast from Washington by Dimitri Sims, of the Nixon Centre for Peace and Freedom, a Russian immigrant who warned that General Alexander Lebed, a Yeltsin colleague, has "a nationalist streak potentially damaging to Jews.

"General Lebed is not personally anti-Semitic, but people around him are," Sims said.

On a recent visit to Moscow, he heard Russian bureaucrats mention for the first time that a certain person was Jewish and had relatives abroad, Sims said, "if they didn't like that person."

The position of Jews was not an issue in the Russian election, Gur noted, and predicted that Yeltsin would be careful not to make their position an international issue because of his desire for good relations with the West.

"Lebed is an important new player, but the Jewish issue for him is not an issue," he said. "He is a neo-fascist and idealizes law and order."

Though the election results showed a tendency to Russian nationalism, Gur said that this did not necessarily mean bad news for Jews. "Russians are against the 'others,' but they don't talk about Jews. Jews are not first or second on their list."

Responding on the broadcast to a question about why emigration of Jews from Russia is lagging, Martin Wenick, executive vice-president, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), said a substantial proportion of those granted exit visas are aged or seriously ill, or have relatives who are seriously ill, and that it takes three or four years for them to make the move.

It is hoped that Jews will continue to leave Russia at the rate of about 100,000 a year, said Mark Levin, excutive director of the National Council for Soviet Jewry.

He claimed it was not contradictory for the council to encourage an exodus while at the same time supporting efforts to strengthen Jewish heritage in Russia.

JIAS announces national scholarships

TORONTO — At its Annual Meeting on June 9, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) Canada announced the winners of its national scholarships for 1996.

A bequest by the late John Hirsch, former artistic director of the Stratford Festival, has been used to set up a scholarship fund in the Performing Arts.

This year's winners are bachelor of music students: Daniel Bolshoy (Ottawa), classical guitar; Victoria Gomon (Winnipeg), piano; Eugenia Kirjner (Winnipeg), performance; and Tatiana Roitman (Winnipeg) piano.

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Into waiting arms

Tentative first steps are more wisely taken in the direction of supportive, awaiting arms. Thus, it was not accidental that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made the first formal policy declarations of his month-old government in the bask and the glow of the American Congress.

Netanyahu was warmly received by the American legislators, who rose to their feet in demonstrative, effusive acknowledgment of the high regard with which one of the largest democracies on earth, and certainly the most powerful, holds for one of the smallest and certainly, one of the most courageous. It was a heartening show of support.

But, as history has proven, support between nations can be ephemeral.

For example, American political support for Israel often peaks in an election year and wanes in mid term. Atmospheric disturbances can all too quickly turn a warm glow into a cool shadow. Although there can be no denying the Clinton administration and the current Congress have been among the most supportive ever of Israel and its people, we will have to wait until after the American elections in November to see whether that support will continue unabated.

We will also have to wait to see how the new government's policies are received both in Washington and in the Middle East.

Netanyahu introduced new concepts into the region's peace vocabulary. And it was evident, despite the friendly, amiable reception personally accorded the prime minister by President Bill Clinton and Congress, policy makers and pundits alike were speculating about the concrete meaning of these concepts and about their impact on both the future of bilateral relations between Israel and the United States and on multilateral relations between Israel and its peace partners.

The prime minister spoke of establishing a "code of conduct" binding upon all parties to the Middle East peace process. The code should stand upon three pillars: security for all peoples in the region, reciprocity in honoring commitments and agreements and the application of standards of democracy and human rights. By including the third pillar, the prime minister was acknowledging that he and his government are prepared to wait a long time before seeing the flower of a true and lasting peace in the region. The Middle East has not been a hospitable climate for democracy or for its fruit, human rights.

The prime minister made it clear to the president, to Congress, and to the world that his government will follow a different path to peace than the one travelled by the Labor government.

Israeli media reported that the prime minister told Clinton during their private talks that Israel will not conduct peace talks with Syria as long as it continues to sanction Hezbollah and other terror actions against Israel. *Ha'aretz* reported that the prime minister rejected the president's demand to refrain from establishing new settlements.

The reports were borne out at their joint press conference. Netanyahu refused to give merely soothing answers. "We have our own interpretation of land-for-peace, our own interpretation of [UN Security Council Resolutions] 242 and 338 that call for Israel to make concessions of land in order to achieve secure and recognized boundaries."

In the unfolding weeks and months, these policy pronouncements, the tentative first steps of Israel's new government, will become actions "on the ground."

At that time we will be better able to judge whether American arms will still be waiting in support.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
Born, July 24, 1914: Ed Mirvish Toronto-based entrepreneur and impresario. Mirvish owns Honest Ed's discount store, plus a number of theatres in Toronto. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Stratford should retire Merchant of Venice

Much as I appreciate the Stratford Festival's sincere attempt to "sanitize" *The Merchant of Venice* by giving Shylock dignity and breadth, I nevertheless disagree heartily with Arnold Ages' evaluation of the play's performance. Despite the brilliance of Douglas Rain's performance, it remains what it always has been and was always intended to be, a cruelly anti-Semitic period piece.

I have seen the 1996 version of *Merchant* and can attest that it is a distinct improvement on the two previous efforts mounted by Stratford. However, despite intelligent direction, marvelous costumes and magnificent acting, it remains a brilliantly written "comedy" that finds its humor in vicious, sly, deeply prejudiced attacks on Jews.

There is no way the essential character of the play can be altered. Although Shylock appears in only five scenes, the "Jew" is the central character, the engine that drives the drama. Without Shylock and his relentless demand for his pound of flesh, there isn't much of a play. Being a genius, Shakespeare made Shylock into a more complex character than the hand-wringing buffoons and cardboard Jewish villains invented by his predecessor, Christopher Marlowe. But in the end, he portrays Shylock as an iredeemable Christian-hater who despises gentiles for lending money without interest, thereby driving down his own usurious prices.

The major fault in the play is that Shylock, unlike all other Shakespeare characters, is not merely the victim of the contradictions in his own character, but representative of a race that is vile, unyielding, unforgiving and inhumanly cruel. Hamlet may have been moody and unpredictable, but he was not assumed to be representative of all Danes. Lady Macbeth was ruthless and ambitious, but the role did not spill over onto all women and all Scots.

I would urge the Stratford Festival to set aside the play at the season's end and concentrate on less hurtful plays written by the bard.

Sol Littman
Toronto

Reviewer can't have it both ways

Odd that Arnold Ages can enthuse about his enjoyment of *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford and at the same time vilify "Shakespeare's malevolent script." Reminds me of people who revel in nature while decrying its alleged cruelty. Tough to be a creator ...

Barry Brent
Shakespeare Canada
Toronto

The complicity of ordinary Germans

Why, I wonder, is Sheldon Kirshner so anxious to absolve the wartime Germans from the charge of harboring anti-Semitic sentiments? He himself writes in your June 20 edition: "It is indisputable that ordinary Germans were complicit in the Holocaust." He goes on to say, "It is plainly evident that the Nazi regime's demonization of Jews could not have succeeded without a deeply ingrained anti-Semitic tradition."

Then he proceeds to deny all this by saying, "[Goldhagen] offers no compelling evidence that German civilians en masse concurred with Hitler's eliminationist anti-Semitism."

To which I say: The entire book (I have read it too) is itself the most compelling evidence of such approval.

As for the Germans' re-invention of themselves as liberals and democrats, the jury is still out on that.

G.R. Segal
Toronto

Seeks survivors from Stazow

Mr. Cwaigenbock, born in Stazow (Poland) in July 1924, was sent to various concentration camps such as Buchenwald, Dachau at the age of 15.

He survived this tragic experience and is now residing in France since 1947. He would like to meet survivors, or learn if there is an association or a community from Stazow (Poland) with an address.

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Seeks Finesilver descendants

I am seeking descendants of possible siblings of my grandfather, Hyman Finesilver, who lived in Toronto during World War I. In 1913, he set out for Canada leaving his family behind in London. He returned to England in 1919. He was probably attracted to Toronto by friends or relatives and I have found out that during his stay in Toronto he first lodged with Morris Goldberg at 125 Duke St., and subsequently with Barnet Weinstein at 44½ Gerrard St. W.

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Perspectives

The Yassi massacre...55 years later

By BARUCH COHEN

In Romania, the killing of Jews began in June 1940 with the retreat of the Romanian army from territories ceded to the Soviet Union. Orders for the extermination policy — conditions for which had been latent in Romania since the 1930s — were received enthusiastically by the military and civil administration, as well as by the infamous Iron Guard.

On June 11 and 12, 1941, the Romanian and German governments signed several accords in Munich, and later in Berchtesgaden. According to these agreements, Romania pledged allegiance to the German struggle against the Soviet Union and offered full military assistance in an attempt to regain control over territories surrendered in 1940.

At dawn on June 21, 1941, the voice of General Ion Antonescu — Romania's Fuhrer — was heard on the radio, addressing the army: "I order you to cross the Prut." Romania was easily moved by the wave of events that preceded World War II, and became an unconditional supporter and ally of Hitler's Germany, fostering its own anti-Semitic movements.

On the eve of Saturday, June 28, 1941, the chilling cry of air raid sirens could be heard throughout Yassi. It was a false alarm that had been ordered beforehand by those who were organizing the "action." Later, the sky was set ablaze by a rocket, a signal to begin the pogrom. The following day, The Sunday That Was, became known as the bloodiest day in the history of Romanian Jewry. The Jews of Yassi were forcibly gathered and brought to police headquarters on false pretexts and were then fired upon randomly.

The army, the gendarmes and the Iron Guard fired, wholly without mercy, on an amorphous mass of people who died on their knees like cattle. They died as a result of beatings; they died after being shot; they died by being smothered by the corpses that covered them. Their shrieks, groans and wails had little effect on the souls of those who carried out the crime, those who ordered it or those who watched impassively as if at some spectacle. Meanwhile, the pogrom was going on in the city, insane in its dimension and with a cruelty that made everything that had ever happened before pale by comparison.

"By the number of its victims, by the bestiality of the means used to torture and kill, by the vast scope of the pillaging and destruction, by the participation of the agents of the public authorities to whom the life and property of the citizens were entrusted, the pogrom at Yassi marked at the local level the crowning of an accursed, injurious effort which has violated the Romanian conscience for a period of three-quarters of a century, and it opens at the worldwide level the most tragic chapter in history," writes Matatias Carp in *Cartea Neagra — The Black Book*.

"It became the signal, not only to the Romania of the Legion or of Antonescu, but also to all fascist Europe, for massacres which during the following years were to kill six million Jewish people."

In his book *Kaput*, Italian journalist Curzio Malaparte describes the scene with a sharpened pen dipped in gall and disgust. Later, he went to Warsaw and was present at a discussion between Hans Frank, the governor general of Poland; Ludwig Fischer, the governor of Warsaw; and Otto Wachter, the governor of Krakow. Wachter was also one of the assassins of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss of Austria.

Yassi: The Police Headquarters. The Jews were obliged to clean the pavement which was stained with blood. (photo from *The Silent Holocaust, Romania and Its Jews,* Greenwood Press, 1992, I.C. Butnaru.)

Seated comfortably, sipping the drinks they had been served, Frank asked the journalist:

"How many Jews were killed that night? In the official Communiqué, Mihai Antonescu, the deputy prime minister, mentions 500 dead."

"I, Curzio Malaparte, replied: 'But the unofficial figure sent up by Colonel Lupu is 7,000 Jews.' "

"That is a respectable figure," Frank answered. "But we must be sincere, that wasn't nice."

"No, it wasn't nice," said Fischer, the governor of Warsaw, shaking his head in disapproval.

"It is an uncivilized method," said Wachter, the governor of Krakow, with a tone of disgust.

"The Romanian people are not civilized people," said Frank, contemptuously.

"That's right, they have no culture," said Fischer.

"When is necessary, only when is necessary," Frank repeated, emphasizing each syllable, "we use the art of surgery, not that of butchery. Has anyone ever seen a massacre of Jews in the streets of a German town?"

"It's a question of methods and organization," said Fischer.

Within 24 hours, a proud, creative, and culturally rich Jewish community was destroyed. Of the 35,000 Jews that lived in Yassi, an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 were murdered or maimed. An additional 2,421 Jews were crammed into two death trains; many were deported to various destinations and hundreds of others were to die. The inferno of the death train continues even today to singe the souls of those few who managed to survive.

In the summer of 1941, black was the predominant color in Yassi. Yellow was the color of the stars sewn onto the clothing of all Jews.

On July 3, 1941, in an article by Marius Mircu titled *Progromul de la Iasi — The Yassi Pogrom*, the Bucharest newspaper announced the official government communiqué:

"In Yassi, 500 Judeo-Communists were executed. They fired on German and Romanian soldiers from houses."

The newspaper warned that "any attempt to repeat these acts of cowardly aggression will be repressed unsparingly. For every German or Romanian soldier, 50 Judeo-Communists will be executed."

Malaparte, the Italian journalist, was in Yassi as a correspondent for the *Carriere de la Sera*. In *Kaput*, he reported that "there were groups of Jews in the streets followed by soldiers and inhabitants of the city armed with sticks and iron bars, and groups of gendarmes were firing weapons into the doors and windows of Jewish houses."

As Malaparte looked onto Lapusneanu street from the window of the consulate, "the street was covered with human bodies ... Packs of dogs ran up to the cadavers and were feeding on the meat, and groups of Jews guarded by gendarmes and soldiers armed with guns were watching over them, seeking to separate the corpses, and to put them at the edge of the street."

Fifty-five years ago, on July 8, 1941, Ion Antonescu, Romania's leader, clearly stated his government's policy regarding Jews at a session of the cabinet. He said, according to *The Silent Holocaust* by I.C. Butnaru: "It makes no difference to me that we'll go down in history as barbarians. The Roman Empire performed a series of acts of barbarism according to our present standards, and nevertheless it was the most magnificent political establishment. There has not existed a more favorable moment in our history. If it is needed, shoot all of them with machine guns."

Such are the terrible recollections of the infamous Sunday That Was. The Yassi pogrom began in Bucharest on January 21, 1941, and was preceded by the Dorohoi pogrom of June 1940.

Today, in the newly "free" regime that followed the dictatorship of Communist Nicolae Ceausescu, anti-Semitism still threatens the country's 12,000 to 14,000 Jews.

Popular daily and weekly anti-Semitic publications are sold by the hundred thousands. These publications warn Romanians of the growing number of Jews and of their plot to take control of the country. Popular headlines routinely speak of Too many Jews Who Have Climbed to High Positions and warn that It Rains Jews by the Buckets.

Romania has the largest number of anti-Semitic groups and publications of all Eastern European countries. Openly anti-Semitic intellectuals and politicians gain much respectability. Although the ruling elite is aware of the dangers surrounding such a situation, its growing political dependence on such extremists rules out any significant action against that extremism.

On June 19, 1991, the Romanian parliament rose for a minute of silent tribute to the "Great Patriot," Marshal Ion Antonescu, who joined in Hitler's war and who ordered pogroms and deportations, which claimed the lives of over 300,000 of Romania's Jews.

On Oct. 22, 1993, a statue of Antonescu was erected in the town of Slobozia, near Bucharest. This statue is the first of a war criminal from Eastern Europe erected since the end of World War II. The dedication was attended by government officials, and members of parliament like Corneliu Vadim Tudor, a vicious anti-Semite.

Since that day, more statues have been erected in the memory of Antonescu in cities across the country.

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Opinions

Politics and strange bedfellows

By Shira Herzog

The recent economic debate in the Israeli press is reminiscent of the debate in Canada over budget cuts imposed by various provincial governments.

It was clear, even before the election, that any incoming government would impose budgetary cuts to deal with a growing trade deficit and an inflation rate that exceeded earlier targets. But the reaction to the economic measures proposed by the newly elected Likud government also contains a commentary on a fascinating paradox within the government.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's economic approach (which is shared by Bank of Israel Governor Ya'acov Frankel) derives from the American-style neo-conservative school of thought. He is in favor of a market economy, little — if any — government intervention in socio-economic affairs and privatization of all government holdings. Statements made by Netanyahu and his advisors during the election campaign and immediately following their victory could have emanated from the Republican Congress in Washington or the Harris government in Ontario.

The current irony is that Netanyahu's voters are those most likely to be hurt by the government's declared economic policies. Those that voted him into power include traditional, observant, Sephardi voters for Shas; ultra-Orthodox Ashkenazi voters for the United Torah Party; secular Russian immigrants, the settler community that voted for the National Religious Party; and Likud's own traditional voter base. With the exception of the settler community, most of these are beneficiaries of the state's social and welfare services.

The social lobby on behalf of the have-nots is in the government itself. And if the state devolves some of its own responsibility for social services to non-governmental, non-profit bodies that work on behalf of some of these political parties or interest groups, government ministry budgets may indeed shrink, but the result may be greater fragmentation and competition for reduced resources among sectoral interest groups.

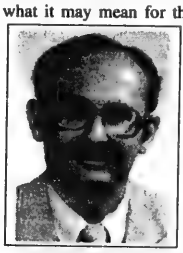
The historic irony of Israeli politics is that Netanyahu's coalition — a veritable Israeli mosaic — should theoretically be part of a social-democratic government. But over the last 20 years, the Labor party has been unable to attract to its ranks socio-economic groups who still feel outside the establishment. Critics from within Labor argue that their own party could not appoint a cabinet with a Moroccan-born foreign minister, a Kurdish-born defence minister and a Yemenite minister for internal security (David Levy, Yitzhak Mordechai and Avigdor Kahalani, respectively).

In the last election, those who had blithely assumed that ethnicity no longer mattered in Israel were proven wrong. The energy, passion and intense engagement in the political process existed in what is loosely called the "periphery." A small example: In affluent "northern Tel Aviv," support for Labor was strong, but voter participation was lower than in 1992. In poorer "southern Tel Aviv," a Likud stronghold, voter participation was greater than in 1992. Israelis in the "periphery" did not buy Labor's equation: "the peace process = economic growth = modernization." To them, Labor's vision lacked the socio-cultural values that would make it relevant to their world view.

But with Netanyahu at the helm of Likud, the internal contradiction between the economic leadership in the cabinet (Frankel and finance minister Dan Meridor) and the entire coalition representing the "periphery" is all too apparent. Will it hold? Will an Israeli-style Democratic alternative emerge from within the Labor camp? Or will internal pressures force a pragmatic dilution of the government's declared intentions? Only time will tell.

Several of the $1.4 billion (US) in budget cuts announced last week will have a direct impact on lower-income Israelis, government statements to the contrary notwithstanding. An increase in public transportation costs, a reduction in child credits, cancellation of discounts on public services for pensioners, direct per-diem payments for hospitalization — all erase some of the remaining vestiges of the Israeli welfare state. They also create a new disenchantment with the government by some of its traditional voters. In Israel, as in Canada, a realignment in political loyalties and ideologies may well be the interesting internal story of the next decade or two.

Israel must avoid polarization



By Morton Weinfeld

As the dust settles following the Israeli elections, the question which arises is not so much what happened, but what it may mean for the future.

The political culture will change. The office of the prime minister will become ever more presidential, in the American sense. This means more policy-making centred there rather than in the Knesset. It also means more American-style media hype on the private lives of Israeli leaders. Already *Ma'ariv* has devoted more space to the flap over the firing of the Netanyahus' young nanny than to preparations for Benjamin Netanyahu's trip to Washington. And as I write this, the mystery concerning Netanyahu's American identities continues to unfold.

Most important, when one looks at the Knesset race, the decline of support for the two main parties and the rise in support for the religious bloc deserve comment.

It is true that not all those supporters wish to see a tighter control by halachic authorities over Israeli life. Many of the Shas supporters voted out of a sense of ethnic (Sephardi) solidarity, or in support of the idea of reverence for tradition.

But there is no denying that 20 percent of the seats in the Knesset are now held by the religious parties, and this percentage is likely to increase. Religious families are larger than the non-religious. Israelis who emigrate from Israel are less likely to be religious. So the population proportion that is Orthodox is likely to increase. Without the recent influx of Soviet Jews, the electoral successes of the religious parties would have been even greater.

How do we react to this? Already one can hear jokes among those disappointed with the results. For example: Anyone flying to Israel will now have to get to the airport four hours before flight time, to allow for a check of *t'fillin* and *tzitzit*. It remains to be seen how the religious parties will wield the power they now enjoy as the second largest bloc of support in the Likud led government.

An Orthodox Israeli professor of Judaic studies once told me that the worst thing for the quality of religious life in Israel was the political role of the religious parties. In fact, he felt that only a separation of "church and state" would enable the majority of secular Israelis to begin the difficult process of rediscovering the joys of religious Judaism. Who knows?

Most North American Jews would be appalled if formally Christian parties suddenly began to attract 20 percent of the voters in national elections. Pat Robertson and his ilk, whether in the United States or in Canada, would never enjoy the support of Jewish voters. Just recently, the Southern Baptists in the United States have reaffirmed their commitment to try to convert the Jews. If a right-wing Christian party were to gain steadily in popularity, pledged to re-establish Christianity in the public sphere in Canada, Jews would be the first to sound the alarm. And rightly so.

Canada, unlike the United States, does not have a constitutional separation of church from state. This permits government funding to be used to support private religious schools. Yet this blurring of the line today leads to little coercive imposition of religion and religious practice on Canadians.

Jews who identify as Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist or secular — and who comprise 80 percent of the Jewish population in North America — may resent any further attacks on their tenuous status in Israeli life. Those who are staunch supporters of liberal democracy fear that an increasing influence of Israel's religious parties risks further erosion of the liberal-democratic basis of citizenship and civil rights.

Despite the efforts of the Christian right — which does not yet enjoy direct political power — North American societies have moved in the direction of religious pluralism. It is unclear how Israel will evolve.

And yet, there is something so serene, magical, about the fact that in Jerusalem and other largely religious areas in Israel, daily routine grinds to a halt as Shabbat approaches. True, many Israelis may choose to spend Shabbat at the beach or at a soccer match — but by and large they know it is Shabbat. As fond as I am of John Locke and John Stuart Mill, I would be sad indeed if Shabbat in Israel were to eventually go the way of Sunday in North America.

The trick will be to avoid further polarization, while trying to respect both the value of Judaic tradition and the individual rights and freedoms of Israeli citizens.

New 'Merchant'

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Read a newspaper, listen to the radio or watch television, and your attention is instantly piqued when you see or hear the word "Jewish" or "Israel." If there are statistics on such things, they would undoubtedly show that these two words and the subjects they denote occur more frequently than any other religious/ethnic description, despite our small number in a world of billions of people.

This well-known phenomenon pops up in unusual places, one of them being on the theatre stage. There are a lot of playwrights and hundreds of good plays that can be performed, but somehow I suspect that few, if any, make their appearance more frequently than Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Why? Because Antonio and Portia are such memorable figures? Or because of the easy-to-remember Shylock, the Jew who gets his come-uppance?

There will be many among my readers who have unpleasant memories of their high school education, when this drama was discussed in class. They may not have been as abused as the children in a Waterloo class were some years ago, but their discomfort was real enough. And that is true for the Jewish community as a whole whenever and wherever the play is performed — and this year it is featured in no less a place than Stratford.

I have not as yet seen the play, but by all accounts the production is innovative and thoughtful, and makes of Shylock not the stereotypical Jewish villain, but a Jewish hero of sorts. The credit apparently goes to Marti Maraden, the play's director, who sets the action in pre-World War II Venice. This near-contemporaneity forces the audience to consider their own attitudes and prejudices. There is general agreement that Maraden has brought off a memorable re-creation of the play and thereby, perhaps, has caught the true intent of Shakespeare (something we will never know).

An addition to the original script is even introduced, although no new words are put in Shakespeare's mouth. The stage shows a cafe that the Jew Tubal enters; two Mussolini blackshirts glare at him, clearly wishing him away. Waiters notice the visual confrontation and lean all chairs against the table that Tubal meant to occupy, so that now he cannot sit down. He turns around and leaves. This, of course, is not Shakespeare, but it does set the mood for contemplating the underlying stream of consciousness that the audience is invited to make its own.

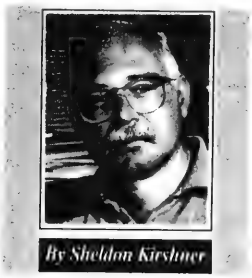
A recent issue of the *Jerusalem Post* also reviewed *The Merchant of Venice* — but not the Stratford production. This one, of all places, was a German production in Weimar, the city of Goethe and the birthplace of the short-lived modern Republic. An Israeli, Hanan Snir, was invited to direct it and he set the play in Buchenwald, the infamous concentration camp not far from the city. Actors and audience have hesitated to accept the new venue, and Snir was not surprised. It seems that the *Merchant of Venice* with its many faces will see still more revivals in the years to come.

The Kirshner File

The passing parade ...

They died recently, leaving footprints in time...

Benjamin Eisenstadt and his son, Marvin, were the developers of Sweet 'N Low, the low calerie sweetner. Born in New York City's Lower East Side, Eisenstadt was originally a lawyer. In 1957, the Eisenstadts blended saccharin with dextrose and other ingredients to form Sweet 'N Low, a phenomenally successful product. Eisenstadt is also credited with having invented sugar packets, widely used in restaurants and catered affairs.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Hans Kraus, a physician, was considered the father of sports medicine in the United States. A professor of clinical physical medicine and rehabilitation at the New York School of Medicine, he devised new methods to treat lower back pain and fractures. Among his patients were John F. Kennedy, the U.S. president, and the actors Rita Hayworth and Angela Lansbury.

Stephen Meyers was a founder of the first mass-market law firm in the United States. In 1972, he and his friend, Leonard Jacoby, established Jacoby & Meyers, a storefront legal clinic in Van Nuys, California, which grew into 150 offices in six states and was widely emulated by low-cost imitators.

Arnold Neustadter, a native of Brooklyn, developed the cylindrical rotating alphabetical card file popularly known as the Rolodex. But his first invention was the Autodex, the spring-mounted personal telephone directory that popped up at a given letter in the alphabet.

Julius Marmur, a biochemist and geneticist born in Poland and raised in Canada, was the co-discoverer of an important building block in molecular biology. He and Paul Doty found that deoxyribonucleic acid — or DNA — could be pulled apart and put back together. The discovery enabled researchers to delve more deeply into the genetic code and hereditary patterns.

Henriette Klein, the first woman elected president of the Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine in the United States, co-wrote a ground-breaking study of childhood schizophrenia. And she and her husband, William Horwitz, helped broaden the understanding of paranoia. In another work, *Anxiety in Pregnancy and Childbirth*, she claimed that the birth of a baby can aggravate disturbances in women who are severely maladjusted or mentally ill.

Joseph Churba, a national security expert, was at the centre of a political storm in 1976 when, as the U.S. Air Force's top Middle East analyst, he criticized the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. George Brown. In an interview, Brown called Israel "a burden" to U.S. interests. Churba hit back, describing Brown's statement "dangerously irresponsible." As a result of the flap, Churba was forced out of his post. During the 1980 presidential election, he was an advisor to Ronald Reagan.

Jeremy Boorda was the first American Jew to serve as chief of naval operations, a position he held from from 1994 until May of this year. The grandson of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants, Boorda joined the navy at the age of 18, and was the first person to rise from sailor to four-star admiral.

Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet, a French businessman of Russian origin, founded the first ad agency and the first radio news program in France. An elementary school dropout, he transformed Cite Radio into a station which pioneered live news reports. As chair of Publicis-FCB, he turned that company into the second largest advertising network in Europe. Bleustein-Blanchet also founded Le Drugstore in Paris, which revolutionized merchandising.

Harry Wald, a refugee from Nazi Germany, was the project manager and first president of Caesars Palace, the glittering casino/resort in Las Vegas. Later, he managed the MGM Grand Hotels, the proprietor of the MGM Grand, one of the finest hostelries in the nation.

Joseph Stone, a labor arbitrator, helped prosecute Friedrich Flick, the German industrialist who was accused of using slave labor during World War II. Working with chief prosecutor Telford Taylor at the 1946 Nuremberg war crimes trials, Stone won his case against Flick. But Flick was released from prison six years later, and when he died in 1972, he was believed to be the richest man in West Germany.

Henry Fried, the dean of American watchmakers, wrote prolifically about horology, the science of timepieces. Renowned for his tweezer skills, he won every honor in his field. Last year, a clock tower at the new world headquarters of the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute near Cincinnati was dedicated in his honor.

Audrey Cohen founded the Audrey Cohen chain of special education schools in the United States. A graduate of the University of Pittsburg, she postulated the theory that education, rather than being abstract, must be inextricably linked with clearly formulated objectives.

Claude Bourdet, a journalist and a leader of the non-Communist left in France, was editor of *Combat* and then founder of *Le Nouvel Observateur*. A Catholic opponent of racism and anti-Semitism, he was a survivor of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Isadore Roy Gold, a U.S. Army doctor during World War II, was among the first physicians to visit the Japanese city of Nagasaki after it was devastated by an atomic bomb, and to study the effects of the blast on the survivors.

Abe Lebewohl, a Holocaust survivor, owned the beloved Second Avenue Deli in New York City, exalted for its quintessential East European Jewish fare.

Israel Eldad was one of the central figures of Israel's right-wing political movement. A Ukrainian Jew, he played a prominent role in the activities of the Stern Gang during the British Mandate period, and after the Six Day War, he urged Israel to keep the newly-conquered territories. Eldad was a fierce opponent of the Oslo peace process.

Itzhak Karpman, for 10 years director of the World Confederation of General Zionists, was the publisher of *Who's Who in Jewry* (1955) and overseer of the 16-volume *Encyclopedia Judaica*. In his final years, he worked on the *Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion*.

Bruno Hussar, a Dominican priest of Jewish ancestry, was the founder of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, a unique community in Israel dedicated to improving Arab-Jewish understanding. Born and raised in Egypt, Hussar moved to Israel in 1953 and considered himself a Christian and a Jew. He founded Neve Shalom in 1973 on a desolate stretch of land leased to him by a nearby Trappist monastery. More than 15,000 Israeli high school students have attended its School for Peace, and 100 Arab and Jewish students are enrolled in its primary school.

Emile Habibi, an Israeli Christian Arab politician and writer, was a staunch advocate of Jewish-Arab coexistence and a proponent of mutual recognition between Israelis and Palestinians. Born in Haifa, he was a founder of Israel's Communist party. A member of the Knesset for two decades, he turned to writing fiction in the 1970s, publishing three novels, a play and two collections of short stories. In 1992, he won the Israel Prize, Israel's highest cultural award.

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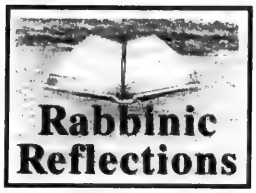


The key to faith

By RABBI AARON FLANZRAICH

When I was studying in Israel, I had a very dear teacher who would always remind me that nothing in the world is superfluous and insignificant, that everything has a purpose and a place and if we look hard enough, a deep message as well. Therefore, the very items that we may in fact dismiss as nonsensical, might have a lesson.

With this in mind, I'd like to share with you an exercise that I learned many years ago, although not in the hallowed halls of a yeshivah or in the studious chamber of a university library. This lesson was given to me on a slab of cold ice at 5:30 in the morning.

As a young man, I was obsessed with ice hockey and skating, so much so that my parents dutifully arranged for me to take "power skating" lessons with a professional instructor. In addition to learning the mechanics of skating, I believe that something far dearer (in retrospect) was imparted to me.

As you work through the various skating drills, the instructor forces you to go a little faster, to extend a little farther than the last time. With each practice cycle, you end up slightly more skilled than before. The problem is, when you do things that you've never done before, falling becomes a very real possibility.

While people may judge how well they learned to skate by how often they didn't fall, the power skater counts every fall and appreciates each one; for with each tumble, you've pushed yourself a little farther than before. And you can only be better because of it.

People often come to me complaining, wishing they could have more religion in their lives. They are searching for the key to faith. In and out of a synagogue they come, observe a Yizkor or come for the High Holy Days. In the end, they always seem to yearn for more. But something seems to be standing in the way.

"Rabbi," they tell me, "I wish I could observe like you do. I wish I could have your faith."

In an era where so many people are looking for answers, we need to solve this riddle. How can we get more from our lives?

In this week's parashah of Devarim, we open the final book of our Bible. As we begin, the text reads: "And these are the words that Moses spoke to Israel ... " It all seems simple enough, yet the famous commentator Yalkut Shimoni reminds us of a problem. Wasn't it Moses, the Yalkut Shimoni asks, who said when G-d instructed him to speak to Pharaoh, "I am not a man of words"? How could Moses have changed so deeply, so significantly in his lifetime?

The answer given is provocative. We are taught that Moses did indeed change. Over time as he became accustomed to speaking and communicating, Moses became this "man of words." With the help of G-d, Moses was able to live up to the lofty responsibility of faithfully transmitting G-d's word to man.

We wonder how we can ever begin to work our faith into our lives. There is so much to it how do we start? The answer is "just start." Give charity, buy kosher food, light Shabbat candles. If you do this already, consider praying at least once a day, study before you go to sleep, attend your synagogue, visit someone who is ill or sad.

Each day we live, we must force oursleves to discover the essence of our spirit — to become the kind of people we want to be.

Sadly, we have put on labels that prevent this from happening. We call ourselves Conservative, Reform or Orthodox Jews. This is a tragedy. G-d never calls us anything but Jews. Nothing about us is predetermined, none of what we are is forced on us. As Moses did, and as a little boy did with his skating instructor, let's use these precious weeks before Rosh Hashanah to push ourselves a little farther, let's extend to use and try our faith.

Step by step we will begin to grow as we push ourselves to the point where we feel like we're going to fall. For each time, everything becomes a little easier, and a bit more natural.

Indeed, the shells we live in are comfortable, and the way that we are used to living and observing is safe and secure. Yet, if we never reach out, we'll never find anything more about who we are than we do now. We will never discover the greatness, the potential and the strength that lie within, the great soul and the endless streams of faith.

Rabbi Flanzraich is the spiritual leader of Pride of Israel Synagogue in Toronto.

Holocaust oral history vital

By BILL SURKIS

Guest Voices

The recording of eye-witness testimony of the events of the Shoah is crucial. The recording of personal historical information on video becomes increasingly more important as each day passes and fewer eye-witnesses are able to complete the record.

Oral history of the Holocaust is vital to combat the rise of prejudice, anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial and their dissemination through the media and the Internet.

The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre (MHMC) has worked with scholars and academics over the past five years to develop the Witness-to-History oral history project, which records the testimonies of survivors of labor, concentration and death camps, those who lived in hiding, partisans, rescuers and liberators, the eye-witnesses to the Holocaust now living in Montreal.

The MHMC is recording six interviews per week. To date, over 300 tapes have been completed in the project.

Each interview is conducted in two parts; the first is a short pre-interview one week prior to the television interview. This allows the interviewer to do follow-up research on places and activities so that the questioning in the interview is precise and appropriate.

The project is unique in that the videos are completed on a two-camera system, one recording the standard head and shoulders view, the second recording the full body image allowing non-verbal communication to be recorded.

After the interview, photographs, documents and items of personal memorabilia are recorded so that the final version of the film will show the items to which the survivor is referring.

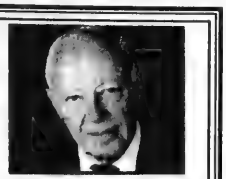
All interviews are recorded by professional videographers and the witness receives a copy of the tape within two weeks of completing the interview.

The master copies of the tapes are catalogued and placed in the MHMC archives. Copies are provided to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and to Yad Vashem in Israel.

There are an estimated 8,000 or more eye-witnesses to the Holocaust living in Montreal, according to the 1991 census. No single organization can manage to video all the individuals in the next few years. The MHMC is pleased that the Living Testimony program of McGill University coordinated by Prof. Yehudi Lindeman continues to record these vital histories, and for a short time, the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation will also do some interviews in the Montreal area.

For more information, any eye-witness to the Holocaust interested in giving testimony should call the MHMC at 514-345-2605.

Bill Surkis is executive director of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.



Books

By Bernard Baskin

Nightline by Ted Koppel & Kyle Gibson, Random House $35

It all started in November 1979, when the American Embassy in Tehran was overrun by terrorists. Sixty-five Americans — diplomats, intelligence officers and marines — were taken hostage. As days and months went by, the eyes of Americans were focused on the ABC television program, *America Held Hostage,* to capture the latest events in an exciting drama. The monopoly of Johnny Carson's *The Tonight Show* was broken.

Nightline's genesis

The hostage crisis over, the opportunity was ripe for a new program to deal with serious news topics. Ted Koppel, who had proved himself an adept and quick-thinking interviewer, was chosen to anchor *Nightline.* This he has done with verve and brio over the past 16 years.

This book is an informative, amusing, anecdotal account of the exciting behind-the-scenes chaos that is inevitable in the show that chooses in the morning its topic for the evening, only to change it later in the day as a more important story breaks.

One of the most daring of the shows took place in Jerusalem in 1988 when, for the first time, Israeli and Palestinian leaders met face to face for intense debate. At Palestinian insistence a waist-high symbolic wall was erected running down the length of the stage to separate the two sides. The show, although filled with heated and acrimonious exchanges, helped to break down traditional barriers and played a role in the eventual peace process.

Frequently people used the show as a "last resort." Gary Hart appeared in a vain attempt to jump-start his moribund presidential campaign. Ferdinand Marcos hoped that a *Nightline* appearance might rekindle support from the Reagan administration. Michael Dukakis sought money and support for his fading presidential campaign late in October 1988 when he sat down for a 90-minute interview.

Four thousand programs later, Koppel and the show's producer, Kyle Gibson, have summed up 16 years of an ongoing experiment that brought people together who were often worlds apart, for the enjoyment and enlightenment of a vast international audience.

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Plenty of Olympic coverage available on the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

In a few days, the entire world will be watching Atlanta as a record number of countries compete in the 26th Olympiad.

Even if you didn't decide to mortgage your home for some tickets to the Games, you can travel to the Olympics via the Internet at a fraction of the cost.

Although large numbers of Jewish athletes are not immediately identified with the Olympics, Israeli athletes and Jewish competitors from other countries have made their mark. The most complete source for information can be found on the official Israeli Olympic site **[http://olympic.ibm.net.il/]**. This colorful and well-designed area is divided into sections which profile each member of the delegation, promise the latest news from the Games and even include political cartoons about Israel's past performances at the Olympics. This wonderful site is in Hebrew only, so to enjoy it you'll need to have Hebrew fonts installed and a good knowledge of the language.

For daily progress in English about Israel's Olympic team, you can consult the Jerusalem Post Sports Internet Edition **[http://www.jpost.co.il/sport/sport_si.html]**. There are also many general sites on the Internet which will deliver up-to-date results from Atlanta **[http://www.atlanta.olympic.org]**.

Although the Olympics are a forum to celebrate Israel's most talented athletes, nothing can be the same after the 1972 Munich Olympics when eleven Israeli athletes were murdered by Palestinian terrorists. That tragedy and its aftermath are summarized at **[http://www.bull.it/coni/olimpi/emona.html]** and **[http://www.adventure.com:80/library/encyclopedia/sports/munich.html]**.

But by far the most comprehensive essay is found in Hebrew at the Israel Olympic site **[http://olympic.ibm.net.il/remember.htm]**.

In addition to a more detailed description of the situation, there are biographies and photographs of the slain athletes.

Despite the media frenzy that always surrounds the Olympics, it seems that not everyone is caught up in the hype.

In his essay on "Why the Olympic Spirit Lacks a Jewish Neshama," Calgary's Eliezer Siegel **[http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/Shokel/870901_Olympic.html]** suggests that historically, Judaism has looked upon organized athletics at worst as a vicious and cruel pastime and at best as a frivolous pursuit. One notable exception, however, was Israel's first Chief Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook who believed in the importance of maintaining a healthy mind in a healthy body.

It may be due to this religious legacy or to the fact that Israel has always had other priorities that its athletes have not brought home much gold or silver or bronze.

Israel has only won two medals in its Olympic history.

Half-middleweight Yael Arad won silver and lightweight Oren Smadga won bronze for judo in Barcelona in 1992 **[http://olympic.ibm.net.il/judo.htm]**. As for Jewish athletes from outside Israel, no overview of the Olympics would be complete without acknowledging the efforts of two of its most famous competitors. The United States' Mark Spitz **[http://sports.eb.com/olympic/micro/561/52.html]** was the first athlete to win seven gold medals in a single Olympic Games. And Britain's Harold Abrahams **[http://sports.eb.com/olympic/micro/722/60.html]** and **[http://www.adventure.com:80/library/encyclopedia/sports/chariotf.html]** won gold in the 100-meter final at the 1924 Paris Olympics. Abrahams' story is well-known thanks to the 1981 film *Chariots of Fire.* (By the way, brief excerpts from the famous soundtrack of that movie are available at **[http://bau2.uibk.ac.at/perki/records/chariots/chariots.html]**.)

Finally, if you are one of the fortunate about to make the trek to Atlanta, Beth Jacob Synagogue is preparing kosher meals and bag lunches daily **[http://www.toll-free.com/bethjacob/olympics.html]**. If you prefer restaurant dining, here's a list of kosher establishments from the Atlanta Kashruth Commission **[http://www.kashrut.com/atlanta.htm]**.

However if you're like most, you'll probably get no closer to Atlanta than the nearest TV set. No matter. You can STILL do your part for your favourite athlete or team.

Just tap out a message of support, send it off **[http://www.fan-mail.olympic.ibm.com/]**, sit back and let the Games begin!

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Spector traces family's roots in Germany

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Rhineland, the industrial heart of Germany, is known for its magnificent castles and heart-stopping scenery.

For hundreds of years, it was home to a fair-sized Jewish community, comprised mainly of businesspeople.

There are no Jews left there now. Helen Spector, a Toronto personnel consultant, knows that. Her family has been traced back in the area to 1725.

"They were an ordinary, hard-working, pious country family," she told *The CJN* in a recent interview.

She and her cousin Marianne went back to their ancestral home earlier this year.

"I felt curious, somehow unfulfilled," she said, explaining why she felt she had to go.

Her trip with Regina Mueller, a local woman who has written a book on the Jews of the Rhineland, was an emotional one.

"It was quiet, tranquil," she said, "but you can feel the ghosts."

They went to Duerren, to Mueddersheim, to Gladbach, towns where their families lived.

But "there was no mezuzah, no Torahs, nothing Jewish." Only the initials, J.S., carved in the stones of the courtyard of the family home in Mueddersheim by her grandfather, Jonas Schwarz.

While the people were very hospitable, she said, some claiming to have known members of her family, "you couldn't really talk to them. They had no comprehension what it means to have no grandparents, only a few aunts and uncles, practically no cousins."

She met the person who lives in her father's house. "He said he bought the house from a Jewish family in 1938. That was quite a trick, since we didn't leave until 1939."

Helen Schwarz Spector stands beside the grave of her grandfather Jonas Schwarz in Mueddersheim.

Spector was one of the lucky ones. Her parents and her uncle's family came to Canada in 1939, helped by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Along with other Jewish refugees, some from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, they farmed in the Oshawa area.

"We were among the group that Frederick Blair [the director of the Immigration Branch] coined the phrase 'none is too many' for," she said wryly.

Others of her family fled to Holland, where they fell into Nazi hands. A very few survived.

There are still some Jewish cemeteries remaining in the Rhineland, including the graves of some of Spector's relatives. She and her cousin put yahrzeit candles and stones from Jerusalem around the gravestones.

"Our family had to leave because they were no longer considered Germans. We were two women who came back to show that we haven't forgotten that there were Jews there. We made them [the Germans] aware that we are not a part of history that will be neglected."

While Spector's son and daughter are not particularly interested in this part of their heritage right now, "they have to know about it. Some time they might want to go back, and I have all the documentation."

She is not sure that she herself will ever return to the Rhineland. "But there might be a time when I need to go there again. I might need to show that the Jewish presence is not forgotten."

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Judaism provides scientist method to interpret world

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

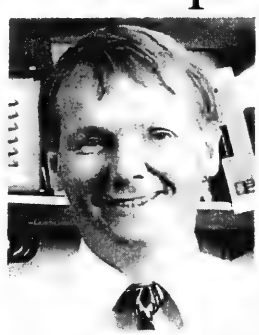
TORONTO – A Toronto-area physicist specializing in subatomic physics was recently honored by the Royal Society of Canada.

Pekka Sinervo was awarded the Rutherford Memorial Medal for his work in developing scientific measurement techniques that have led to the discovery of the top quark, a subatomic particle regarded as one of the building blocks of matter.

Since his graduation from Stanford University in California in 1986, Sinervo has been one of the principal researchers involved in the search for the top quark. Since 1990, he has headed a Canadian research group at the University of Toronto and McGill University in Montreal that has contributed to the international research effort.

Chances are, when Sinervo is not studying complex data generated from the collision of high-speed matter and antimatter particles at the $200-million Fermilab collider near Chicago, he's poring over the books of Temple Kol Ami, the Thornhill synagogue where he's been active for the past five years, currently as treasurer.

"Judaism has allowed me to find a way both to interpret how I see the world as a scientist and to integrate that with all the ethical and moral principles that I think must be at play here," says the 38-year-old Helsinki-born scientist who came to Canada at the age of two.



Pekka Sinervo

"Our world is put together in such an exquisite manner that it's hard to believe it all happened by accident. The more I understand from a scientific basis how exquisite it really is, the more I am convinced that there has to be some organizing principle behind it."

Sinervo, who headed the search for the top quark for about 2½ years, devised computer software that could detect its occurrence in the debris following collisions of subatomic particles in the Fermilab facility. Scrutinizing data generated from some 20 billion particle collisions, the search team found evidence of 12 top quarks and published a scientific paper in 1994.

Over the next 10 months, they measured another 37 top quarks and published these findings as well. The discovery has been hailed as one of the most important innovations in elementary particle physics.

The Fermilab accelerator spins subatomic particles at very high speeds, replicating conditions that are thought to have prevailed in the universe in the microseconds after the theoretical Big Bang. Sinervo, who commutes regularly to Chicago, seems not entirely sold on the Big Bang theory. "It's a model and in some ways you can't take it too seriously," he says.

Is the quark the smallest particle in the universe? "We don't know," he admits. "It's possible that there might be smaller particles. We haven't been able to rule it out."

Scientists like simplicity, he explains. "There are now 12 different building blocks of matter. Many physicists, including myself, are concerned that this is no longer a simple model. It's getting complicated."

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Beth Haminyan finds new home in school gym

By GIL KEZWER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Forest Hill has a new/old synagogue.

As of August, members of Congregation Beth Haminyan will be praying in the basketball gym at West Prep Public School (Ridge Hill Drive and Old Park Road).

The congregation, whose Hebrew name means House of the Quorum, has led a nomadic existence.

Over the last 22 years, it has moved from Beth Tzedec on Bathurst Street to Beth Lida on Gilgorm Road to Cedarvale Public School on Ava Road. For the last six years, it met at J.R. Public School, also on Ava Road.

"We've never found a place with a long lease for a variety of reasons. Hopefully West Prep will be the one," says Elaine Posluns, who was recently elected to her second one-year term as president.

"While we don't have a building of our own, we do have a terrific sense of community and *ruach* (spirit)."

Beth Haminyan was founded as an alternative by congregants of Beth Tzedec looking for a more intimate and participatory style of worship, she recalls.

Originally praying in the Beth Tzedec chapel, the group evolved a hands-on approach to Jewish worship.

Though the 175-member congregation includes two ordained rabbis, the group has never had a pulpit rabbi. Congregants take turns leading services, reading Torah and delivering sermons.

Respectful of tradition, men and women sit apart, but there is no *mechitzah*. Women give sermons and read the scrolls of Esther and Ruth.

"We pride ourselves on our compromise between tradition and innovation," says Posluns.

"Children are a key part of our synagogue family, but we don't see bar/bat mitzvah as the culmination of one's Jewish education. Many of our members participate in ongoing weekly Torah and Talmud classes, held in members' homes.

"We have a full calendar of social and educational events, often related to the holiday cycle and including summer retreats. People like the minyan's intimate style. We invite you to sample our Hebrew singing, our ample kiddushim and our sense of fellowship."

In recent year's Beth Haminyan has been holding High Holy Day services in the gym of the Bialik Day School at Bathurst and Viewmount. Non-members are welcome, Posluns adds.

This Yiddish typewriter, one of the few in Canada (Underwood, circa 1923), belongs to Robert Goldenberg of Fort Erie, a retired high school teacher and *zamler* (book collector) for the Yiddish Book Centre. It has eight more characters than a Hebrew typewriter, but both use the same alphabet. Its carriage goes right to left, the opposite of an English-language one.

Teacher acquires Yiddish typewriter, letterpress

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A tip from Israel led to Robert Goldenberg finally acquiring his cherished Yiddish letterpress and a scarce Yiddish typewriter in mint condition.

It was Yehuda Miklaf, a former Toronto bookbinder who made aliyah in 1986, who told Goldenberg, a retired Fort Erie high school teacher, that the wanted items might be available in Baltimore. And they were.

Up to that time, Goldenberg had run into a stone wall. At the offices of the venerable Yiddish newspaper *Forward* in New York, he learned that the Yiddish linotypes and letterpress had been thrown out, and the Yiddish stories are now set on a computer. All other trails led nowhere.

But Miklaf, responding to an ad by Goldenberg in a printing hobby magazine, led him to Jim Kapplin of Ethnic Press in Baltimore.

"Kapplin had type from a defunct Yiddish newspaper in Baltimore and, of all things, from a firm that had printed copies of the New Testament in Yiddish," Goldenberg said. "He split his type with me and even sold me a spare Yiddish typewriter for $50 that cost more than that to ship it to Fort Erie."

The Yiddish typewriter (Underwood, circa 1923) has eight more keys than a Hebrew typewriter though both use the same alphabet. Also, as you would expect, its carriage moves in an opposite direction to an English language typewriter.

Goldenberg, a *zamler* (book collector) for the Yiddish Book Centre (YBC), says he enjoys a special *yichus* in using one of the few Yiddish typewriters extant in Canada. He writes letters to friends on it.

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Jewish arts enjoying a revival in Toronto

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Like a plant that takes years to germinate, Toronto's diverse and multi-branched Jewish arts establishment appears ready to burst into bloom.

There has been an upsurge of Jewish cultural activities around Toronto lately – a sort of ethnic renaissance that encompasses music, film, theatre, dance, literature and the visual arts. It's been remarked upon in theatre lobbies at intermission, at wine-and-cheese art receptions, between sets of klezmer music. Examples abound.

Feature

Braving into cultural territory that might have been deemed hopeless only a few years ago, cabaret divas like Beth Anne Cole, Stella Walker and Theresa Tova have been performing sets of old Yiddish songs to ecstatic audiences around town. Similarly, local ensembles like the Klezmer Conservatory Band and the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band are electrifying listeners with irresistible rhythms taken from the *shtetl* and infused with contemporary meaning.

The 4-year-old Toronto Jewish Film Festival, which unreels each May at the Bloor Street Cinema, has become a much-anticipated fixture of the city's arts calendar, with many screenings selling out well in advance.

Popularizing tales from such diverse sources as the Bible and Shalom Aleichem, the Jewish Story-Telling Festival marks its fifth season this October, having found an appreciative and loyal public in North York. As well, the Jewish Book Fair offers a wide range of lectures, readings and other events each November.

When novice theatre producers Helen Zukerman and Eda Zimler booked the off-Broadway revue *Too Jewish?* into the Leah Posluns Theatre in North York in May, they were worried that singer-monologuist Avi Hoffman might end up performing to half-empty houses. But the day after the opening, the show quickly sold out for its entire four-day run.

"We could have sold another week easily," says Zukerman. "The guy from Ticketmaster didn't know what hit him. He had never seen elderly Jews fighting over tickets like that."

Zukerman, who is director of the board of the Zukerman Charitable Foundation and artistic director of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival (which the Foundation sponsors), has seen scuffles over tickets before. In mid-May, in the two-week interval between the close of the film festival and the opening of *Too Jewish?*, she assisted at the premiere of Yiddishland Cafe, at which some 200 patrons enjoyed a Yiddish-and-klezmer variety show in the Workmen's Circle Building in the Bathurst/Lawrence area.

"All these people came out of nowhere," she marvels. "The organizers probably could have sold the house three times over."

While many other events may be cited, some observers assert that one festival in particular – Ashkenaz, the hyperkinetic celebration of new Yiddish culture that drew some 30,000 participants to Harbourfront over six days last August – was instrumental in breathing new life into the Jewish creative arts here.

"Many Jewish artists like myself didn't realize the breadth of Jewish music until Ashkenaz raised our awareness," says Brian Katz, a Toronto musician-composer who has become increasingly involved in Jewish music. "I think it also made the general population more aware that there's a lot more to Jewish music than *Fiddler On The Roof*."

The flourishing of Jewish arts here is part of a global trend in which assimilated Jews are returning to their roots, observers say. As well, it is closely tied to the renewed popularity of Yiddish, the predominant language of Eastern European Jewry before the Holocaust.

"For some secular Jews, Yiddish provides a cultural identity," says Hindy Nosek-Abelson, a Toronto writer-publicist who translates Yiddish songs into highly evocative English for performers like Theresa Tova. "You can't get that with Jackie Mason or Seinfeld, or with bagels and cream cheese."

Paralleling the blossoming of the Jewish arts here is an astonishing demographic shift that has seen the Jewish population of the Greater Toronto Area double to the present 165,000 over the past two decades. Recent arrivals to this city include tens of thousands of Jewish emigres from Morocco, Russia and Israel, and at least 30,000 former Montrealers fleeing an unwelcoming social climate in Quebec.

Another aspect of the trend is education. There's been a flood of new courses offered locally in Yiddish, Hebrew, Jewish history, crafts, literature, music, dance and related disciplines. Also attracting large audiences are the frequent one-night lectures and extended courses on religious subjects – everything from Hebrew In A Day to Doing It Right On Passover Night – offered by a host of young Jewish outreach organizations.

Theories abound regarding the mysterious magnet that is drawing Toronto Jews, like their counterparts elsewhere, back to Judaism and Jewish culture.

"It's 50 years post-Holocaust and the young people today, who didn't live through the Holocaust or the founding of the State of Israel, want to know where their parents and grandparents came from," says Bayla Chaikof, chair of the committee for Yiddish studies at the University of Toronto.

"I suspect that the economy and a shift in values has something to do with it," says Nosek-Abelson. "People are shifting to things that matter. They're not allowing themselves to be fooled by the material world."

David Buchbinder, artistic director of Ashkenaz and leader of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, which performs frequently in Europe, agrees that the local scene is heating up, but says it lags behind many cultural centres of Europe. "I wouldn't say it's flowering yet [in Toronto], but it's definitely building. Let's say the buds are out."

Many, including Buchbinder, assert that the current Jewish cultural revival is more than mere nostalgia, more than just a casual trip down memory lane to a vanished, vanquished past.

"I don't know exactly when, but sometime in the past few years, Yiddish culture has gone from being in revival to being alive again," he says. "It's gone from a situation where people were studying and curating and trying to breathe new life into something, to a situation where they're actually doing."

Some participants in the cultural mini-renaissance resist the notion that it is essentially a Jewish phenomenon and raise critical questions about the boundaries of Jewish art. Actor-director Al Waxman, famous as TV's *King of Kensington* and later for his role on *Cagney & Lacey*, has directed two plays here in the last two years – *A Shayna Maidel* and *Sight Unseen*. However, while both feature Jewish characters and deal with Jewish themes, Waxman says they should not necessarily be categorized as "Jewish" plays.

"If I were going to label these plays as anything, it would be as American," he says. "What is a Jewish play anyway? When Lee J. Cobb played Willie Loman in *Death of A Salesman*, everyone thought it was a play about a Jewish salesman, but that just wasn't so. And I saw *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford the other day. That's about a Jew! Is that a Jewish play? No! It's just damn good theatre."

Irving Abella, former president of Canadian Jewish Congress and professor of history at York University, is acutely aware of the resurgence of local interest in things Jewish. The author of two best-selling books on Canadian-Jewish history, he taught the world's first graduate course in Canadian-Jewish history this year.

But he also notes a conflicting movement towards greater assimilation and absorption of Jews into wider Canadian society. "It's an irony," he says. "Here we are, enjoying the fruits of Jewish creativity as never before, and yet we're worrying more than ever about whether, given the current high rate of assimilation, we'll continue into the next century."

According to a Yiddish saying, however, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Eda Zimler, who came to Canada as a child in 1950, recalls an earlier generation's rush to assimilate.

"When I was growing up, I was like a fish out of water because Yiddish wasn't spoken anywhere except in my home," says Zimler, who is also president of Friends of Yiddish, an organization that stages cultural events featuring the once-banished language, such as the annual summer concert of Yiddish music that recently attracted some 1,500 listeners.

"I was called names as an immigrant. We all wanted to become Canadians and to be accepted as Canadians, and we shed anything that might be seen to be foreign. But now that we're all assimilated, everybody's saying, 'So what? What have we got?' Now we're suddenly finding, to our delight, that Yiddish and Yiddish culture are really in again."

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Agency in Russia secure, says Gur

The situation has brightened for Jewish Agency operations in Russia. "There is every reason to believe that the future of the Jewish Agency is secure," says Dr. Baruch Gur, former Director-General of the Jewish Agency Unit in the former Soviet Union and a special emissary to UJA Federation.

Since 1990, the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency has been helping hundreds of thousands emigrate to Israel from the former Soviet Union. However, in April, Russia's Ministry of Justice announced the cancellation of Jewish Agency accreditation. It was forced to reapply under new laws dealing with the status of foreign organizations.

"It was clear from the start," explains Gur, "that authorities could cancel accreditation anytime. We knew we were in a tenuous position because we would have to re-register under new rules."

According to Gur, conflicts between the Russian and Israeli governments about church property in Jerusalem, a shift in Russia's foreign policy and Russia's concern about high levels of emigrating Jews, contributed to the tense atmosphere.

In May, the Agency re-applied but was refused accreditation due to technicalities. Since then, the murder of Russia's Deputy Justice Minister and political rumors have made Agency officials cautious about the timing of their re-application.

Nonetheless, Gur is confident. "I'm very optimistic that the question of accreditation will be solved very soon and that the Agency will continue carrying out its important work."

Dr. Baruch Gur

UJA Federation affirms support for Jewish Agency mandate

The financially beleaguered Jewish Agency is receiving unqualified support from UJA Federation officials.

"The mandate of the Jewish Agency remains relevant and vital," stressed UJA Federation president Sandra Brown, who with other community leaders, recently returned from the Agency's annual meeting in Jerusalem.

The Agency which receives funding from UJA Federation and other United Jewish Appeal campaigns around the world, is suffering from cash flow shortages, raising questions about its future role.

"The Agency's financial problems are all the more reason to stand steadfastly behind it," adds Brown. "No other organization can possibly duplicate its essential work, especially the rescue of Jews from dangerous regions."

The Jewish Agency brought 70,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel last year.

"Until there is another viable option of getting the work done, we, the community, must continue to support this organization," explained Donald Carr, an officer of United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Judy Gwartz, another UJA Federation delegate to the meeting, is optimistic. "Despite the financial difficulties plaguing the Agency, they're able to continue doing a lot of wonderful things," she noted.

The Agency has arranged resettlement in Israel for over 600,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union and rescue missions from both Sarajevo and Chechnya.

Israel remembers community leader

There's a permanent memorial in Israel to the late Phil Granovsky.

The Philip Granovsky Hall of Remembrance was recently dedicated at the head office of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, located in the Jewish Agency building on Jerusalem's King George Street.

Granovsky, who died in December, 1995, was a founder of United Israel Appeal of Canada, serving as its President and Chairman of its Board of Directors. Throughout his distinguished years of community service, Granovsky held key positions in several Jewish organizations including UJA Federation.

Family members in attendance at the ceremony included Granovsky's wife Shirley, son Ronald, daughter Fahla, daughter Maxine and husband Ira Gluskin along with their son Sam. Granovsky's brother Irving and wife Toddy were also present.

Toronto's Julia Koschitzky, Chair, World Board of Trustees, Keren Hayesod, called Granovsky "my mentor and my model."

Julia Koschitzky (left) presents Shirley Granovsky with a certificate of appreciation in memory of her husband.

Liberal MPP Alvin Curling (center) meets a delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, in his office. The Scarborough West MPP, a cabinet minister in the David Peterson government, and CJC discussed a variety of provincial government matters and issues pertaining to intercommunal relations. CJC officials include (from left): Neal Goldstein, Vice-Chair, Political Liaison; Ellen Cole, Chair, Community Relations; Executive Director Manuel Prutschi; and Daniel Fine, Director of Political Liaison and International Affairs.

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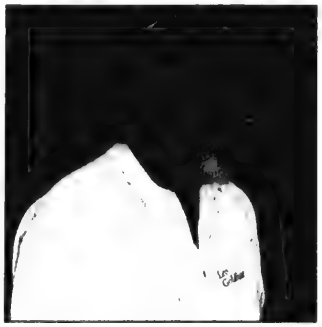
King David's Circle

Strengthening community one-on-one

A group of high profile community leaders is the driving force behind UJA Federation's latest effort to build long-term partnerships with new contributors. One of the results of this new outreach initiative is King David's Circle - a new association that encourages and recognizes leadership within the community as well as high levels of commitment to the campaign.

Toronto businessman Leo Goldhar is heading up the effort as Chairman of the King David's Circle along with Vice-Chairs Lorri Kushnir, Stephen Diamond and Gerry Ross. Other committee members include Gerry Halbert, Paul Morton, Dennis Bennie, David Goldstein, Mitch Goldhar, Brian Vyner, David Koschitzky, Stuart Berkowitz, Charles Winograd, Allen Gales and Jacques Sayegh.

In a recent interview with *Community Matters* Contributing Editor Adi Neuberger, Goldhar talks about the role UJA Federation plays in community building and plans for widening King David's Circle.



Leo Goldhar

Q: *How does King David's Circle fit in with the general campaign?*

A: People who have contributed large gifts and have demonstrated leadership and long-term commitment should be recognized in a meaningful way. They're the backbone of the campaign. It's time to show these people that their commitment is greatly appreciated and present them as examples to the entire community.

Q: *How will they be recognized?*

A: We plan to profile as many of them as possible throughout the campaign and highlight their achievements in various ways. We will also be planning special programs and events for them.

Q: *How will the committee get new people involved?*

A: The key is ongoing outreach. I see it as a natural outgrowth of the Three Year Vision to spend time telling people how UJA Federation contributes to a better quality of life. There are a lot of influential people out there who have little or no involvement with UJA Federation. We need to show them that they have an important role to play.

Q: *How exactly are you reaching out?*

A: We're opting for a one on one approach. We have a very dynamic group of influential, community-minded individuals who will deliver the message to their peers. We'll be relying heavily on personal contacts to make lasting connections.

Q: *What is the biggest challenge to attracting new involvement?*

A: Information. It's simple. Once people know exactly what UJA Federation does for the community, they'll want to get involved. People want to help. They just aren't clear about what the benefits are.

Q: *Why have you given so much of your time to UJA Federation?*

A: I believe in what UJA Federation does. UJA Federation impacts, in one way or another, on the lives of every Jew in the community and throughout the world. If we all work to make UJA Federation stronger, our community and our community's future will be stronger.

Community partners believe in the future

Community Partners will be a regular feature in Community Matters, profiling some of the many people who support UJA Federation. By making tzedakah a priority in their lives, they have strengthened the community.

When it comes to the Jewish community, Peter Seligman is all heart. The 39 year old independent estate and insurance planner has risen to the top of his profession and feels he owes the community something in return. What he's given back is invaluable.

"I make my living from the community," Seligman explains, "so it's only natural that I want to give something back." True to his word, he shares his good fortune and time with UJA Federation and other organizations.

Peter Seligman

"I'm committed to investing in the community," says Seligman, who, without hesitation, threw his support behind UJA Federation's Three Year Vision campaign by making a campaign pledge for 1996, '97 and '98. "The Three Year Vision strategy stabilizes our cash flow and gets people thinking long term. That's good for the future of the community."

Seligman's volunteer career includes serving on the Board of Temple Emanuel, chairing the subcommittee of Bike for Baycrest and the presidency of the Weitzman League. He helped to initiate the Outward Bound program for teens sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service and continues to provide scholarship funding for it.

Dentist Miriam Rosenberg likes knowing that she's making a difference.

"When I finished school I felt it was time to give something of myself to the community because I felt so fortunate." And so she did by directing UJA Federation's Young Leadership Network and last year's Super Sunday telethon and by chairing the 1993 Young Leadership Mission to Poland and Israel. Rosenberg believes that by taking care of everybody, the community becomes stronger.

As a campaigner, she found the Three Year Vision allowed her to spend more time talking to non-contributors. As a donor, Rosenberg is "happy to deepen my commitment to the campaign. It will help us plan even further down the road knowing everyone's on board."

Miriam Rosenberg

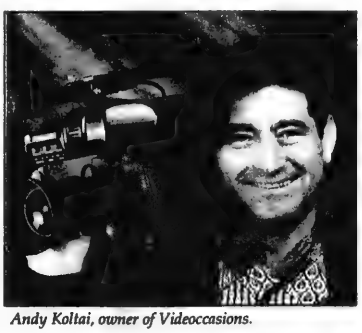
Loan Cassa lends a helping hand

The Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa is busier than ever these days. For more than 30 years, the organization has been helping people help themselves by providing interest free loans for business or personal purposes. Loan Cassa office manager Helen Futerman is reporting a steady increase in business loan applications.

Futerman cites a prolonged recession, numerous layoffs and tight bank lending policies as the reasons behind the rise in requests for assistance.

The Loan Cassa, with operational funding from UJA Federation and the United Way, approved 88 business loans last year worth over $460,000. All loans must be repaid in full within 26 months. Anyone may apply for a loan of up to $6000, but only those with viable business plans and credible guarantors will be approved.

A committee of volunteers, some of whom have received loans themselves, meets once a month to review and assess all loan applications. "We're the community's best kept secret," says Jerry Blitzer, who chairs the business loans committee. "When people have nowhere else to go they arrive on our doorstep and we do our best to help."



Andy Koltai, owner of Videoccasions.

Videographer Andy Koltai received a loan to start his business and says he "couldn't have done it without their help."

"We're in the business of maintaining dignity and helping people become self-sufficient," explains Futerman.

The Loan Cassa relies on donations and membership fees in addition to its capital pool.

Community Matters

UJA Federation's magnificent seven

UJA Federation has brought together an eclectic collection of university students to take a long hard look at the inner workings of Toronto's Jewish community. "In many ways," according to Susan Jackson, UJA Federation's Director of Continuity Programming, "they mirror the community itself."

One of the women, Erin Polansky, is studying to be a rabbi. Two of the seven students, Nisa English and Sheldon Frisch are Orthodox, and the others cover the spectrum of Jewish life. Noa Kaplan was born and raised in Sarnia where she lived alongside 40 other Jewish families. Saul Cohen is originally from South Africa and carried out his undergraduate studies at Guelph University. So far, what they've learned about themselves and each other is proving just as interesting and revealing as the subject of their inquiry. "Everybody's opinion counts," notes Jackson.

The students were hired by UJA Federation's Community Planning & Allocations Department to study how various Jewish organizations operate and interact with each other. The information they gather will be written into a report for UJA Federation's Action Committee for Jewish Continuity.

"One of the things we're trying to do," explains Ilana Reitzes, "is to put a face on UJA Federation and learn how other organizations perceive UJA Federation's activities."

"Everyone agrees that the community has to work together," says May Delume, who comes from a Sephardic background. "Part of our role is to identify areas of common interest among many diverse organizations."

"We couldn't have chosen a better cross section of youth to perform this very important work," says Jackson. "We're all looking forward to seeing what recommendations they come up with."

The student hirings were made possible by a grant under the Federal Government's Summer Career Placements Program. All the students will be returning to their studies in the fall.

Students speak for themselves

Sheldon Frisch, 22
York University Graduate
"I think there should be something for everyone to identify with in the Jewish community."

Nisa English, 22
York University Graduate
"It's really great that we're all able to get along with each other and work together even though we have different beliefs and come from different backgrounds."

Ilana Reitzes, 19
McGill University, 2nd year
"We've had some very interesting discussions which have taught us about respecting other peoples' beliefs and points of view."

Noa Kaplan, 23
University of Western Ontario Graduate
"I believe the key to continuity is to train motivated individuals to do outreach."

Saul Cohen, 23
University of Guelph Graduate
"When I moved from Toronto to Guelph and I was removed from the Jewish community, I became even more aware that I was Jewish."

May Delume, 20
York University
"There was never any doubt that I would be involved in the community in some way. This project has helped me discover where I would like to be connected."

Erin Polansky, 21
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"To me Judaism is all about learning, so I believe education is the key to continuity."

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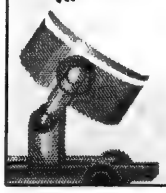

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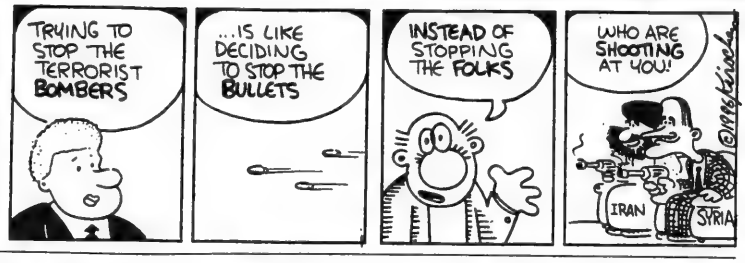

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לפי הסטטיסטיקה הקנדית, רק 46% אחוז מן המשפחות בקנדה הינן משפחות "קלאסיות", כלומר אב ואם "אורגינאליים" וילדיהם הביולוגיים. זה אומר שיש כאן מליוני אנשים בודדים. סביר להניח שרובם מחפשים והיו רוצים למצוא בן/בת זוג, כי " לא טוב היות היות האדם לבדו" שוחחתי לאחרונה עם מדענית מצליחה, באמצע שנות הארבעים לחייה, שהיתה מאוד רוצה להכיר מישהוא רציני ולהתחתן, אך כל ה- Blind-date ושאר הסיונות עלו בתוהו. היא מרגישה שחייה מוחמצים. שאלתי אותה מדוע אין היא מנסה שירות שידוכים רציני, והיא אמרה שהרעיון נשמע נורא ושזה היה מאוד משפיל אותה. אבל מדוע שאלתי,מדוע זה פחות טוב מ-Blind-date? השדכנים מנסים לפחות להתאים לפי רמת חיים, התעניינות, דת, ועוד כהנה וכהנה. כולנו נדלנו מזלזלים, בשדכנים שאחראיים לנישואיהם של מיליוני אנשים דתיים ומסורתיים. זילזלנו כי האמנו באינסטינקט, באהבה ממבט ראשון. עכשיו אנחנו יודעים שהבעיות מתחילות אחרי שהאש כבתה, והאהבה צריכה להתמודד עם מבט שני ושלישי. השדכן המסורתי יודע איך אנשים יתאימו אחרי האהבה של מבט ראשון, בקטע שבו הרקע, המשפחה המורחבת והפרנסה משחקים תפקיד מרכזי. בעיני מאוד מטומטם שאנשים מעדיפים להישאר לבד ולא לנסות שירות שדכנים סולידי וזהיר, שקיבל המלצות טובות, אם דרך שירות כזה מוצאים בני אדם את אושרם - מה איכפת מאיפה זה התחיל? הרי בעוד חמש שנים הם תמיד יוכלו להגיד שנפגשו במשחק בייסבול או ליד המדף של הבמבה בסופרמרקט.

משהוא אישי:

באופן די מסודר, יום חמישי בערב הוא נקודת השיא של השבוע שלי. אני מפסיק לשלוש שעות להיות רופא ומדען, יורד ל"תיאטרון הדוב" Bear Theatre והופך לבן אדם אחר. שם אנחנו מציגים כבר שנה חמישית ברציפות את "זנבות". אנחנו - זוהי קבוצת אנשי בית החולים (רופאים, אחיות, פקידות, עובדים ועובדות סוציאליים וכל שאר המקצועות) ומתנדבים מהקהילה. ההצגה עוסקת בלהיות שונה ולקבל את עצמך כמו שאתה. הקהל הם הילדים המאושפזים, הוריהם ובני משפחתם. בימים אלה סיימנו מאתיים הצגות ואלה שעוסקים במלאכה מליל הפתיחה מקבלים את פרס "זנב הכסף", פסלון של ילד שלראשו אוזני תחפושת ומאחוריו זנב (זה מה שלובשים הילדים בהצגה). לתיאטרון הדוב יש רקע ישראלי מאוד חזק. בנוסף לי השתתפה בהפקה רביטל קדם, את הכוריאוגרפיה עשתה האמנית אילנה כליף, ובאופן קבוע משתתפת בתיאטרון ורָה גוטמנוביץ שמוכרת לכולנו מהרדיו. בשנים הראשונות פעלנו בחדר משחקים ששונה לתיאטרון, עד אשר לפני שנתיים תרמו לנו בני משפחת קימלמן וחבריהם תיאטרון חדש שנראה מקצועי לחלוטין ומעניק לילדים ולהורים חווית תיאטרון מושלמת. ביתם, מרני קימלמן, נספתה בפצצה של מחבל על חוף הים בתל אביב בתחילת שנות התשעים, והאולם נושא את שמה: Marnie's Rainbow (הקשת של מרני). אחרי כל הצגה נושאת אותי תחושה של אופוריה שנמשכת לפעמים עד יום שישי, והרבה פעמים עוזרת להתגבר על מצוקות היום. אבל שישאר בינינו.

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Saul Korman would be Crown Prince of Danforth if he wasn't already King

When you walk into Korry's Clothiers at 569 Danforth Avenue, the first things you notice are light and space. The lighting is bright but unobtrusive, showing fine garments at their best; well-placed mirrors enhance the spaciousness of Korry's two floors. Gleaming hardwood and swing bands from the '40's and '50's add warmth.

Korry's employs 15 people, including friendly salespeople and expert tailors in house. Growth has not tempted owner Saul Korman to abandon the personal touch: he spends plenty of time with the customers, and supervises the buying of every garment and bolt of cloth. Rare as they are, complaints are dealt with promptly, thoroughly and to the customer's total satisfaction.

Sports celebrities abound

Korry's receives many testimonials, and can take pride in a long list of prominent people who buy here. When I walked in to interview Saul, he was sitting at a table near the front door, chatting with Stormin' Norman Rumack of Fan 590 fame.

Sports celebrities among Korry's customers include Toronto Maple Leafs' Doug Gilmour, golfer Howard Ferguson and skater Elvis Stojko. Radio personalities include John Derringer, co-host of The Morning Show on Sports Radio The Fan 590 AM, Bill Carroll, host of Toronto Talks on Talk Radio 640 AM, and Joey Vendetta, host of The Afternoon Show on Q107 FM. Other customers are author George C. Scott and actor Christopher Plummer.

Saul Korman revitalizes the old adage that "the customer is king". "Good suits don't wear out fast," he confides, smiling; "for people to come back soon, they have to want to buy something new. And for that, you offer top service and variety of product." Among the quality lines sold here are Canali, Arnold Brant, Versace Classic V2, two-for-one suits under Korry's private Roberto label, and other designer labels.

Saul has given much thought to how a customer might advise a retail clothing salesman:

"Ask me when I'll wear the suit or garment I'm shopping for; then find out my preferences in colour, design and styling. Don't constantly push the merchandise: draw me out — and listen to my response to your suggestions. Ask about my present wardrobe; try to steer me to items that will add variety, yet harmonize with what I already have.

"Establish rapport with me, especially if I'm a new customer. Personal interest in me will help bring me back. Tell me about trends and fashions — and give me expert advice on how far to follow them. When I try a garment on, tell me honestly whether you think it's for me. If it is, tell me why. Does it suit my build, colouring, personality, etc.?

"If I like something expensive, but seem wary of the price, don't take that reaction too seriously. If you know it will turn me on, use all your tact to persuade me to buy. I love to get a glow of satisfaction from an important purchase.

"If I'm a long-standing customer, don't take me for granted. A casual remark that shows you remember something I said months ago makes me feel appreciated, and cements our relationship.

"Smile! An upbeat attitude is contagious.

"Write me, to thank me for my purchase and offer to make any alterations I need. In these days of E-mail and answering machines, an old-fashioned letter is a pleasant, personal touch."

Saul's motion picture career

Saul has been on the Danforth for 44 years, and at 569 for 25 years; but he's still learning. As he says in a June column in the Financial Post: "Recently, I learned that it's possible for our in-store tailors to custom-make a suit in just one day. Actor Tommy Davidson, of In Living Colour, was in town shooting his new movie *Good To Go*. There was a scene ready to be shot, and they lacked the necessary wardrobe.

"Vicki Graef, of Toronto's Booty Call Film Productions, brought her problem to Korry's; and we solved it. Then, Mr. Davidson liked our selection so much, he bought some Canali pieces off the rack. Thanks, Vicki, for helping me see that the impossible is possible when you put your mind to it."

Saul Korman is an accomplished promoter who does his own commercials — and an enthusiastic goodwill ambassador for the Danforth. He hails the economic and cultural achievements of the restauranteurs and other entrepreneurs there, whose work and skills have built the thriving Danforth of today.

Alongside the testimonials in Saul's office are plaques from business groups like the Ontario Men's and Boys' Apparel Association — and community and charitable organizations like the Reena Foundation. He is also a supporter of the Riverdale Jewish Community Centre.

Saul Korman is a man who enjoys his work, and believes that generosity and goodwill make good business sense. He and the staff at Korry's look forward to meeting you at 569 Danforth Avenue, just east of the Chester subway. Call (416) 463-1115.

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Ouzeri: Mediterranean flavours

Toronto's personality changes with the seasons. In the summer, for example, when the cafés open their patios, we become Mediterranean. In July, **Ouzeri** (modelled by architect Aristidis Pasparakis on the restaurants of the Greek islands) offers you a taste of this relaxed Mediterranean lifestyle.

The front is open, the doorway wide; the natural thing is to step inside. The interior is spacious, the ceiling high, with old-fashioned fans; the walls are light, creamy green,

with strokes of abstract designs in richer colors. Besides the patio, there are three levels, with marble tables imported from Greece.

Owner Fotis Sotiroulis, who is also the chef, opened Ouzeri six years ago. Manager Jimmy Nikolakakos has worked with him for five years, and most of the staff are long-term employees. "We treat them well," says Fotis; "they treat us well."

Ouzeri is a hospitable place, whose staff will sing Happy Birthday at the drop of a hat. There are plenty of new patrons, but also many regulars who know where to come back to. Good food is not to be rushed through, either in cooking or eating; so when you come, be ready to take time over a relaxed meal, good conversation and lively entertainment.

Besides several dozen Greek dishes, there are Middle Eastern flavors. Lamb shoulder fricassee, moussaka with meat, chicken and rosemary filo pie, or rabbit *stiffado boureki* pie will tempt the meat eater. If you like seafood, try scallops and *kaseri*, or prawns with feta and wine.

Of the *mezes* and snacks, *tirosalata*, a cheese dish, is recommended; so is *saganaki* (cheese flamed at your table). Vegetable dishes include *imam bayaldi*; for dessert, try *bougatsa*. There is a huge liquor list with about 50 wines, ten of which are Greek, all served by glass or bottle.

Tuesdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., there is live bouzouki music; patrons enjoy themselves so much they dance on the tables. On Fridays and Saturdays, at about 9 or 10 p.m., the Zorba-style dancers start, in traditional Greek costume, after which Ouzeri remains open until 4 a.m.

Ouzeri seats just over 130; if you come with a large party, or on a busy night, it's best to make reservations. You will find Ouzeri at 500A Danforth, just east of the Chester subway; telephone 778-0500.

Avli tempts palate with tastes of Asia Minor

Many established North American ethnic communities have cooking styles which synthesize Old World and New. For example, there is New York-style pizza; and when you think of Greek food, probably what comes to mind is souvlaki.

Avli owners Sharon Murray and Lambrinos Vassiliou offer something quite different. This is the taste of the Old World — more particularly, Constantinople (now usually called Istanbul). Chef Lambrinos, known to patrons as Lambro, imparts the personal touch of a real chef to delectations which evoke the Middle East and Asia Minor.

Cinnamon, black currants and pine nuts flavor many dishes. The large vegetarian menu includes delicacies like lentils with Italian cheese and walnuts, grilled leek and sweet pepper, and baked eggplant and pine nuts. Meat eaters will enjoy *kleftiko* lamb pie, or lamb shank in sun-dried tomato and wine sauce.

Avli makes its own filo pastry, and the seafood is fresh each day. The wine list is mainly Greek; so are most of the desserts, like the crisp baklava. The main exception is the cream caramel, which Lambrinos makes according to his own high standards.

Main courses are not pre-cooked, but prepared for you individually when you order. The pies, made with special care, are cooked and served in individual clay dishes; order them or the lamb shank early. At Avli, you will rediscover the joy of a leisurely meal, free of the need to rush.

Avli opens for lunch daily at noon. The lunch menu features *mezes*: small, inexpensive plates, which several guests can put together in interesting combinations, as a kind of Greek dim sum. Lambrinos especially recommends the sauteed chicken livers, grilled calamari, or *saganaki* (fried cheese).

The liveliest nights are Friday and Saturday, with live music after 10 p.m. Chef Lambrinos, who was once a singer, often sings along with the musicians; so do other members of the staff, and the guests. If you're coming when it's busy, it's a good idea to make reservations. If you want a quieter ambience, try Sunday evening.

The walls are whitewashed, with shelves holding earthenware in classical Greek styles, and pieces of tapestry from Asia Minor. "Avli" is Greek for "courtyard"; and though the restaurant is indoors, it has a light, spacious outdoor atmosphere. Avli, at 401 Danforth Avenue, invites you; telephone 461-9577.

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—Sara Waxman, *Toronto Sun, June 25/95*

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Greektown on the Danforth: Canadian heritage in the making

More than a tourist area, Greektown on the Danforth is a community. In the summer, when the trees reach their full green and Toronto's restauranteurs put out their patio tables, this may be more obvious than in the cooler seasons. For it is in the summer, especially along the Danforth from Broadview east to Jones Avenue, that Toronto puts on its Mediterranean face.

Plenty to woo your senses

Here, when friends and acquaintances greet, you are as likely to hear *"Kall' imera! Ti kanis?"* as "Hi! How are you?" In fine eating establishments like Avli, Ouzeri, or Mezes, you hear patrons converse in every language of the world.

While the music of Greek polysyllables will appeal to your ears, the most important thing is not the language, but the fact that people do greet each other. Bustling and busy as the community is, everyone — not just tourists, but anyone who lives and works here — is as liable to stroll as to hurry.

There is plenty on the Danforth to woo your senses, and make you want to slow your steps: bright color and exotic decor; the sound of the bouzouki; the aroma of lamb souvlaki wafting from a grill; and the tastes of exotic foods. It is the restaurants above all — they, and the atmosphere here, at once lively and relaxed — which draw people from all over the city and beyond.

The decor of many restaurants, like Avli and Ouzeri, captures the light colors and terraced style associated with the Greek islands and mountainsides. And while souvlaki is everywhere on the Danforth, its dining establishments take pride in offering a taste of other Greek cuisines, like that of Asia Minor in Avli, or the dozens of small, tantalizing plates which gives Mezes its name.

There is plenty of live entertainment here. Ouzeri features professional Greek musicians; at Avli, the chef himself is a singer. Audience participation is the rule, rather than the exception (though after a fine, full meal, you may feel disinclined to dance on a tabletop as they do at Ouzeri). For both food and entertainment, the Danforth offers an embarrassment of riches.

A feeling found nowhere else

There are a few other Toronto streets which are wider in actual metres; but the Danforth has an expansive feel about it which you don't find anywhere else. A low-rise area of two- and three-storey buildings, the Danforth is backed on its north and south sides by neighborhoods of solid, well-kept homes, whose trees are so old and so tall they rise over the buildings. Here and there are streetside parks, where you can sit and rest your feet.

If you look closely, you see there is a solid community here. You see not only the tourists, but also the elderly and the children, as they shop, stroll or sit and chat in the cafés and parks. In the restaurants, waiters and bartenders rush to offer everyone prompt, friendly service; but there are plenty of regular guests whom they greet by name.

Nor is it just staff who do this. You will see the owners showing guests to their tables, greeting them warmly; they take seriously the idea of an owner-operated business, knowing that "keeping your hand in" is the best way to ensure ongoing quality and a happy customer.

Scattered among the restaurants, there are the small businesses that belong in any healthy city neighborhood; there are schools, houses of worship, bookstores, clubs and community centres as well. People not only work here, they live here; and it is in great part because they keep Greektown pleasant to live in, that it is pleasant to visit.

If you really want to get to know the community, there are less conspicuous aspects which you learn by chatting with the people here. For example, many restaurant owners, chefs and home cooks from all over the city who want fresh, first-class produce make early-morning trips here to buy from stores on the Danforth.

"Taste of the Danforth" August 9 – 11

If you chat a little with the staffs of different restaurants, you find that they know each other. There is plenty of competition here, but it is friendly. To thrive, a restauranteur has to cherish the firm conviction that his or her establishment is the best; but any proprietor you speak to on the Danforth can extol the virtues of that particular locale, without knocking the competition.

It is from this wealth of restaurants that the "Taste of the Danforth" festival was born. This annual event has become so popular that this year the north side of the Danforth will be closed to traffic for its duration, from Friday Aug. 9 to Sunday Aug. 11. Last year, over 40 restaurants participated with a "taste" from their menu at $1, $2 and $3. Net proceeds go to the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation, as do the proceeds from a ticket raffle for a trip for two to Greece. Other festivities include major bands (The Skydiggers perform on Saturday night), a children's area (offering activities such as bouncing things, mini golf and batting cages), and the first-ever Taste of the Danforth Fashion Show. It's a great opportunity to sample the Danforth's culinary delights while enjoying its ambience.

Saul Korman: Danforth pioneer still going strong

While the Danforth is a community, it has never been a closed enclave. Saul Korman of Korry's Clothiers, an active member of the Jewish community, is also an enthusiastic promoter of the Danforth and can be heard extolling the virtues of its many restaurants on local airwaves. Having been there over 40 years, his store was the first among the area's many fashion outlets.

Saul knows the people of this community, many of whom started as dishwashers and short-order cooks in the '50's and '60's, then opened the first modest Greek restaurants in the '70's. Many of them came here seeking both prosperity and freedom; the late Andreas Papandreou (a recent Prime Minister of Greece) lived in Canada from 1969 to 1974.

Saul shares with the people who live and work on the Danforth their joy in the prosperity and freedom of Canada. If you come to the Danforth, you are breathing, hearing and tasting Canadian heritage — not in a museum, but as contemporary history in the making. It's a compelling and pleasurable experience.

Mezes: food worth sharing

At **Mezes**, you feel welcome the moment you enter — because of the way street and interior merge at the patio, Mediterranean style, and because of the people that occupy this pleasant space. Owner Sue Zindros or one of her friendly staff greets you and finds you a seat within seconds.

Now situated half a block east of its original location, Mezes boasts a breathtaking new interior. It's comfortably spacious, with plenty of room between the tables, and a raised area at the rear; the terraced effect is inspired by the buildings on the mountainous islands of Greece. Bas-reliefs and paintings on the walls capture the scenes and colors of this region in blues, whites, greens, terracotta and earth tones.

Mezes' staff, says Sue, are "like family; they work with me, not for me. If you operate your own business, you have to nurture your people." This feeling diffuses itself to the patrons. While plenty of new guests come in, about 80 percent are regulars.

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While chef Christina Kekkas offers tempting entrées, salads and combination platters, the specialties of the house are, of course, *mezes*. This word does not translate precisely into English. The concept evolved from the fact that in Greek culture, people enjoy sharing; everyone orders one plate, then passes one's own around and samples the others. And while one *mezes* makes a substantial snack, two or three *mezes* make a meal, and a dozen a banquet.

The *dolmades* (vine leaves stuffed with ground beef and rice) are succulent; the crisp kalamari with yogurt dip and a squirt of lemon will make your mouth water at the memory. Then there are many fresh, tangy dips, served with pita. Try four: *taramosalata*, a caviar dip; *tzatziki*, made from yogurt and cucumbers; hummous; and *melitzanosalata*, an eggplant-and-onion dip.

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From coast to coast

CJC's top professional taking year off

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is losing its top professional, but only for a year.

Jack Silverstone, national executive-director and general counsel for the past 11 years, is taking a leave of absence and heads for Israel in August.

"This is something I've thought of doing for a long, long time," said Silverstone, 45. His goals are to become fluent in Hebrew and gain an in-depth understanding of Israel, which he terms "the central address of the continuity of Jewish life.

"I want to have a positive Israel experience with my family," he said. "I think that's important for any career-oriented person in the Jewish civil service. I'm grateful to the (CJC) officers for recognizing that."

He's going with his wife Ann, a social work student at McGill, and their three children: Gavriella, 14; Simon, 11; and Lee Joseph, 4. They'll be living in an apartment in Ra'ananna, north of Tel Aviv, near Herzliya.

The eldest children, already proficient in Hebrew, will be entering the regular public school system. Ann will be enrolling in an ulpan with Jack.

Silverstone, who is on leave without pay, insists he fully intends to return, probably next July, to the same position.

In his absence, CJC will be run by a small "management committee" of senior staff, he said. CJC now has six professional national-level staff in Montreal, and one each in Ottawa and Toronto, plus support staff.

Silverstone notes he will stay in touch, as needed, by phone, fax or e-mail. He also expects to do some ground work for the CJC national executive meeting in Israel Feb. 23 to March 5, next year.

The number of national staff has dwindled over the decade Silverstone has served, due to budget cuts and circumstances. Reponsibility for Holocaust remembrance and Yiddish went over to the federation; Soviet Jewry disappeared; and, most notably, executive vice-president Alan Rose, since deceased, resigned last year.

Silverstone took over many of Rose's responsibilities, which were notably international affairs, inter-

Jack Silverstone

faith relations and claims on behalf of victims of the Nazis. One of Silverstone's last duties before leaving is attending an international claims conference in Buenos Aires.

Silverstone has been to Israel "two dozen times," but never for an extended period. Three of his longer stays, and the most rewarding, have been with Volunteers for Israel, under which he did support work at army bases. He hopes he can take another such assignment during this year off.

He also hopes to do some writing about contemporary Jewish life, and perhaps affiliate with a research institute. He looking forward to attending various conferences, such as that of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

A graduate of Baron Byng High School, Silverstone was a salesman at Le Chateau clothing stores after graduating from McGill with a BA. He went back to McGill to study law, and passed both the Quebec and Ontario bars, but never practiced.

In 1978, he joined the External Affairs Department (now Foreign Affairs) and had his first foreign posting in 1982 to Mexico City. He was a vice-consul in Atlanta when then CJC president Milton Harris invited him to become national executive-director, even though he had no experience working in the Jewish community.

"I was warned it would be a meat grinder, that I'd not likely survive, but I here am now more than a decade later," said Silverstone.

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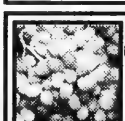

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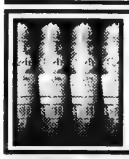

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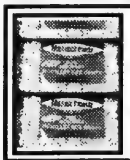

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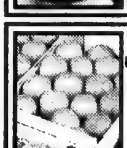

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By Miriam Herman

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, July 25, is deadline for Aug. 8 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, July 21

SKATE-A-THON 96

Get In-Line to Beat Cancer—Skate-a-Thon 96, an in-line skating fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mississauga City Hall, 300 City Centre Dr. Minimum pledge $20. Beginners or advanced routes. Great prizes. 905-896-3200.

Thursday, July 25

TISHA B'AV 5756

JEP Toronto, 2939 Bathurst St., invites you to join in a meaningful day of prayer, tears and hope. Morning prayers followed by Kinos and Eicha with introductions and interpretations, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Special lectures for men and women on the theme of Tisha b'Av, Mincha, Maariv and fast breaking, 4-9:10 p.m. 905-886-1501.

Friday, July 26

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Join in the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Shabbat Nachamu outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service, 8:15 p.m., officiated by **Rabbi Philip Scheim** and **Cantor Yehuda Rottner**. Oneg Shabbat following.

Sunday, July 28

100 YEARS OF ZIONISM

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation Entertainment and Cultural Connection in conjunction with Brotherhood presents **Jerry Ziedenberg** speaking on Theodor Herzl: 100 Years of Zionism (includes showing of rare films), 8 p.m., synagogue. Guests $2. Coordinators **Jerry and Sandra Genesove**.

And What Else Is New...

TZEDAKAH DISPLAY

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation is organizing a display on Tzedakah and is looking for tzedakah boxes, old and new, to exhibit. New Jewish communal and religious organizational tzedakah boxes can be left at the synagogue office, 470 Glencairn Ave. If you have a tzedakah box of historical, artistic interest or an older Jewish organization box, please leave your name and phone number with **Carol** at the synagogue, 789-3213. Displays are secure and insured.

PEER GROUP FOR KIDS

Do Your Kids Have Trouble Making Friends?, a Jewish Family & Child Service peer group for kids who are shy, have difficulty making friends and asserting themselves with others. Group will improve your child's social skills and enhance his/her self-esteem. Begins Oct. 1. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service is formimg a Cancer Support Group to start soon. **Sheila Walker** 638-7800, ext. 260.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W, 631-9395.

Wednesday, July 24, the 9th of Av (Tisha b'Av) discussion.

Monday, July 29, The Month of Av and the Power of Moshiach with **Rabbi Phillip Berg**, 8 p.m. Register.

Tuesday, July 30, Tu b'Av lecture and party, 8:30 p.m.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

There are many lonely and isolated seniors in our community whose lives would be greatly enriched by the conversation and companionship that a volunteer visitor could provide — a walk in the park, sharing a story, a joke or a smile. If you have at least one hour available per week, consider becoming a Senior Care volunteer visitor. You can make a difference! Contact **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care/Community Service to Jewish Elderly 635-2860.

TODDLER TALK

Toddler Talk — Pleasure of Parenting, a North York Public Health program for parents of chil-

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dren 1-4 years of age. Join other parents for discussions led by a Public Health nurse, Tuesdays, July 30-Aug. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Recreation Centre, 20 Covington Rd. Program is free. Register 395-7600.

JEWISH SINGLES HOTLINE

Jewish singles are invited to access singles' event information from the new Jewish Singles Hotline sponsored by Jewish Information Service. To get all the latest events and information, call 635-5605 after business hours, Mondays-Thursdays 5-9 p.m.; weekends, Fridays from 4 p.m.-Mondays at 9 a.m.

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PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service positive parenting groups: Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins Sept. 24; Single Parent Challenge, begins Sept. 26; Successful Step-Parenting: Learning to Step Together, begins Oct. 9; Surviving Your Teen, begins Sept. 25. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Public Library programs for children:

At Centennial Community Branch, 578 Finch Ave. W. 395-5490:

Friday, July 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Speaking of Wildlife. Pick up free tickets starting Thursday, July 18, after 12:30 p.m

Friday, July 26, 2-2:45 p.m. Magic Show. Free tickets starting Thursday, July 25, at 12:30 p.m.

At Bathurst Clark Library, 900 Clark Ave. W. 905-709-1103:

Wednesday, July 24, Sports-A-Rama, ages 6 and up, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31, Olympic Friendship Bracelets, ages 8 and up, 2 p.m.

YIDDISH FOR CHILDREN

Sunday morning Yiddish classes for children, kindergarten and elementary grades, begin Sunday, Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Associated Hebrew Day School, 250 Finch Ave. W. Yiddish reading, writing and conversation is taught with Jewish holidays, culture, customs and history, art and music as a basic part of the program. Sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation, and the North York and York Region Boards of Education. No charge. Registration/information **Sylvia Lustgarten** 635-2883, ext. 155.

MUSICAL TALENT

Musical talent openings with a volunteer Jewish seniors group. **Fred Field** 633-2877.

Victor Salem

MACCABI CANADA

Victor Salem of Montreal has been appointed National Masters Program Chairman for Maccabi Canada. A longtime YM-YWHA member and volunteer, Salem aims to recruit approximately 50 adults in the Masters Program for the 1997 Maccabian Games in Israel. Masters Sports competitions are: golf for men 50 and over; tennis and squash for men and women 35 and over; triathlon, swimming and track and field for men and women 40 and over. A special Grand Masters Tennis for men 65 and over is also recruiting participants. Salem is currently recruiting provincial chairs and individual sports chairs. Those interested in competing at the Masters level, call Salem at 514-334-7533.

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For Seniors

Association of Jewish Seniors monthly meeting, Tuesday, July 23, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 9:30 a.m. bagels and coffee, 10 a.m. meeting. $1. **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11; Israel with a difference, see it the easy way, Nov. 4-25, all inclusive. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel, **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Tuesday, July 23, picnic in Earl Bales Park, 11 a.m.; Thursday, July 25, discussion conducted by **Aaron Dahari** on the Many Problems the New Israeli Government Faces; Sunday, July 28, trip to Niagara River and Art-Park, members $25, non-members $32. **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka** 630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday, July 21, mid-summer dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. non-members $2; July 22-28, Catskills Raleigh Hotel; Thursday, Aug. 1, Peterborough, kosher chicken picnic, locks and tour, members $25, non-members $30; Wednesday, Aug. 7; *Phantom of the Opera*; Thursday, Aug. 8, Sherway Gardens, members $5, non-members $6; Thursday, Aug. 15, Unico Foods, bring lunch, members $5, non-members $6; Sunday, Aug. 18, barbecue party and entertainment, members $5, non-members $6; Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls, bring lunch, members $20, non-members $25. 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors Miami trips: Pines Hotel, 10 days including Atlantic City, $1,065, and Raleigh Hotel, 10 days, may include Atlantic City. Money now being collected. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre program, Healthy Cooking with dietician/nutritionist **Sharon Zeiler**, Tuesday, July 23, 1:15 p.m. $1 material fee. Register at Wellness Desk.

Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, July 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. **Brenda**

Lifelong Learning Institute presents Live-In Concert with classical guitarist **Edra Bayefsky**, Monday, July 29, 1 p.m. Members $1, non-members $3.

Etrog, Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. July 31 program is a sing-a-long. **Anna**.

Sunday movies: *An American in Paris*, July 21; *Driving Miss Daisy*, July 28, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon social July 31, songs of many languages, **Cobi Chai**, 1:30 p.m. Members $3 non-members $4.

About People

OR HAEMET DIRECTOR

Rabbi Mordechai Sevy, 43, was appointed educational director of Or Haemet Sephardic School. Rabbi Sevy is an IDF veteran and holder of Israel Chief Rabbinate ordination as well as academic

Rabbi Mordechai Sevy

degrees from the U.S. and Canada. Equipped with a rich background and experience both in the rabbinate and education, Rabbi Sevy hopes to see the school as the Sephardi cultural centre of Toronto. As it moves to its new location at Bathurst and Steeles, the 20-year-old Or Haemet Sephardic School expects to increase enrolment and see more Jewish children attend the school.

YOUNG MENTSH

Jacob Daniel Bregman is shown at the party marking the establishment of a fund in Neonatal Intensive Care at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in the name of his grandparents Lou and Yetta Bregman. For his recently celebrated bar mitzvah, Jacob requested donations to the fund in lieu of personal gifts. A plaque is being installed in Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jacob's name.

CHAT TALENT SHOW

CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) student council recently held a successful Talent Show and presented a generous donation to Jewish Family & Child Service from this event. From left are Jody Spiegel, talent show producer; Zena Haberman, assistant director; Renee Kestelman, director; Adam Bretholz, student council president; Florence Weinberger, executive assistant, JF & CS.

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From coast to coast

Vancouver federation turns to endowment funds

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — While personal contact is still a favored way for fundraisers to canvass, endowment funds are playing an increasingly important role, especially for securing long-term funding.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) has waged an effective campaign for endowment giving and in only five years, has accumulated total assets of over $4.5 million, plus additional commitments of $5 million, according to a report from Janice Loomer Margolis, director of the federation's endowment fund.

Only the income generated is available for distribution to fund specifically designated areas of service or special new programs, says Margolis.

When appropriate, she adds, endowment programs can be named in honor of the donor "or in honor of someone you love."

To encourage endowment giving, Wolfe Goodman, one of Canada's foremost tax experts, spoke to over 100 prospects and financial experts at a recent luncheon meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Goodman, a partner in the Toronto law firm of Goodman and Carr; offered advice for setting up various types of endowments and bequests and stressed their tax benefits.

Goodman noted that in the 1996 federal budget, the government, perhaps recognizing the problems created for charities by its drastic cutbacks, has eased the relief available to charitable donors. The amount a donor can claim has been increased from 20 percent of taxable income for the year to 50 percent plus an additional 50 percent of taxable capital gains arising in respect of charitable gifts made in the year.

He said previous tax regulations were "a very expensive way to make a charitable gift."

In a memo prepared for *The CJN*, Margolis reported three tax changes "which will have positive impacts in situations where major donations are considered."

First, as noted, the limit of tax credits for a taxpayer's annual donations to charities increases. A five-year carry forward for unused receipts has been retained.

Secondly, in the year of death, tax credits may be used to offset up to 100 percent of taxable income. Unused credits can be carried back one year, again with the 100 percent limitation.

The third, "and perhaps most significant change," said Margolis, will be raising the limit to 100 percent on the portion of a donation of appreciated property that must be included in the donor's taxable income. The full amount of the gain which arises on making the gift is sheltered from tax by the charitable receipt. In addition, as the receipt will be higher than the taxable gain, this amount can be used to shelter other income from taxation, either in the year of the gift or in the five subsequent years.

Goodman also discussed the feasibility of elderly people and others donating capital to charity via annuities. Some organizations have their own annuity program, while others purchase gift annuities from an insurance company.

Goodman says another group of potential donors consists of professional or salaried people, who may be higher income earners but have only modest amounts of capital. To protect their families in case of death, these people can give what they wish to charity through life insurance. The most common arrangement is to have the charity named as owner and beneficiary of a policy; or an existing policy can be assigned to a charity. If the existing policy has cash value, the donor gets a tax receipt for the value of the policy. Payments of premium by the donor is regarded as a gift to charity for tax purposes.

Thus, for modest premiums for which the individual gets tax credits, "he or she can provide a handsome endowment for charity, without reducing capital."

Business people, Goodman said, are frequently prevented by the cash needs of their businesses from making large gifts in cash or securities.

"In my view," he said, "an attractive method for principals in a closely held business involves use of their shareholder's loan account — acquired bonuses that are loaned back to the company."

Using this system, the individual may convert the loan to an interest-bearing promissory note that is often gifted to a charity. The charity will issue a tax receipt for the value of the note to the individual. The individual arranges for the company to buy a life insurance policy on his life. The company will pay interest annually on the loan, which it may deduct from the operating income. (These interest payments may be characterized as the individual's annual gift to the charity.)

On the death of the individual, the company receives the tax free proceeds from the insurance policy, which it uses to repay the promissory note.

For more information about the many ways to donate with maximum tax benefits, in the Vancouver area you can contact Janice Loomer Margolis at the JFGV, fax 604-257-5110, or call her at 604-257-5100. In other Canadian centres where endowment funds have been established, consult your local federation office.

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Court's decision, the government acted in accord with Canadians' sense of justice," said Irving Abella, chair of the Congress war crimes committee. "It is unthinkable to allow men suspected of being involved in some of the worst crimes in the annals of human history to enjoy the fruits of Canadian citizenship and escape justice without a full hearing of the allegations. We hope the Federal Court of Appeal will agree. Justice demands no less."

In other developments, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre called on Rock to appoint a committee to review the Justice Department's poor record on war crimes prosecutions.

"It is hard to conceive that any other department would have such a sorry record, such a long list of failures, so many delays and blunders, without facing an intensive review of its personnel and procedures. Something has clearly gone seriously wrong," Littman stated in a letter to Rock.

Littman suggested the review be conducted by a committee of lawyers and judges from outside the Justice Department.

"The government can't be held accountable for 50 years of history, all the things that Littman is concerned about. I think the government's record has been clear," Simms said referring to the January '95 announcement. "We're well on the way to meet that [target]."

Since January 1995, "there has been a determined effort" to bring alleged war criminals to justice, he added.

Sims said federal lawyers were hoping to receive judicial direction on various complex legal issues before proceeding with other cases. That direction is needed "so as not to go down the wrong path."

Since 1986, when the Deschenes Commission reported on Nazi war criminals living in Canada, federal authorities have succeeded in only one case involving someone residing in Canada: Former Dutch Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens was deported to Holland. All other criminal prosecutions and citizenship revocation cases have failed, although Arthur Rudolph, a former Nazi rocket scientist and U.S. citizen, was ordered removed from Canada after a deportation hearing.

From coast to coast

News Roundup

JNF Elections Held

VANCOUVER — Bill Gruenthal has been elected president of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Pacific region, succeeding Ruth Freeman.

In her presidential report, Freeman said the region has been very productive in the past two years. A highlight of her term of office, she said, was the first ever kosher Negev dinner held at the Empress Hotel in Victoria.

The Jerusalem 3000 program resulted in increased contributions to the JNF, she said, and the Okanagan community raised funds for Jerusalem 3000 for the Okanagan Grove in the B.C. Forest in Israel.

Other officers elected were Sanford Cohen, Michael Cohene, Dr. Monte Glanzberg, vice-presidents; Bonnie Belzberg, treasurer; Harvey Dales, secretary.

— Maurice Lucow

Kotler Heads OJC

KELOWNA — Mel Kotler was elected president of the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) at the recent annual meeting.

"We were worried about our ability to fill the executive slate for the upcoming year to deal with diminishing involvement," said Kotler, who was one of the founders of the OJC. "But after considerable soul-searching we resolved matters in a positive way, with the membership pledging to become more involved."

Others elected include: Dr. Stephen Finkleman, vice-president, programming; Lil Feldberg, vice-president, building; Paul Henry, treasurer; Dr. David Kates, secretary; Howard Lawrence, newsletter; Shelley Malkin, member at large. **— Maurice Lucow**

Multifaith Group Meets

WHITE ROCK, B.C. — "We have to try and understand each other better because it is a very small world we live in," said Marilyn Berger, associate director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, at a recent meeting in White Rock of the Semiahmoo Peninsula Multifaith Action group.

The alternative is "causeless hatred which petrifies the heart and becomes organized malice," Berger said.

Multifaith work is one way of bridging the boundaries that separate communities, in order to create friendship and understanding and weaken the grip of blind prejudice she said.

"But the goal must be to meet each other respectfully and not try to convert one another."

The Semiahmoo group was formed in late May in response to a perceived need for dialogue along religious lines. The group hopes to bring together community religious leaders in the South Surrey/White Rock area, and plans to celebrate multicultural religious festivities with the wider public.

— Maurice Lucow

Human Rights Coalition

YAHK, B.C. — The Creston Valley Human Rights Coalition was formed earlier this year to deal with racist problems, human rights education and anti-racism awareness in this mountain region, according to Peter Ashmore, the coalition coordinator.

Creston Valley, deep in the heart of the Rockies, is close to the border with Idaho, a U.S. state known, Ashmore said, as a hot bed of racism whose ideas have filtered across the border to British Columbia.

The coalition is a loosely organized group, Helena White, publisher of the twice-weekly *Creston Valley Advance*, told *The CJN*. She said advice for its organization was received from David Lethbridge, head of the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism.

"We plan to work with schools, churches, businesses, unions, youth groups and others to make our communities safe and inclusive places," Ashmore said.

— Maurice Lucow

Jerusalem Prize Awarded

WINNIPEG — Theresa Rosenberg was recently presented with the Jerusalem Prize, in recognition of her work on behalf of the State of Israel.

The presentation was made by the Canadian Zionist Federation at the Jewish National Fund's annual Negev Dinner here, which this year drew 1,200 people, making it once again one of the most successful Negev Dinner fundraisers in Canada.

Rosenberg has been a lifelong activist on behalf of Israel. As she noted in her thank you speech, Winnipeg has a long history of Zionist activity.

"My family was deeply involved," she said. "It was only natural that I followed their example. To this day, my love for Israel and the Jewish people is an unquenchable flame. I hope all the energy that I and my husband Murray have devoted to Israel will be carried on by our children and grandchildren.

Rosenberg described the presentation of the Jerusalem Prize and the recognition of her peers as a pinnacle in her career, in her work for Israel, and a milestone in her life. **— Myron Love**

Hadassah Honors Cohen

HAMILTON — Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO held its annual closing and tribute dinner at Temple Anshe Sholom recently.

This year's honoree was Raye Cohen, named Woman of the Year for her close to 50 years of dedication to Hadassah-WIZO.

Known here as Ms. Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar, Cohen, a native of New York City, began helping out whenever she came to visit her aunt, Helen Schwartz.

In 1945, she came to Hamilton as a landed immigrant, because she told *The CJN*, "my mother made me." Her brother, Sam Stolman, was already living here and it turned out to be, Cohen said, "the best move I ever made." She married a Hamiltonian, the late Berman Cohen, and before long, she was an active member of Hadassah-WIZO.

She was instrumental in forming the Tzipah Paikin chapter, named after another aunt who was active in the organization, and served as its president for over 12 years.

But most of all, Cohen worked on the bazaar. Every room in her house would be filled with donations to the bazaar and though she now lives in an apartment, the spare room is still filled with bazaar items.

Also recognized for 50 years of dedicated service was the Henrietta Szold chapter. Council president, Lila Strub, who will serve another term, gave the year-end report. **— Moura Wolpert**

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Dingwall hands out Canada Volunteer Awards

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dan Shapiro, who has helped raise $4 million to fight diseases affecting his children and thousands of other Canadians; and Raylene Godel, a breast cancer survivor who visits and encourages others with the illness, are among 23 winners of the Canada Volunteer Award.

The awards were presented by federal Health Minister David Dingwall at a ceremony in Ottawa.

Karen, daughter of Dan and Elaine Shaprio, was diagnosed in 1982 with colitis, a form of inflammatory bowel disease.

"We nearly lost her at that time. Her veins were collapsing and it was only an astute diagnosis that saved her," said Shapiro. "We didn't even know what colitis was then. She is in reasonably good health now and is expecting a baby."

Their son, Robert, was diagnosed in 1985 with Crohn's disease, another inflammatory bowel condition. Now on a strict diet, he is in good health.

Two of Elaine Shapiro's sisters are also afflicted with colitis.

In 1982, Dan Shapiro launched the annual Awards Dinner of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. Besides overseeing the event, he personally sells 1,000 tickets for it each year. The foundation, with help from food industry executives, has raised $4 million for medical research.

David Dingwall with Dan Shapiro (right) at the Canada Volunteer Award Ceremony.

Cancer conferences

In addition, as senior vice-president of Loblaws Companies, Shapiro began to sell Christmas cakes for the foundation and has raised $1.5 million so far.

The foundation's honoree at the dinner in November this year is Richard J. Currie, president of Loblaws.

Shapiro, a volunteer with the Lyndhurst Foundation, Variety Village and Ronald McDonald House, has also raised funds for Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Since 1982, Godel has educated and inspired others through the Canadian Cancer Society, especially the Reach to Recovery Program. Her efforts have given Ontario patients and families a voice in cancer care decisions.

She has participated in international cancer conferences, is involved in planning the Ontario Breast Screening Program at Toronto Centre, and is a regional contact for the Canadian Breast Cancer Network. She helped revise the booklet *What You Need to Know about Breast Cancer* and works with Breast Cancer Action, Ottawa, to help distribute information on lymphedema. She also visits newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

Gene therapy used on brain tumor

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – For the first time here, a 50-year-old woman suffering from a brain tumor is being treated with gene therapy.

The woman had the genetic material inserted at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital, which is participating in international clinical trials. She had surgery seven months ago to remove the tumor and underwent radiotherapy. But a month ago a second brain tumor was discovered. Now doctors are hoping that gene therapy will help her.

The clinical experiment was initially carried out by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and coordinated by Dr. Zvi Ram, who has since returned to Sheba's neurosurgery department.

The treatment is based on the fact that brain cells do not ordinarily divide, but only the cancer cells do.

There are viruses that attack only cells that divide.

Thus by using genetic engineering techniques, cells carrying the herpes virus are injected into the tumor and only infect the cancer cells. The cells are then destroyed by an anti-herpes drug.

ODA VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Wayne Pulver, an endodontist from Willowdale, has been elected vice-president of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA). He will become president of the association in 1998. Dr. Pulver has extensive background in organized dentistry and has held leadership positions in numerous dental organizations. Dr. Pulver is a member of Holy Blossom Temple and Toronto Freedman Lodge B'nai Brith.

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Netanyahu speech sets new direction for peace

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

Ovation for undivided Jerusalem

WASHINGTON – If one were in an Arab capital watching Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's televised speech to Congress last week, a searing impression would be the legislators' standing ovation in response to his call never to redivide Jerusalem.

Opinion

The image of the entire Congress standing and cheering as Netanyahu said the city would stay under Israeli sovereignty will probably be replayed on TV news shows in the Arab world. This will make it clear that isolating Israel on Jerusalem is not as simple as passing resolutions at an Arab summit.

Another part of the message Arab leaders will not like was Netanyahu's vision of a "new Middle East" that puts democracy, not economics, front and centre in the peace process.

It remains unclear whether this will guide Netanyahu in practice or was merely a rhetorical flourish that was meant to play well with his American audience.

Indeed, part of Netanyahu's appeal to Congress was his ability to wrap his message in terms of values held dear by Americans – self-reliance, freedom, justice and human rights – and his claim that Israel is not against Islam.

Netanyahu also touched on another point sensitive to the Arabs. While he has hammered home his watchword of "reciprocity," making it palpably clear what he expects from the Arab side, he refused to say what Israel would give in return assuming his terms were met. He would only say that at that point, he would be willing to negotiate a final-status agreement, as mandated by the Oslo accords.

Finally, while Netanyahu won warm applause for his important, albeit qualified promise to "begin the long-term process of gradually reducing" foreign aid, Egypt is likely to view the move as putting political pressure upon it. U.S. assistance to Cairo only passes in Congress because of its ties with Israel and the efforts of the pro-Israel community.

The idea of democratizing the Arab world, however, is bound to be the one point of Netanyahu's speech which will draw the most scrutiny in Arab capitals. It marked a major departure for Israeli leaders, even if its operational significance remains unclear.

While its appeal may resonate in some key quarters of Arab public opinion – for example, among Palestinians who deeply want some check on Yasser Arafat's authority – it won't be applauded by the very leaders whose cooperation Israel needs for any future agreements.

Calling democracy a pillar of Middle East peacemaking is something Yitzhak Rabin consistently opposed. Whenever Rabin was asked about the topic, he would flick his wrist and say: "I am not [Hanan] Ashrawi." He would then say that he did not care what Arafat did internally, as long as he curbed terrorism.

Netanyahu expressed philosophical disagreement with this position when he said: "States that respect the human rights of their citizens are not likely to provoke hostile action against their neighbors."

But how will Netanyahu implement this pillar of peacemaking? One Arab diplomat said after the speech that Netanyahu's remarks were merely "justifying his inability to move forward."

Even Netanyahu admitted that "this doesn't mean that we cannot have peace in the region now, peace with non-democratic regimes. I believe we can. It's a fact that we've had such peace agreements."

The Labor government believed that the best hope for political moderation rested with economic progress. Netanyahu, however, made no mention of economics as a key to peace.

Hungarian restitution accord may be model for other nations

By AGNES BOHM
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUDAPEST – An agreement reached last week with the Hungarian government is being hailed as a breakthrough in efforts to obtain restitution for property seized during the Holocaust.

The agreement "is a model for all other countries in the region," said Gusztav Zoltai, executive director of the Hungarian Jewish community.

"This is a landmark event," said Israel Singer, chair of the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO), which joined local Jewish leaders in negotiating the agreement with the Hungarian government. "This establishes the precedent by which the other countries with whom we are negotiating can arrive at an agreement."

As a result of discussions that concluded July 3, the agreement establishes a Hungarian Jewish Heritage Foundation to be headed by a board of directors that will include local and international Jewish leaders, Hungarian government officials and independent members.

The foundation, expected to be set up before the end of the year, will manage Jewish-owned communal properties that will be returned to the community under the terms of the agreement. The properties include synagogues and old age homes, which will be put to direct use by the community, as well as commercial real estate and art treasures.

The foundation will also manage the disbursement of millions of dollars contributed by the Hungarian government.

The agreement did not call for the restitution of personal properties, even if the owners or descendants could be found.

The foundation will be headed by Ronald Lauder, treasurer of the World Jewish Congress. Lauder has been active in Jewish renewal projects in eastern and central Europe through the foundation that bears his name.

The agreement calls for the issuance of compensation coupons, or vouchers, from which annuities will be paid to needy Holocaust survivors.

The Hungarian government provided seed money of about $27 million for the voucher program.

Additional funding will come from income derived from the communal properties being managed by the foundation, Singer said.

Some 16,000 to 18,000 Holocaust survivors will get a monthly pension of $40 from the vouchers, Zoltai said.

Hungary had a pre-war population of 800,000 Jews, about 600,000 of whom died in death or labor camps under the Nazis.

The Hungarian Jewish community, which now numbers between 80,000 and 130,000, is the largest in central Europe.

According to the agreement, only those Jews who live in Hungary will get the pension from the foundation.

Establishment of the foundation must still be confirmed by the Hungarian parliament when it reconvenes in September.

Although the foundation is expected to be hotly debated by parliamentarians, the local Jewish leadership expects that it will be approved.

Since its founding as an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress four years ago, the WJRO has been negotiating the restitution issue with Hungary and other countries in eastern and central Europe. Singer said ongoing negotiations with Romania, Slovakia and Bulgaria are proceeding along similar lines to the agreement reached with Hungary.

The talks are making "significant progress," but no agreements with those countries have yet been reached, he said, adding that the accord with Budapest "stands in marked contrast with the non-cooperation we have been receiving from Poland and the Czech Republic."

In the negotiations with those two countries, Singer said, "we have simply been stonewalled."

[JTA foreign editor Mitchell Danow contributed to this report.]

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The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.

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How the winners will be notified: Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before Shabbat on Aug. 30, 1996.

When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Quebec.

Israel developing a missile defence

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Israel, having learned the bitter lessons of war, has embarked upon a crash program to develop a comprehensive defence shield against incoming enemy missiles.

By all accounts, Israel is well on its way toward realizing its objective.

• The Arrow anti-missile system, which is designed to destroy missiles fired from more than 300 kilometres away, should be fully operational by the turn of the millennium.

• The Nautilus anti-missile laser system, which is supposed to intercept short-range rockets of the kind launched by Hezbollah over the past few years and most recently in April, will probably be available for testing by late 1997.

With the financial and technical help of the United States, Israel is investing a fortune in missile technology because it has no choice. The Arab world is bristling with missiles.

In the wake of the Six Day War, the major Arab states — Egypt, Syria and Iraq — decided to level the playing field by expanding their respective missile forces. During the 1968-70 War of Attrition and the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Arab armies deployed surface-to-air missiles with deadly effect. And in the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles at Israel, causing widespread property damage.

In the face of Iraq's aggression, the United States rushed Patriot missile batteries to Israel. The Patriots raised Israel's sagging morale. In purely military terms, however, the Patriots were largely ineffective because they are meant to defend air fields rather than cities.

When the Gulf War broke out, Israel was unable to deploy the Arrow, because it was not yet operational. Israel began work on the Arrow in 1986 and tested the first prototype shortly after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Since then, Israel has tested the Arrow, including the latest Arrow-2 model, eight times. Last tested five months ago, the Arrow program will cost approximately $1.3 billion (US).

The United States has poured $450 million into the project. Last January, U.S. Secretary of Defence William Perry kicked in another $200 million.

Being interested in building a missile defence system of its own, Washington has a vital stake in the success of the Arrow. In the past 13 years, the United States has spent close to $40 billion in pursuing this goal. The Clinton administration reportedly plans to allocate about $3 billion on research and development programs in 1997.

The Nautilus system, an offshoot of the Reagan administration's Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars), is in an early stage of development. It is the smallest of the anti-missile programs the Americans are working on at present.

Facing a Katyusha rocket threat from Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon, Israel has asked the United States to speed up the Nautilus program, and offered to invest $20 million in it.

Washington has complied with Israel's wishes. On April 29, Israel and the United States signed a missile defence agreement in Jerusalem. David Ivry, director-general of Israel's Ministry of Defence, laid the groundwork for the accord when he visited Washington in mid-April.

Israel expects great results from the Nautilus, which is also capable of intercepting mortars and unmanned reconnaissance vehicles.

Should the Nautilus prove itself in battle, Hezbollah will have to reassess its tactics.

In addition to the Arrow and the Nautilus, Israel is striving to perfect the Ofek-3, which has been described as its first spy satellite. Launched in April 1995 following successful tests of the Ofek-1 and the Ofek-2 in 1988 and 1990, the Ofek-3, in official Israeli parlance, is "an experimental satellite intended for scientific and technological purposes."

In reality, as observers have noted, the Ofek-3 is designed to enhance Israel's ability to survey countries such as Syria, Iraq and Iran, and to provide sufficient response time to a hostile incoming missile.

Launched from a three-stage Shavit rocket, the Ofek-3 can relay accurate information to ground stations in almost any weather.

Israel hopes that the Ofek-3 will be able to transmit "real-time" photographs and data, which the United States withheld in the early phases of the Gulf War. This was apparently the reason why Israel developed the Ofek-3.

Israel's Arab neighbors claim that the Ofek-3 may aggravate tensions in the region, and surprisingly, the United States agrees.

Recently, John Deutsch, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, discussed this matter with David Ivry. According to reports, they failed to bridge their differences.

But Washington's displeasure with the Ofek-3 is unlikely to affect its partnership with Israel in the joint development of the Arrow and Nautilus anti-missile systems.

The Week in Israel

July 8

• The Association for Civil Rights in Israel unveiled an assessment of human rights in Israel. The 260-page report, known as Israel Human Rights Focus 1996, found that "Israel basically respects the human rights of its citizens," but that the rights of Arab residents of the West Bank and Gaza "are violated often and widely."

• Archeologists reportedly discovered the remains of a 2,000-year-old clay wine jug inscribed with the name of King Herod, along with evidence of daily life at Massada during Herod's time. The Latin inscription says either "Herod, King of Judea" or "Herod, King of the Jews."

July 9

• The government announced that Eliahu Ben-Elissar will be Israel's next ambassador to the United States, replacing Itamar Rabinovitch in September. Ben-Elissar's seat in the Knesset will be taken by Ruby Rivlin.

July 10

• Fourteen members of Israel's 25-athlete delegation to the 1996 Olympic Games left for Atlanta. The remaining members were scheduled to join their teammates in Atlanta the following week.

July 11

• Foreign Minister David Levy was reported in the media as saying he would meet with Yasser Arafat within two weeks. He also stated that a solution to redeployment in Hebron would soon be finalized and made public.

July 12

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported that Prime Minister Bejamin Netanyahu will meet next week with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo. The prime minister will brief Mubarak about plans to implement agreements with the Palestinians.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

Hundreds of cantors gather in Jerusalem for Mizmor Me'ir David, a series of concerts taking place over a period of 10 days at various venues. The festival runs from July 21 to Aug. 4.

Temple Mount worship supported

By BILL HUTMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman has expressed support for permitting Jewish worship at the Temple Mount, long forbidden for security reasons, and vowed that his ministry will provide the legal support for the move, according to MK Hanan Porat (National Religious Party).

Porat said he met with Ne'eman recently on the issue and that he hoped to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to expedite a change in the policy that has allowed only Muslim worship at the site since 1967.

"Ne'eman expressed his strong support for making the arrangements necessary to allow Jews to worship on the Temple Mount," Porat said.

According to Porat, Ne'eman said he needed time at the ministry to deal with other pressing issues before officially addressing the matter of Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount. Ne'eman promised the ministry would support the move in principle, Porat said.

"I tried to press him about a timetable, but he wouldn't make any promises about when things would happen," Porat said.

Porat added that he is organizing a meeting of various groups and people who want to push for allowing Jewish worship on the Temple Mount, and that there are plans for protests on Tisha b'Av, the anniversary of the Temple's destruction.

Terrorist attack foiled

By ELDAD BECK
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

PARIS – French security forces prevented a terrorist attack on a Jewish school here last week, and arrested several people suspected of involvement.

Last Wednesday morning, a car bomb was discovered by French security agents next to Chabad's Or Yosef school at a time when 300 to 400 children were in the building. The bomb was neutralized.

"The car was parked next to the school for several days, but the school's guards didn't notice it," an Or Yosef employee said. "The police closed the gates, not letting anyone out, and exploded the car."

Security sources in Paris said the French police had arrested several suspects of North African origin.

It is not clear whether the planned attack was directly connected to the Arab-Israeli conflict or with Algerian fundamentalist groups that last summer committed several bombings all over France.

One of the targets last summer was the Jewish school in Lyon. Thirteen pupils were slightly wounded when a car bomb exploded in a street next to the school.

Turkey likely to keep defence ties with Israel

BY DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

LONDON – Necmettin Erbakan, the first Islamist prime minister of modern Turkey, is expected to reduce the visibility of Ankara's relationship with Israel, but keep the military cooperation agreement intact, according to the chief columnist of the Islamist daily *Zaman*.

Islamic PM likely to disappoint Syrian president

Interviewed by the London-based daily newsletter *Mideast Mirror*, Fehmi Koru said Erbakan's government might impose cosmetic changes to make Turkey's relations with Israel less transparent.

However, he is unlikely to threaten the military relationship, if only because former premier Tansu Ciller made this, as well as adherence to other agreements, a condition of entering a coalition agreement with his Islamic Welfare party.

At the same time, Koru said, Erbakan is likely to disappoint the expectations of some of his neighbors, including Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, who sent him a warm cable congratulating him on coming to power and hoping for an improvement in relations. Syrian-Turkish ties have been strained in recent months because of a long-standing water dispute and because of Syrian support for the anti-Turkish PKK Kurdish movement, which is based in Damascus and trains under Syrian auspices in both Syria and the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley of east Lebanon.

Angry reaction

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He said Arab countries would soon begin coordinating their response to Netanyahu's remarks.

In Cairo, the Arab League secretariat said Netanyahu's speech before Congress only served to increase tension and violence in the region.

Esmat Abdel-Meguid, secretary-general of the 22-nation Arab League, described Netanyahu's speech as a "flagrant challenge to the resolutions of international diplomacy."

Netanyahu, meanwhile, was expected to travel to Egypt and Jordan this week to discuss his positions with the leaders of the two nations.

A senior Egyptian official was quoted as saying that Netanyahu would make a brief trip to Cairo for talks with President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amre Moussa.

Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Karim al-Kabariti told a news conference in Amman that the Israeli leader would visit next week.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister David Levy said he would meet with Arafat within two weeks, adding that Netanyahu might meet with the Palestinian leader even sooner.

In a separate development, Science Minister Ze'ev "Benny" Begin met last week with the Egyptian ambassador to Israel, Mohammed Basiouny, in Jerusalem.

Begin said after the meeting that the two had discussed the peace process, but he refused to elaborate.

He added that he was working on a plan to forge closer technological ties between the two countries.

IDF chief critical of budget cuts

By LIAT COLLINS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak spoke out strongly last week against the proposed budget cuts, telling the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee the IDF is facing "a deep crisis of confidence which could have a very negative effect."

Shahak said there is a feeling in the career army that they have become a target for the Finance Ministry.

"In no other sector have wages been harmed, but the Finance Ministry knows that we can't strike and that we don't have personal contracts," Shahak said in an official briefing. "I usually sit in on cabinet meetings and hear how good things are and about the growth [in the economy] and suddenly [I] hear about how bad it is and how the military has to cut NIS 825 million ($275 million US).

"The defence budget has been dropping for several years but now it is significantly low," he said.

"The IDF will do what it can to to ensure maximum security, but the IDF's multi-year plan no longer exists," he added. "I have to stop projects because I can't complete them."

Focusing on the proposed cuts of wages and benefits for the career army, Shahak said that since the cuts were proposed, 10 officers in the communication corps and scores of officers in the computers and programming branch have asked to leave. Many officers have asked to forgo vacation days owed them in order to quit immediately and some 200 IDF pensioners have asked to receive their pensions now as a lump sum.

He said many of the cuts would be felt by officers when they demobilize. As an example, a major leaving the army will lose some NIS 100,000 ($33,000 US) if the cuts go through.

Shahak also told the committee members that Syria is not preventing the transfer of weapons from Iran to Hezbollah via its territory.

He said Hezbollah had recently received a large quantity of arms, including improved Katyushas, via Damascus. The weapons include Iranian-produced 240-millimetre rocket-like devices and a larger capacity for explosives, but it has not been definitely confirmed that they have reached the field.

According to Shahak, Hezbollah is going back to its original aims: to bring about the collapse of the South Lebanese Army (SLA) and make things as difficult as possible for the IDF in south Lebanon. He painted a bleak picture of the situation within the SLA because of the uncertainty and problems in mobilizing recruits.

A senior IDF intelligence officer also told the committee that Hezbollah "is returning to its old patterns: fewer shells and more in-depth attacks and attacks on outposts." Yet the officer said he expects a certain level of calm in south Lebanon because of the upcoming Lebanese elections.

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Sephardi Chief Rabbi sermon called an incitement to kill

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron made remarks last week that have sparked sharp responses from the leaders of the Reform movement and from a group of Orthodox Jews who support the peace process.

Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Centre, said Rabbi Bakshi-Doron's sermon could be viewed as a licence to kill Reform Jews in much the same way the convicted assassin of Yitzhak Rabin cited justification in Jewish law for his violent act.

Rabbi Regev sent letters last week to Israel's attorney general and to the police department's chief investigator asking them to conduct a criminal inquiry.

He also wrote separate letters to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who serves as Israel's minister of religious affairs, and to Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, who also heads the chief rabbinic council, asking for Rabbi Bakshi-Doron to be removed as Sephardi chief rabbi and as head of the country's highest rabbinic court of appeals.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), also called upon Netanyahu to condemn the remarks attributed to Rabbi Bakshi-Doron.

In the meantime, *Ma'ariv* reported last week that the office of the Sephardi Chief Rabbinate had issued a statement saying that Rabbi Bakshi-Doron's sermon had been misinterpreted.

In a sermon about the Torah portion of the week at Jerusalem's Tifereth Yerushalayim Synagogue, Rabbi Bakshi-Doron compared the biblical figure Zimri to the Reform movement of today.

He praised Pinchas, the man who murdered Zimri for having sexual relations with a Midianite woman. According to the Torah passage, Pinchas had put an end to an epidemic as a result of his act.

Rabbi Bakshi-Doron said during his sermon that killing is prohibited "without witnesses, without warning, without a Sanhedrin," the supreme religious court that cannot be convened in the absence of the Temple in Jerusalem.

But he also indicated that even so awful an act as murder could be sometimes be considered meritorious if it spares the Jewish people from a greater harm.

Rabbi Regev said his office has been receiving "threatening phone calls and faxes that leave very little doubt of the senders' intentions.

The head of Shvil Hazahav (The Golden Path), an organization which represents Orthodox Jews who support the peace process, also expressed concerns about Rabbi Bakshi-Doron's language.

"If what was reported to have been said by the rabbi is true, it could be viewed as incitement similar to those words which were reported to have precipitated the action by an extremist 'religious' Jew last November," said Rabbi Shmuel Goldin, chair of Shvil Hazahav.

At the same time,Rabbi Avi Shafran, Director of Public Affairs for Agudath Israel of America, has accused Reform leaders of overreacting to the chief rabbi's remarks.

In a prepared statement, Rabbi Avi Shafran described the Reform movement's interpretation of Rabbi Bakshi-Doron's sermon as a "self-serving misreading. Rabbis Regev and Yoffie know full well that no responsible Orthodox rabbi condones violence of any sort against Reform leaders; it is irresponsible for them to imply otherwise."

Citizen complaints up in Israel

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The number of citizen complaints against the government found justified by the state ombudsman is the highest in the Western world, ombudsman Miriam Ben-Porat said last week, when she submitted her annual report to the Knesset.

Of the 4,404 complaints on which the office issued a ruling last year, 37.2 percent were found justified, up slightly from the previous year's 35 percent.

"This is the highest [percentage] in the world," Ben-Porat told Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, adding that in most of the Western world, "10 percent is considered a lot [of justified complaints]."

The number of complaints in Israel is also high, Ben-Porat said. In total, 7,782 complaints were filed last year, up about 11 percent from the previous year though since the reporting period is set according to the Jewish calendar, much of the increase can be accounted for by the extra month last year.

"There is a lot to fix with respect to public servants' treatment of people," Ben-Porat said. "In many cases, they don't want to hear what people are saying to them."

One of the main ways to fight this phenomenon is public awareness, she said, adding she was pleased that public awareness of her office's existence appears to be high.

Even though her office can only make recommendations, she added, "almost 100 percent of these recommendations are implemented," and if an organization refuses, she can ask the responsible minister to order it to do so. No minister has ever refused such a request, she said.

By far the greatest source of complaints continues to be the local authorities, the report noted. Ben-Porat received 1,627 complaints about local authorities last year, up from 1,347 the previous year, and 40 percent of those which her office finished dealing with were found to be justified.

Jerusalem was the most complained-about of the major municipalities, with 157 complaints, but Bnei Brak had the largest percentage of justified complaints: 18 of the 30 on which the office issued a ruling, or 60 percent.

In total, the office dealt with 8,361 complaints last year, of which 3,957 were closed without a ruling, either because the problem was resolved without the office's intervention, or because they were not within the office's legal purview.

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Budget cuts first step in economic reform, Meridor says

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The planned 1997 budget cuts are only the first step in a broader program of economic reform, Israel's Finance Minister Dan Meridor told the Knesset finance committee last week.

"After this will come structural changes in order to create a better economy with a freer market," he said.

Meridor, who was explaining the budget reductions to the committee, stressed that they were not really cuts, since 1997's budget will still be bigger than that of 1996. However, the increase will be much smaller than what was originally planned.

Budget Follow-up

Meridor said the cuts were needed because Israel currently maintains a level of spending for health, education and welfare which is at Western European levels as a percentage of GNP, but of necessity couples this with defence spending which is much higher than European levels. The result is an overload on the budget.

The previous government, for example, increased education spending 70 percent in real terms, he noted. "The question is whether we can continue in this fashion," he said.

Other than cuts, there are three ways to deal with the problem – let the deficit grow, raise taxes or take out loans – but all would be irresponsible, he said. He noted that the 1996 budget deficit is already expected to hit NIS 11 billion ($4.7 billion Cdn.), or $1.29 billion more than originally planned.

"We decided not to raise taxes, not because we have pity on the rich, but because we know that this impedes growth," he added.

Opposition and coalition MKs alike raised numerous objections to the plan during the meeting, with the cuts in child allowances, the reduction of investment grants, the cancellation of the Demobilized Soldiers Law and the postponement of the long school day among the most frequently mentioned items.

However, most coalition MKs made it clear that though they would attempt to make changes, ultimately they would support the plan.

"If anyone thinks the coalition won't pass the government's proposal, it will pass it," said coalition whip Silvan Shalom (Likud). "In the end, the coalition will stand behind the government, both in the committee and in the plenum."

"Don't kid yourselves: The coalition will support the Treasury's policy," added Avraham Hirschson (Likud).

In response to the MKs' suggestions, Meridor expressed willingness to make certain changes, though he did not specify what.

"I don't expect the Knesset to be a rubber stamp," he said. "It would be very strange if it was, even if I would be happy [to have it so].

"Some [of your suggestions] don't seem reasonable to me, others do; and still others need to be looked into," he said. "But we will talk with each other and we will try to pass our proposals with as much of a consensus as possible."

One idea which he completely rejected, however, was reducing the government's participation in employers' national insurance payments.

"This is not the time to hurt companies whose profit margin is very small," he said.

Looking for financing capital?

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Many people on social assistance could be self-employed if they could get business loans, according to marketing specialist Stuart Weinstein, 29.

"There are many talented entrepreneurs. They would do well and succeed if they had capital," Weinstein says.

With partner Mary Ellen Koroscil, he recently set up the Mississauga-based company, Looking for Financing Capital Inc. Koroscil also runs a graphic arts and advertising company.

Looking for Financing Capital Inc. is a matchmaking service that links would-be entrepreneurs with business people. The company holds bi-monthly meetings which provide entrepreneurs with the opportunity to network with bankers, mortgage brokers, venture capitalists and other people with access to capital.

The open forums feature guest speakers such as Terry Smith of 640 Radio's *Quest for Success*, and draw an average of 40 to 50 people. According to Koroscil, nine matches have been made since the spring.

People on social assistance need to take the initiative to improve their lives, Weinstein says. "People are looking for jobs, but they're not looking at other options. They should consider becoming self-employed."

Weinstein met Koroscil through a Mississauga business network in January. He says the two discovered they shared the same philosophy about the need to promote more entrepreneurship, and shortly after that, they set up their company.

Six people attended their first meeting. By the third meeting in March, there were between 35 and 40 people. Plans are underway to start an extensive database of entrepreneurs and venture capitalists, as well as a mentoring system, because mentoring improves the rate of success Koroscil says.

Weinstein adds that the company will also be offering business skill courses for the new entrepreneurs. While government-run programs have similar goals, those programs tend to emphasize business skills rather than financing, he says.

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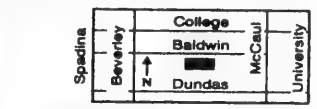

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Comedywood brings laughter to Vaughan

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO – After 14 years of performing as a stage hypnotist in comedy clubs across North America, The Incredible Boris decided to build a stage for himself and other performers in the north-of-Toronto neighborhood where he grew up.

The result is Comedywood, a club at 800 Steeles Ave. W. in Vaughan that features comedy and variety acts six nights weekly.

"As a performer, I've never found enough stage time in Toronto," says Boris Cherniak, as he is known off the stage. "This is my way of giving back to the community and giving performers who are just starting out another stage to work on."

In its first six months, the 350-seat Comedywood Club has attracted a growing following who have come to hear such stand-up performers as Mark Price from TV's *Family Ties*, Dean Haglund from *The X-files*, comic Ralph May from Houston and many others who are less well-known but, in Cherniak's estimation, no less talented.

"We're working quite seriously on bringing in bigger-name acts, but it takes time," he says. "It seems that this place needs more work and more attention than a little baby."

The 32-year-old ex-Moscovite, who came to Canada in 1974, is not the only one tending to Comedywood. His partner, Doron Israeli, handles day-to-day operations, leaving Cherniak free to book the talent and still maintain his career as a stage hypnotist.

Family-rated comedy

"As a travelling performer, I do about 300 shows a year all over North America," he says. "This club came from my seeing all these different places and taking the best parts from all over."

Situated in the plaza on the northwest corner of Steeles and Bathurst, Comedywood offers shows Tuesdays through Sundays. Cover charges range from $5 to $12, dpending on the night. Reservations (905-761-0543) are recommended but not required.

Despite a trend towards X-ratedness in modern stand-up comedy, much of the entertainment at Comedywood is family-rated, Cherniak says. "That's the only thing I ask of my comedians. I will not censor them, but I ask them to keep it clean as far as the foul language goes."

On a recent Sunday evening, host Adam Powell performed a very funny skit about a visit to a sperm bank; Cherniak agrees that Powell's act would have been best appreciated by adults, as indeed it was by those in attendance.

"If a show is full of adult humor, we usually let people know in advance," he says. "But most of the time our shows are suitable for teenagers and anyone else."

One of the things people like best about Comedywood is the location, Cherniak says. "People can stay uptown in their own neighborhood. They don't have to drive downtown and pay for babysitting and parking. Now they can come right around the corner."

Does the club make a point of featuring Jewish humor to any degree? "Not really," Cherniak admits. "But we do have a mezuzah on our door."

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHAKESPEARE

The play is again the thing in the Southwark district of London as a newly built replica of the Globe Theatre, where some of Shakespeare's most famous plays debuted almost 400 years ago, is set to open in late August for a three-week dramatic season.

Julius Caesar, *As You Like It*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth* and *Romeo and Juliet* are among the plays that were first performed here. Whichever plays are chosen for the Globe's reopening, they will supposedly be mounted as they were in Shakespeare's day. The theatre will be lit by natural means, all sound effects and music will be live and set design will be no more sophisticated than it was in the days when England's supreme bard supervised the production of his own plays here.

"Sweet" William Shakespeare of London, who made piles of money as an actor and earned only a pittance as a playwright, was a principal in the actor's syndicate that owned the circular, thatched-roof theatre when it opened in 1599 on the south bank of the Thames. The original structure burned down in 1613 after the thatched roof was ignited by a spark from a cannon fired during a performance of *Henry V*. It was quickly rebuilt and soon attained a reputation as the most renowned theatre in Elizabethan and Jacobean London. It was demolished in 1642.

To satisfy curious onlookers, a Shakespeare Muscum opened at the new Globe several years ago. Visitors may also take a short guided tour of the theatre. The cost is about $9 for adults, $7 for students and seniors, $5.50 for children. A stroll through the Southwark district takes in numerous other sites of significance to Shakespeare and other literary figures, as well as a colorful assortment of historic pubs, inns, churches and jails.

Between Blackfriar's and London bridges, one passes the former bullpits and brothels of the rough-and-tumble Elizabethans, the purported residence of architect Sir Christopher Wren when he supervised construction of St. Paul's Cathedral across the river, and the chimneys and church spires described by Charles Dickens, who spent his boyhood here.

In a nearby vacant lot lies part of the foundation of the original Globe. A bronze plaque on a fence shows a map of the district as it was known in Shakespeare's day. One also finds the original site of the Rose, a theatrical rival to the Globe. Soon after its discovery, it was measured by excited archeologists, then reburied beneath a new building.

The local Southwark Cathedral pays homage to its most famous parishioner through an alabaster reclining figure and colorful memorial windows which depict Hamlet, Falstaff and other characters. A plaque in the cathedral commemorates Edmund, the playwright's younger brother.

The nearby George Inn, dating from about 1676, is London's only surviving galleried coaching inn. With their spacious courtyards and balconies, such inns have been acknowledged as the crude forebears of theatres such as the Globe. Pedestrians also pass the ruins of the medieval Winchester Cathedral and the Clink Prison, the jailhouse that gave rise to the common expression "in the clink."

The Globe Theatre is situated near the Mansion House Underground Station, along the New Globe Walk, Bankside. Telephone, 071-928-6406. Historical Tours (0181-668-4019) offers an informative two-hour guided tour of Dickens' and Shakespeare's London for about $10. British Airways (416-250-0880) and other airlines offer daily flights to London.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Wayne & Shuster Special: Veteran comedian and writer **Frank Shuster** hosts *Wayne & Shuster's Olympics*, an hour-long special on July 18 at 7:30 p.m. on CBC-TV.

The program is a "hilarious and somewhat cockeyed" view of sports, featuring a biblical football game between the Philistines and the Jericho Jets, Shakespearean baseball, the Matzah Bowl and other skits presented in classic Wayne & Shuster fashion.

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Ashkenaz '97 Fundraiser: Two guided tours of the Royal Ontario Museum's (ROM) Judaica Gallery are being offered by noted author and collector **Dr. Fred Weinberg**, followed by a light lunch at Fred and Joy Weinberg's historic annex home.

The ROM tours are a fundraiser for the Ashkenaz '97 Festival of New Yiddish Culture. Tickets are $75 per person, payable by cheque to Bloor JCC Ashkenaz mailed to 23 Fourth St., Toronto M5J 2B6. Or phone 416-203-6030 to use a credit card.

The tours are at 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. sharp on Aug. 27. Participants (limited to 100 per tour) should meet in the ROM Rotunda.

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Literary News: Neil Simon, New York-based playwright of such memorable works as *The Odd Couple*, *Plaza Suite* and *Barefoot In The Park*, has written *Rewrites: A Memoir*. In this book, Simon tells of the painful discord he endured as a child, his struggles to hone his craft as a writer and his uplifting love for his wife Joan. Due from Distican in October.

Random House is producing two titles of interest. They are *Various Positions: A Life of Leonard Cohen*, by **Ira Nadel**, and *Barbara Frum: A Daughter's Memoir*, by **Linda Frum**. Both books are due out in the fall.

Calgary writer **Zahava Hanan** has published *Heading for Home*, a coffee-table book about her experience as a ranch owner in the foothills of the Rockies. A child of Jewish immigrants, Hanan mentions her roots in the book, along with a brief discussion of the imaginative theory that certain Native tribes of the Pacific Northwest are descended from one or more of the lost tribes of Israel.

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Mostly Mozart: Mostly Mozart, a longtime summer tradition at New York's Lincoln Centre, comes to Toronto for one night only, July 27 at 8 p.m. The concert features **Pinchas Zukerman** as conductor and violin soloist.

Young violin virtuoso **Tricia Park** will share the stage with Zukerman in a program that includes (besides Mozart) Mendelssohn's Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64, and Bach's Concerto for Two Violins. For tickets, call 416-872-4255.

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Repeat Concert: The Russian Dance and Music Concert that sold out June 26 is being repeated at Leah Posluns Theatre July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

About 500 attended the earlier concert featuring 14 dancers, singers and musicians, all Russians, led by **Alexei Fateyev**. The two-hour program will be repeated, including the opening circus act.

Admission price is $15, except for front row seats at $20. 416-222-3758.

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Song Writing Competition: This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Amadeus Choir's Carol and Chanukah Song Writing Competition. The contest is open to composers of all ages and experiences. Entries are due Sept. 21 and must include original music; the text can be original or from the public domain.

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***The Summer of Aviya* plays at the Carlton Cinema, Toronto.**

In Brief: Following the success of *Under The Domim Tree*, Mongrel Media is releasing **Eli Cohen's** award-winning film *The Summer of Aviya* starting July 26 at the Carlton Cinemas in Toronto.

Written by and starring **Gila Almagor**, the film centres on the tumultuous relationship between a disturbed mother and her sensitive daughter.

• After running at Toronto's New Yorker Theatre for four years, *Forever Plaid* is due to close Sept. 21. Tickets, 416-872-1111.

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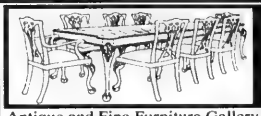
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Guidebooks for summer travellers

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
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Summer, with the promise of good weather, is finally here. If you're planning trips abroad or in North America, the following guides may be of some use.

•*Russia, Ukraine & Belarus* (Raincoast Books, $29.95) will appeal to hardy and adventurous travellers. Having visited all three countries in the past three years, I know from experience that good preparation is absolutely necessary. This book, filled with gobs of information and numerous maps, will help you plan your itinerary.

•*St. Petersburg* (Raincoast, $16.95) is a perfect companion volume. Known as Leningrad until the collapse of the Soviet Union, St. Petersburg, though faded in its beauty, is still one of Russia's finest destinations.

•*Austria* (Raincoast, $19.95) should be tucked into your suitcase if you're visiting Russia. Vienna, after all, is the gateway to Eastern Europe. Besides, Austria offers a tourist pastoral landscapes, splendid architecture, excellent cafes, cultural extravaganzas and sights of Jewish interest.

If you're heading to the United States, keep these books in mind:

•*San Francisco* (Raincoast, $12.95), which is full of insights into California's most amazing city.

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Jewish athletes excelled at Olympics

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ATLANTA — There's an old joke that tries to poke fun at the supposed Jewish aversion to sports — something about the smallest book ever written: *Great Jewish Athletes.*

However, the *Atlanta Jewish Times* (*AJT*) recently published a list of Jewish athletes who've won medals at the Olympic Games since 1896, and the list is extensive.

From 1896 to 1968, 131 Jews from 17 nations won 236 medals: 101 gold, 68 silver and 67 bronze. Since then, the list has increased considerably.

Hungary, Germany, Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States are among the top in medal count while the number of Canadian Jews capturing medals can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Writing for the *AJT*, former boxer George Eisen noted that the inhabitants of East European *shtetls* at the turn of the century were not limited to the pursuit of spiritual goals.

"In these same *shtetls*, there were many Jewish *shtarkes*, or strongmen, such as porters, blacksmiths and farmers who protected the community during anti-Semitic disturbances," he writes.

One of them, Zisha Breitbart, "could tear chains with his bare hands, break coins between his fingers and lift huge weights with his teeth."

Other Jewish strongmen, particularly boxers, were not that rare in the early Games. The first heavyweight boxing champ was Sam Berger of the United States who won gold at the 1904 Games in St. Louis.

Between 1900 and 1910, more than 20 Olympic and world champions were Jewish.

At the 1896 games in Athens, Jews captured eight golds. Gymnast Alfred Flatow of Germany took home three and his teammate Gustav Felix Flatow (no relation) won two. Despite their success competing for Germany, both were killed in Nazi concentration camps.

Of all Olympic events, fencing may be the sport in which Jews reached their greatest success. Jews won more medals in Olympic fencing — based on their representation in the general population — in the first half of the 20th century than any other ethnic group. Hungarian Jewish fencers were especially dominant in the Olympics, winning 20 medals.

The roots of the Jewish fascination with the science of the sword may be attributed to the community's desire to identify with, and be accepted by, the upper classes. Fencing was an aristocratic pursuit that had been closed to Jews for hundreds of years.

The performance of some Jews has been out of the ordinary, even at the Olympic level. Gymnast Agnes Keleti of Hungary amassed nine medals in the 1952 and '56 games. Keleti, a Holocaust survivor, defected from the Melbourne Olympiad after the revolution in Hungary and made aliyah to Israel, becoming its national coach.

Irena Kirszenstein-Szewinska of Poland won medals in each of the first four Olympics in which she competed. She won a gold in the 200-metre race at the '68 Games, setting a new world record of 22.5 seconds. At the '76 Montreal games, she won the 400-metre race in a world record time of 49.29. It was her seventh Olympic medal, three of them gold.

Mark Spitz of the United States is remembered for his remarkable seven-gold performance in swimming at the 1972 Munich Olympics, setting a new world record in each event. At the '68 Olympics in Mexico City he won two golds as part of the U.S. freestyle swimming relay team as well as an individual silver in the 100-metre butterfly.

Ivan Osiier, from Copenhagen, Denmark, holds the record for participating in seven Olympic Games, more than any other athlete, and winning a silver at the 1912 Stockholm games.

Among those winning Olympic hardware for Canada were gold-medalist Albert Schneider (he was a U.S. citizen) in welterweight boxing at the 1920 Antwerp games; Montgomery "Moe" Herscovitch, a bronze medalist in middleweight boxing at the 1920 games; Fanny Rosenfeld, gold medalist in the 400-metre relay and silver medalist in the 100-metre dash at the '28 Amsterdam games; Irving Maretzky, silver medalist as a member of the '36 Canadian basketball team; Mark Berger, a bronze in judo at the 1984 Los Angeles games. Berger is from the former Soviet Union.

Another noteworthy Olympian is Vladimir Myshkin, former goalie with the Soviet national hockey team who won a silver at the '80 Lake Placid winter games when the Soviets were upset by the United States in the Miracle on Ice.

At the '92 Barcelona games, several Jews took home medals. Golds went to: Joseph Jacobi (U.S.A.) in canoeing; Dara Torres (U.S.A.) in swimming; and Valeri Belenki (Unified Team) in gymnastics.

Yael Arad of Israel won the Jewish state's first-ever Olympic medal with a silver in judo while Arbital Selinger (the Netherlands) also won silver in volleyball.

Arad's teammate, Oren Smadga, took home a bronze in judo while other third-place finishers included Belenki in gymnastics and Dan Greenbaum (U.S.A.) in volleyball.

Our best competitor

TORONTO — Perhaps the greatest Jewish athlete ever to wear Canada's colors was track and field star Fanny "Bobbie" Rosenfeld.

At the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam, Rosenfeld won a gold medal as the lead-off runner in the 400-metre relay. She added a silver medal in the 100-metre sprint, the race that was so close that some Canadian partisans believed she'd beaten the U.S. runner, although there were no photo finishes at the time to dispute the official result.

In 1950, she was named Canada's female athlete of the half-century.

Rosenfeld was born in Katrinaslov, Russia in 1903 and her family moved to Barrie, Ont. when she was still a baby. As a teen, she began to show exceptional talent in track. She was known for giving competitors a three-yard headstart in the 100-yard dash and still beating them convincingly.

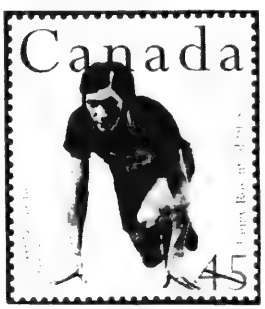
In 1922, the family moved to Toronto and by the mid-'20s, Rosenfeld had won Canadian titles in track and field and set national records. In 1925, she set the world record of 11 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

At the 1925 Ontario Ladies Track and Field Championships, she won the discus, 220-yard dash, low hurdles and long jump, while finishing second in the 100-yard dash and javelin. In 1924, she won the Toronto Ladies Grass Court Tennis Title.

After the Amsterdam Olympics, Rosenfeld played softball and hockey until she contracted severe arthritis. In the spring of 1937, she embarked on a new career, writing a column, *Feminine Sports Reel*, for the *Globe and Mail*.

She got the nickname "Bobbie" because she used to "bob" her hair so it wouldn't interfere in sports.

Rosenfeld died in 1969.



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About jobs

Dear Lisa,

Yesterday, I had an interview and I think it went well. But there are so many things I'm not sure about. What should I have said about salary expectations, starting dates and family responsibilities?

Dear Reader,

All interviews are different, but generally if you think the interview went well, it probably did. Before you forget, drop the interviewer a line to let him or her know how grateful you are for the appointment.

Start by thanking the person for the interview and mention the position for which you were interviewed. Let the interviewer know that because of the knowledge you now have about the position, you are even more interested in the job and believe you are the right candidate.

Say that you look forward to hearing from your interviewer in the next week, but if you don't, you would like to contact him or her. The letter can be handwritten or typed, but the envelope should be handwritten.

Once the thank-you note is in the mail, review the interview. Some interviewers ask for salary expectations. For this, you can give a figure close to what your last job paid and then say you'd be willing to negotiate. It might be in your favor, however, to give a range of about $5,000 in which your last salary would fit.

Before you go to your next interview, call Statistics Canada to get an average salary for the job you're interested in. That will give you an idea of what salary you can expect. If you are really averse to talking about salary, you can say you are willing to negotiate and can be flexible.

About family, saying less is more. Say you are a hard worker and you don't let family or friends interfere with your work. Unless it is to your advantage, and usually it isn't, keep discussions of a non-professional nature to a minimum.

When asked about your availability, you should be honest. Starting the day after the interview is usually not practical and may backfire on you. Starting at the beginning of a week is good. If you are leaving your old job, you may need to give two weeks or more notice.

Unfortunately, each interview is different. Signs to look for include, how long did the interviewer keep you in his or her office and how much was the interviewer willing to tell you about the company's work style and the personal style of those you may be working with.

Job Search is a monthly column by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Lisa to The CJN.

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6 lg. Ontario Carrots, peeled	4 garlic cloves, crushed	1/4 tsp. each of salt and pepper
2 Ontario Zucchini	2 tsp. Dijon mustard	

To prepare vegetables, bring large pot of water to a full boil. Trim stems of broccoli, thinly slice. Break remainder into small flowerets. Cut cauliflower into small flowerets. Trim beans and slice into bite-size pieces. Thinly slice carrots. Cut unpeeled zucchini in half, lengthwise, then slice.

Place broccoli pieces and carrots in a large metal steaming basket, then immerse in boiling water for 3 min. Remove and immediately rinse with cold water to stop cooking process, then turn into large bowl. Repeat this process with cauliflower and beans, boiling each for no more than 1 1/2 min.

Whisk together remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables. Stir until well mixed. Refrigerate for at least 2 hrs. Pour off dressing before serving. Keep refrigerated. Serves 12.

Preparation Time: 15 min.
Cooking Time: 10 min.

Courtesy:Foodland Ontario

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

Friedman the matchmaker turns hobby into business

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Ruth Friedman says dating is like drowning – and she wants to be your life-jacket.

For 16 years, Friedman played matchmaker for her friends and acquaintances. Then in August 1992, she turned her hobby into her professional business, Bringing People Together (BPT).

"My husband was the one who gave me the push," said Friedman, 40, in an interview. Then she added with a laugh, "I said to him, 'You really want me to meet single men everyday?' "

But Joe Friedman felt people could benefit from his wife's service. "She's doing this because she likes to," he said. "It's not just for the money. She likes to help people."

Not only does Friedman receive personal satisfaction by successfully matching her customers, but she has a vested interest in the growth of the Jewish community.

"My business is an attempt to continue and encourage Jewish continuity," she said. "I'm very concerned about the rate of intermarriage."

Her clientele of over 600 is exclusively Jewish from different streams of religious observance. She caters to all ages.

A randomly selected opinion pole, the Guide to Dating Services, rated BPT as the number 1 introductory service, Jewish or non-Jewish in Ontario. Of her clients polled, 100 percent would recommend her service to a friend, said their membership lived up to their initial expectations and rated the quality of service as very good.

"What makes Ruth's service so special is that it's so personal," said Joe. "She really gets to know her clients. Each one is screened and selected. She will refuse anyone she feels is untrustworthy."

Friedman doesn't just act as a matchmaker, but also as a "date therapist." She has guidelines for her clients to follow for the first date, to help relieve the stress of the initial encounter. As well, she seeks regular feedback from her clients.

Carol (not her real name) met her boyfriend of a year and a half through BPT. "I liked the personal aspects of the service and the frequent calling," she said.

She also noted that BPT was better than a computer dating service. "With a computer," Carol explained, "you only get the information that's on the screen. BPT is different because she [Friedman] knows her clients personally."

BPT has planned a number of informal get-togethers. Members offer their homes for barbeques or dessert parties, and BPT has hosted an evening at Comedywood at Bathurst and Steeles.

The gatherings allow people to meet in a relaxed setting. There is no loud music and guests are encouraged to mingle. Only members are invited, but each is permitted to bring a friend.

Shane (not his real name) just bought a house with his girlfriend, whom he met three years through BPT. He says he agrees with the laid- back approach.

"I went to a couple of other singles' parties, but I'm a shy person. I just didn't feel like I fit in. With the service, it was just me and her on a date and there was no problem communicating."

Even though BPT receives almost four new clients a day, Friedman is hesitant to expand too much. "If I went too big, I would lose control," she said.

For more information, call 905-731-5204.

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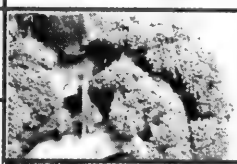

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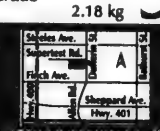

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Nemsila case to proceed

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Federal Court judge has rejected a request for a stay of proceedings in the Joseph Nemsila war crimes case.

As a result, the case will continue to wind its way through the legal system – unless Nemsila's lawyers appeal the decision.

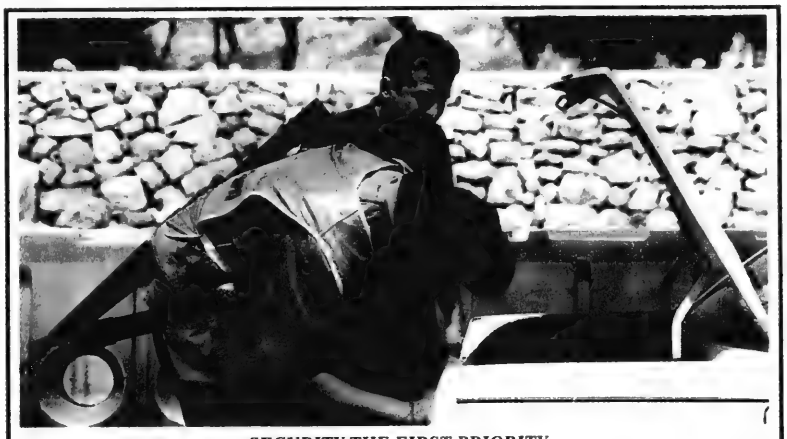
Federal Court Justice Paul Rouleau said he would not grant a stay because there was no evidence "this matter was ever referred to or discussed at the meeting between the assistant deputy attorney general and the chief justice (of the Federal Court) or that any specific requests or complaints were made by the department as to the manner in which the matter had been handled or its disposition."

The March 1 meeting between Assistant Deputy Attorney General Ted Thompson and Chief Justice Julius Isaac – at which three other Nazi war crimes cases were discussed – prompted the stay application by Nemsila's lawyers. (See earlier story on page 16.)

But Rouleau said the situation in the Nemsila case was different than the other cases, which were still proceeding before the Federal Court.

In the absence of an appeal of Rouleau's decision, the next order of business in the Nemsila case is Jerome's decision on the question of domicile. An Immigration adjudicator had ruled that because Nemsila had acquired Canadian domicile by residing in Canada for five years, he could not be deported. Federal authorities appealed that decision to the Federal Court and Jerome's decision on the issue was being awaited when Nemsila's lawyers filed the stay application.

Jerome's ruling is expected shortly. Should he rule that Nemsila's domicile does not grant him immunity from deportation, the case would return to the Immigration adjudicator to be heard on its merits.



SECURITY THE FIRST PRIORITY
A soldier inspects a car at the Bethlehem roadblock before allowing it to enter Jerusalem last week. Israel had sealed off the West Bank and denied Palestinians entry following the drive-by killing of three Israelis. The closure has since been lifted. *[RNS/Reuter photo]*

BBYO Canada closes

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A restructuring of B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) has spelled the end of BBYO Canada and led to shakeups at the regional levels, but officials insist the moves will not change programs and services for Jewish teens in Canada.

A budget cut of roughly $129,000 from the Washington headquarters of B'nai B'rith International (BBI) means that BBYO Canada, set up three years ago, will be shut down. Liz Sokolsky, the full-time national director, has been dismissed.

In what officials say are unrelated, separate developments, regional shake-ups have led to the recent dismissal of BBYO

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Canada/Israel free trade to be signed this week

By LEORA EREN-FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Canada and Israel were expected to sign a long-awaited free trade agreement this week during the visit of Israeli Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

The signing will cap 20 months of negotiations on an accord that will remove all tariffs from industrial products as of Jan. 1, 1997. The agreement – which excludes certain agricultural and fishery products – must still be ratified by both parliaments.

It is expected to boost bilateral trade to a billion dollars a year – about three times the current volume.

The agreement was to have been signed in July, but was held up because of Israeli demands to allow textiles sewn in Jordan to be covered by the pact. Canada rejected that demand, and the two sides agreed to defer the issue for two years, said Zohar Peri, head of the international trade division of the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The agreement will be signed in Toronto by Trade Minister Art Eggleton and his Israeli counterpart, Natan Sharansky.

"There is no one better suited to sign the agreement than Art Eggleton, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of free trade with Israel from the start," said Peri, "long before other Canadian officials embraced the idea."

Sharansky, a former Prisoner of Zion, who now heads the seven-member Knesset faction Yisrael b'Aliyah, will be on his first visit to Canada since becoming a minister in the Netanyahu government.

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The News in Brief

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CJC Aids Red Cross

MONTREAL – Canadian Jewish Congress has thrown its support behind a Canadian Red Cross initiative to aid victims in Quebec's flood ravaged Saguenay-Lac St. Jean region.

Fund relief cheques can be made out to Red Cross-Disaster Relief c/o Canadian Red Cross, Quebec Region, 6 Place du Commerce, Nuns' Island, Verdun, Que. H3E 1P4.

Hnatyshyn Scholarship

SASKATOON – A scholarship in honor of former governor general of Canada, Ramon Hnatyshyn, has been established by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

The scholarship program will enable students from the University of Saskatchewan to attend the Hebrew University for one or more years.

Honorary Doctorate

TORONTO – Albert Rose, former chair of Metro Toronto Housing Authority, was recently awarded an honorary doctorate from Ryerson Polytechnic University.

Rose served for many years as the vice-chair of the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith and as a member of many community boards including Jewish Vocational Services.

ISRAEL

Azrieli Project Greenlighted

TEL AVIV – Montreal developer David Azrieli's $300 million (US) vision of the World Trade Centre of the Middle East has cleared its final two obstacles. Azrieli's Shalom Project consists of a three skyscraper mega-development adjoining the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv.

Israeli Arab Detained

JERUSALEM – An Israeli court has ordered the 10-day detention of a 30-year-old Israeli Arab woman suspected of being involved in two 1994 bombings of Jewish targets in London.

WORLD

Israelis on TWA

NEW YORK – Two Israelis were among the over 200 killed when TWA flight 800 blew up off New York shortly after takeoff on a flight bound from Paris.

As the investigation continues, the CIA has reportedly asked Israel to help determine whether terrorists were involved.

Holocaust Project

WASHINGTON – Academy Award-winning filmmaker Steven Spielberg has received a $1 million federal grant to continue his project to record testimony from thousands of Holocaust survivors around the world.

Racism in Army

WASHINGTON – Jewish officials have stepped up calls on the U.S. military to root out racism and bigotry in its ranks in the wake of another incident at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Red swastikas were painted on eight doors inside one of the barracks, the latest incident in a series of hate crimes on or near the army base.

Jewish Culture Grants

BUENOS AIRES – Grants totalling more than $4.5 million to support Jewish cultural projects and to train Jewish scholars, educators and communal workers in 33 countries worldwide, including Canada, were recently announced by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture at the biennial meeting of the foundation's board of trustees.

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They shouted "shabbes, shabbes" at passing car drivers and exchanged stones with counter-demonstrators. The real violence, however, came after dark when Egged buses, inaugurating the post-Sabbath service through Mea Shearim, were again stoned.

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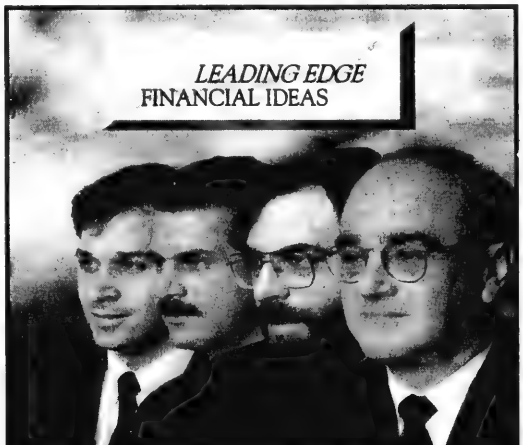
RABBI ROSENBERG DELAYS DECISION

A report that Jewish day school supporters will cooperate with Catholic and other separate school spokesmen in voting against the Davis government unless their request for aid is complied with was not confirmed by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, chairman of the Ontario Committee for Government Aid to Jewish Day Schools.

The CJN was informed that "we will wait for future developments to make our decision on political action.

"Our committee has been promised that this matter will be dealt with in package form, so that Catholic, Jewish and Protestant groups will be treated with the same degree of fairness and equity."



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Government launches new war crimes case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Wasily (Wasil) Bogutin was a member of a collaborationist police detachment in Nazi-occupied Ukraine who participated in the execution of a Jewish family, including a small child, documents filed last week in Federal Court allege.

Also killed by members of the Selidovka District Police in the same 1941 incident was a former militiaman named Pridatko. Pridatko, along with the Jewish man, named Abram, his wife and child were all killed "at the trenches behind the former military registration office in the old centre of Selidovka," the document alleges.

Federal officials are attempting to deport Bogutin, 87, because of his alleged wartime collaboration with German forces and because he lied about those activities when he immigrated to Canada in 1951 and when he applied for citizenship in 1958.

Documentation filed last week describe Bogutin — who was known during the war as Vasily Abramovich Bakutin — as a member of the Selidovka District (Raion) Police from 1941-43. The unit was known by the Germans as the Hilfspolizei (auxiliary police) and after October 1942 as the Schutzmannschaft.

Bogutin allegedly served as an investigator with the unit, "conducted interrogations of prisoners, which included beatings, and escorted prisoners to the German prison in nearby Krasnoarmeisk. In the spring of 1943, [Bogutin] ordered the arrests of young girls for the purposes of deportation to Germany for forced labor."

The document alleges that Bogutin admitted that in December 1941 he "was at the site of the execution by the Selidovka District Police and Germans of approximately 10 persons, including a woman and child, at the mine shaft on the outskirts of Selidovka. [Bogutin] has admitted that, on orders of the chief of police, he took away the victims' clothing when the shooting was over."

His police unit "participated in the arrests and executions of civilians, including Jews [and Soviet POWs]. The Selidovka District Police participated in the identification, arrest and interrogation of suspected partisans and communist functionaries, the forcible confinement of civilians as hostages, the confiscation of property for the use of German authorities, as well as the rounding-up of youths for the purposes of deportation for forced labor to Germany," the document states.

Bogutin has denied the allegations. He told reporters in Toronto he never served as a policeman but that he worked in a warehouse run by the local police.

He also claimed his father was Jewish but changed the family named to Bogutin from Bogutinsky to avoid persecution by the communists.

Jewish groups welcomed the start of denaturalization proceedings against Bogutin. "This is the description of a man with blood on his hands," said Goldie Hershon, president of Canadian Jewish Congress. "It sounds like the classic case of a Nazi war criminal becoming a citizen of our country by concealing his murderous past."

Lyle Smordin, president of B'nai Brith Canada, said "as war crimes continue throughout the world, it is imperative that Canada demonstrates that it will not be a haven for mass murderers."

Bogutin is the latest alleged Nazi war criminal to face deportation since federal ministers announced in January 1995 that 12 cases would be brought forward. Justice Department officials have said a seventh case will be announced in the near future.

Another alleged former member of the Selidovka police, Johann Dueck, 77, is also facing denaturalization proceedings.

For more on war crimes proceedings in Canada, see pages 16, 17.

ISRAELI SCOUTS ENTERTAIN

The Israel Scout Friendship Caravan was recently in Ontario performing before large appreciative audiences in Mel Lastman Square and at the Centre Camp of the Bathurst Jewish Centre in North York, as well as in Niagara Falls. The Scouts, five girls and five boys, performed songs from past and present. Here Galil, 17, entertains one of her fans.

The GEORGE A. COHON FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE at Yatir, in the northern Negev Desert, Israel, was recently dedicated by George Cohon and his family. This project was the result of the generosity of those who participated in the 1993 Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto in tribute to George Cohon. Pictured above at the official dedication are (left to right): Jeanette Sundberg (Craig Cohon's fiance), George A. Cohon, Susan Cohon, Mark Cohon, Craig Cohon and Avi Binder (Fundraising Division Director, JNF, Jerusalem).

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From the editor's desk

A loving salute

After the chupah, there is usually one transcendent moment during a wedding celebration, when the singing and the dancing fuse into a timeless expression of happiness and joy.

The parents of the newlywed couple are singled out for special attention. Sitting on chairs in full view of the entire assembly, often carried high above the shoulders of their cheering guests, they harvest an enduring memory, a loving salute by their friends, an intense recognition of labors that are shared. Among the invited, those who are themselves parents understand that parenting is devotion, sacrifice, hope, prayer and a good measure of luck.

And so, in one brief instant of deep gratitude, the parents who sit in the chairs and their friends who pay them such special homage, together thank God for having brought them all to this day in their lives.

On June 23 in Israel, Salim and Sara Suede, parents celebrating the marriage of their daughter Yvette, were honored by their friends in this special manner, for great indeed was their gratitude. In the mid-1980s Salim and his brother Eli were abducted by Syrian police, for months ruthlessly tortured, and then locked away. They had disappeared without a trace. For 18 months, their families received no word from them or about them. Their father died of the heartbreak. They were to spend 5½ years in a Syrian jail.

At this wedding however, the celebration reached even higher. After Salim and Sara were carried high upon happy shoulders, their friends then offered their shoulders to one of the guests. In poignant acknowledgment of a debt that can never be repaid, in open song and in thanks, they lifted Judy Feld Carr in her own chair of honor. More than anyone else on this earth, she had helped to bring them all to this day in their lives.

Today, fewer than 150 Jews remain in Syria. Last year, the covert effort which resulted in the rescue of the entire Jewish community of Syria came officially to a close. For more than 23 years, from her home in midtown Toronto, Feld Carr had been the driving force behind that effort.

The outline of the story of the rescue of Syrian Jewry has already been told in this newspaper and in the general media. Many of the details within that outline, of necessity, are still untold. Some details, however, are now coming to light.

Earlier this summer, a week and a half before Yvette Suede was married, Haifa University bestowed on Feld Carr the Humanitarian Award of Merit. It is a highly esteemed distinction, seldom conferred. The last person to receive the award was Menachem Begin almost two decades ago. The bestowal of the award to Feld Carr had originally been scheduled for November 1995, but the murder of Yitzhak Rabin forced its postponement.

The ceremony atop Mount Carmel was a rare occasion. As it was described to me by people who were there, it was a unique coming together for the first time of the rescued, the rescuer and representatives of those governments whose officials clandestinely assisted the rescuer in her tireless campaign. Canada's ambassador to Amman, on behalf of the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended, as did members of Israel's Foreign Ministry and other governmental officials who were involved in the operation.

Not surprisingly, as a story echoing the noblest calls throughout Jewish history, the occasion received wide press coverage in Israel. Judith Sudilovsky devoted an entire page to the story in the *Jerusalem Post* under a headline borrowing a theme out of a Le Carre novel: "The 'bubbie' who came in from the cold. Only now can the story be told of a Canadian woman's monumental efforts to rescue Syrian Jews."

One of the details which Sudilovsky provided related to Feld Carr's interventions after the disappearance of Salim and Eli Suede: "Feld Carr contacted the UN Committee on Disappearance and finally the Syrians admitted to holding the Suede brothers. Their family did not recognize them when they were at last permitted to see the brothers. Through her (Feld Carr's) underground channels, she provided money to Salim's wife and six children and maintained a constant correspondence with them."

Here is another of the details Sudilovsky painted. "Although not one of the Jews she rescued was ever caught, there were many heartbreaking moments, such as the time when a father who had been told he could take all four of his young children was forced to choose only two when he was already in the airport. Later, she (Feld Carr) was able to get the other two released as well."

Yediot Achronot, Israel's most widely circulated daily, dedicated two pages to the story under the headline: "The rescue channel of Mrs. Judy" (my translation).

Yehuda Koren added some further details to the outline: "Syrian Jewry knew her only by her first name, 'Mrs. Judy,' but there was enough in that name to persuade mothers to separate from their children and hand them over to one of Mrs. Judy's emissaries ..."

"I [Feld Carr speaking to Koren] felt no greater happiness than when I would telephone someone in New York or in Bat Yam who had left Syria in the 1950s and tell him that his sister or his mother had landed safely in the west. They would literally shout for joy and then ask me: 'But how do you know? Who are you?' I would answer only: I am Judy."

Had he not been assassinated, Rabin would have personally read the following letter to Judy Feld Carr in November. Alas, it was read posthumously on his behalf. "Words cannot express my gratitude to you for 23 years of hard and dangerous work, during which you devoted your time and life to the Jewish community in Syria ...Very few people, if any, have contributed as greatly as you have. The Jews of Syria who were rescued and the State of Israel owe you so much ... Judy, the State of Israel salutes you."

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WAR VETERAN HONORED
Jewish war veteran Capt. Zdzislaw Przygoda, 83, of Toronto was recently decorated by the government of Poland with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit. Major General Bruce Jarvis Legge is shown here greeting Przygoda at the award ceremony in Toronto. [T.A. Shopian photo]

Greater Toronto Area

North York home vandalized with anti-Semitic slogans

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The interior of a North York home — including a 4-year-old's bedroom — was vandalized last week with anti-Semitic slogans including "Die Jew Die," "Gas Chamber" and "Holocaust Again."

Canadian Jewish Congress has offered a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the incident.

No valuables were taken during the break-in despite the fact a camera and china were in plain view.

It is believed the vandal or vandals broke into the home through a screen window while the homeowners and their son were away during the day. The vandal(s) used the child's crayon, a pencil and the owners' own blue paint and a pastry brush to daub the inner walls and doors of the home with a swastika and anti-Semitic grafitti.

"I was devastated," said the mother, who asked not to be identified. "They're more than robbers, they're sick."

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress, said a similar incident involving anti-Semitic grafitti in the interior of a Jewish home took place three or four years ago in York Region. Otherwise, that sort of vandalism is rare, he said.

CJC offering $5,000 reward

Police from 33 Division were called to the scene as well as forensic experts who took fingerprint samples from a window. The Metro Toronto Police hate crime unit was informed of the incident.

Det. Bob Peddle, who's heading the investigation, said the case will be given "high priority. It'll go to the top of the list among break and enters."

The detective admitted there were few leads during the initial stage of the investigation, adding the perpetrator used gloves to mask his fingerprints.

After notifying police, who photographed the slogans, the parents scrubbed the slogans from the wall. A day later, all that remained of the grafitti were two hate messages in the child's room. There, above wallpaper decorated with clowns, elephants and other circus scenes, were two pencilled-in messages: "Die Jew Die" and "Dirty Jew."

Moshe Ronen, chair of Congress' Ontario region, said "when such an outrageous anti-Semitic crime like this occurs in a family home, it affects us all as an entire community. It is for this reason we are offering this reward in the hope it assists the police in bringing these racist hooligans to justice."

Nightclub denied liquor licence

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As a result of objections from nearby residents, the giant Luxor night club on Dufferin Street, built to hold 3,000 patrons, has been denied a liquor licence.

The Luxor owner, Marc Hazout, was not able to rebut the claims of residents that liquor would aggravate the problems of traffic and noise, the Liquor Licence Board said in a ruling signed by Andromache Karakatsanis, chair, and members Harish Jain and Lillian Ma.

"All I can say is the decision is wrong," said Hazout. "We disagree strenuously and we've instructed counsel to appeal the decision."

The night club is on the former premises of the Idomo furniture warehouse at the corner of Steep Rock Boulevard and Dufferin Street, opposite an apartment complex and the houses of Bathurst Manor. About 600 objections to the granting of a licence were filed.

The decision was hailed by Councillor Mike Feldman who, along with Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe, led the opposition to the licence.

"I feel bad for the owner, but we invited him early in the game to come directly to the community with his plans and he didn't," said Feldman. "The decision is a vindication of the sound presentations by objectors."

The board's ruling said they were not satisfied that Luxor had answered the legitimate concerns of residents. The owner has had limited experience in running a licensed establishment, the board said, noting that with a possible 3,000 customers it would be 50 per cent larger than any other of its type in Metro Toronto.

"The security plans do not sufficiently ensure that problems will be curtailed outside the establishment," the board said.

Denial of the liquor licence is the latest round in a saga which has extended through 1995 and 1996. In February, a district court judge disallowed a North York bylaw put forward by Feldman, which denied Luxor a building permit.

The board said Luxor was a "mega club" which depended on patrons flowing from one area to another and so there was no point in granting a liquor licence to one section and not another. In fact, the board added, the Luxor owners did not ask for separate licences and did not indicate they would be willing to reduce the number of patrons or hours of sale.

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Holidays force Cancer Society to postpone fundraiser

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A major fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society has been postponed because it conflicted with Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 14 and 15.

The event was intended to coincide with the opening of Highway 407 across the top of Toronto. It was postponed by Al Palladini, Ontario minister of transportation, because of protests that the dates pre-empted Jewish participation.

The society apologized to Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region, but said the date had been chosen by the Canadian Highways International Corporation (CHIC) and the Ontario Transportation Capital Corporation (OTCC), and that other charities would take the event if the Cancer Society turned it down.

The event, called Hoops, Wheels and Deals, is to take place on a section of Highway 407, and includes a three-on-three basketball tournament with 450 teams, a 10- to 20-kilometre Great Ride to Beat Cancer cycling event, a classic and antique car show and an open air market with entertainment.

"In the end, cancer research [would have been] the real loser," said CJC national director of Community Relations Bernie Farber in a letter to the Cancer Society. He pointed out that many Jewish volunteers, doctors and cancer researchers work with the society.

"Cancer and its eradication is as important to the Jewish community as it is to anyone else," he wrote.

The event's rescheduling to a date a few weeks hence reflects the Ontario government's sensitivity to Jewish concerns, Farber said.

Conflicts with Rosh Hashanah

After Farber reported the conflict in dates, members of the Ontario region executive of Congress urged that the Cancer Society be advised how seriously it views the situation. All calendars clearly state dates of the Jewish new year holy day, Farber said. "This is not a case of the conflict not being known."

Marilyn Richmond told *The CJN* that her son, Elken, wanted to play in the basketball tournament and was shocked to find that it was on Rosh Hashanah. It was a mistake for the Cancer Society, or any other charity, to take such a date for a fundraiser, she said. Other initiatives could raise the needed money, she maintained.

The Vaughan Unit of the Cancer Society hopes to raise $500,000 to fund cancer research, patient services and health promotion from the Highway 407 event, according to coordinator Joan Rumack.

In a letter to Congress, Rumack said, "It was best to proceed, as cancer has no bounds as to race, color, creed or religious persuasion."

In reply, Farber wrote, "It is for this very reason that we are so disappointed."

"We appreciate the support that we have had over the years from members of the Jewish community," Rumack wrote.

Carl Goldenberg was a leading labor mediator

TORONTO — Carl Goldenberg, one of Canada's top labor mediators, died July 22 at the age of 88.

The former Liberal senator and Montreal native had been living and working in Toronto since his retirement from the Senate in 1982.

An outstanding labor lawyer, he was the son of a horse-and-cart peddler who understood the problems of the working poor.

The funeral was held July 24 at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

Goldenberg is survived by Shirley, his wife of 51 years; son Eddie, one of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's most trusted confidants; and two grandchildren.

Goldenberg settled the Montreal transit strike in 1943 and a year-long strike at the Royal York Hotel in 1962.

He was special counsel on the Constitution to former prime minister Pierre Trudeau from 1968 to 1971 before being appointed to the Senate in 1971.

He had a long and distinguished career of public service, beginning in 1936 when he was an adviser to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations.

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International forge

Life's ironies are often as cruel as they are unpredictable. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) obstinately refused to commemorate the Munich massacre at the games being played in Atlanta. It was inappropriate, they claimed, to intrude "politics" into the sportsmanship of the Olympic competitions. In this hypocritical, self-centred posture, the IOC has continually failed to grasp one of decency's central points: to stand against terror is not "politics." Rather, to stand against terror is to affirm the sanctity and the importance of human life, an affirmation which, one would assume, is the international forge linking the five olympic rings.

But in spite of the IOC's best efforts to retain its amoral neutrality on all matters "political," politics in the form of terror did unfortunately intrude into the competitions.

The pipebomb which blasted out the life of one person last Saturday morning and which injured 110 others was an outrage, as are all such craven and cowardly acts. It was not an act of politics; nor is any terrorism an act of politics. It was an act of murder, aptly called by President Bill Clinton what it truly is: "evil."

The Atlanta bomb exploded while all decent people were still suffering the aftershock of TWA flight 800, reeling from concussive waves of anger and dread. As of this writing, the pieces of evidence which will establish the cause, if not immediately the perpetrators, of the disaster are still being gathered. With each piece of wreckage lifted from the cold ocean, it seems increasingly certain that the plane was brought down, and with it the lives of so many, also by an "evil" act of terror.

Though trite, it must be reiterated: Whether "homegrown," as seems likely with the Atlanta bomb, or "foreign," as seems likely with TWA 800, terror must be stopped and terrorists must be brought to justice. This requires, as we have written on numerous occasions before, a concerted, cooperative campaign among all countries whose highest striving is the affirmation of the sanctity and the importance of human life.

Countries which endorse, encourage, support, maintain or aid terrorists must be cast out from the arena of international fellowship. We urge the government of Canada to initiate the campaign.

A truth that stares

Yasser Arafat was, arguably, a partial midwife at the birth of a new government in Israel last May.

He simply failed to persuade a majority of Israelis that he was either sincere or capable of curbing Palestinian violence and terror against Israeli citizens. As a result, he must now deal with a government which has vowed to be less trusting and more testing of both his sincerity and his capability. But judging by recent events, he still seems not to have understood this obvious and fundamental truth about security for Israelis and autonomy for Palestinians. Last week, Arafat again praised the murderers of Israelis. He was reported to have told a mass rally in Gaza: "We are committed to all martyrs who died for the cause of Jerusalem starting with Ahmed Musa until the last martyr, Yehiya Ayash." Ayash was the mastermind of the suicide bombings.

By praising the murderers, he encourages others to follow in their ways. And by encouraging such evil ways, he cannot possibly persuade Israelis of his sincerity, let alone of his capability. The truth stares at him from the rostrum of the Knesset, but he does not see, or cannot see, or won't see. Without the confidence of Israelis, he cannot improve the lives of Palestinians.

"WISDOM OF THE AGES"
"Since his hope outran his capacity, he ceased to do even what he could."
(Arab Proverb)

Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History
August 1921: The Standard Theatre opened in Toronto. It became known as the finest Yiddish theatre in North America. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995).

Setting the record straight

In our July 11 issue we published a letter from Issie Veisfeld of Montreal, President of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression, who attacked Ernst Zundel for his views on the Holocaust and urged that he be denied Canadian citizenship.

Mr. Zundel replied to the editor as follows:

"I do not spread vicious lies about Holocaust survivors like himself. I do not know Mr. Veisfeld. He is not listed in the Montreal phone book, neither is his alleged Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression.

"I have not lied to the Canadian government in order to immigrate to Canada.

"I am not a hate-monger. The publishing or spreading of hate literature in Canada is an indictable, criminal offence like bank robbery or child-molesting. I have never been charged or convicted under Canadian law of hatemongering. You could not call a man a bank robber and child molester in print if in fact they were not convicted of this offence. Therefore, you and the media will have to get used to it that I will no longer be libelled by the term Hatemonger attached to my name."

We retract any suggestion that Mr. Zundel lied in order to immigrate to Canada.

Mr. Zundel has never been charged or convicted of any hate propaganda crime in Canada. He was, however, convicted in 1985 and then again in 1988 of spreading false news when he distributed a pamphlet entitled *Did Six Million Really Die? Truth at Last Exposed.* The first conviction was set aside because of the conduct of the trial and the second was quashed because the criminal offence was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Canada in 1992.

He has recently appealed to the Federal Court of Canada to quash a decision by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) that he is not eligible for citizenship because he was found by that body to be a threat to the security of Canada. The SIRC decision is the first step in a process that could lead to his deportation.

The Editor

The Jews of Bulawayo

I refer to the article by Viva Press (*CJN*, June 13) about her visit to Zimbabwe, and particularly to Bulawayo, where I have lived for almost 60 years.

I would like to point out that there were never 10,000 Jews living in Bulawayo. The number of Jews in the whole of Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) has never exceeded 8,000, of which approximately 3,500 lived in Bulawayo. At present, there are approximately 330 Jewish souls, including children, remaining in Bulawayo.

As a matter of interest, the "97-year-old gentleman who davened Minchah" is Leizer Abrahamson, my wife's uncle. Whenever the rabbi is away, he conducts the Saturday services including the reading of the Torah, and on festivals he assists the rabbi. On Yom Kippur, he leads the Shacharit and Minchah services, and then remains on his feet during the entire Neilah service.

In Bulawayo, we still have a service every morning as well as every evening of the week.

We also have a home for the Jewish aged, Savyon Lodge, which is supported by the Jewish communities of Bulawayo and Harare.

Freddy Reiff
Toronto

Queries translation of title of Herzl book

Theodor Herzl's major work *Der Judenstaat* cannot be translated into English as "The Jewish State" (*CJN* July 11), as is usually and quite erroneously done. Had Herzl wanted it to be "The Jewish State," he would have selected "*Der jüdische Staat*" for the title of his book. *Der Judenstaat*, when properly translated into English, reads: The Jews' State.

Herzl (who chose German as the official language of his future Jews' state) wanted the establishment of a secularly national Jewish republic.

Hence translating *Der Judenstaat* into "The Jewish State" reflects characterisation which was alien to Herzl.

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Calling all Tetievers

Kehillat Yaakov-Warrensville Centre Synagogue will host a special Tetiever Nostalgia Shabbat on the weekend of Aug. 23 to 25. The weekend is dedicated to reminiscences about the Tetiever congregation in its various locations, as well as the history of the community of Tetiev, which is located in Ukraine, near Kiev, and once had a sizable Jewish community.

Rabbi Marvin Pritzker of Toronto, a former Clevelander who grew up in the Tetiever congregation, will serve as the scholar-in-residence.

The synagogue is also looking for memorabilia and pictures that it can use for a photo history. Inquiries should be sent to the synagogue office, 1508 Warrensville Ctr. Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121 — phone 216-382-6566; fax 216-382-4237.

Ruth Kohn
Cleveland

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Perspectives

Tisha b'Av in the Sephardi tradition

By CANTOR AVIV OUANOUNOU

A 1748 engraving of Tisha b'Av services in the synagogue of Amsterdam. [Photo from *The Story of Jerusalem*, Am Oved, 1967]

There is probably no other holiday season in the Jewish calendar which is as sad for the Jewish nation as the three weeks bracketed by the 17th of Tammuz and Tisha b'Av. This period, known as *ben-hamezarim* (between the straits), is observed as a time of mourning over the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. However, for the Sephardim this period has additional meaning, because in subsequent centuries Tisha b'Av became identified with still other tragic events in their life.

On this day in 1290, King Edward I signed the edict expelling his Jewish subjects from England. Also, it was on Tisha b'Av 1492, that the decree ordering the expulsion of all Jews from Spain was issued, the only alternative being either death or conversion to Christianity. Therefore, the ninth of Av has overshadowed all other fast days in Judaism and in Jewish tradition has become synonymous with mourning and tragedy. In this essay I shall attempt to relate some of the customs and traditions of the Sephardi people during this period of intensive mourning.

The mourning itself starts on the 17th of Tammuz, the day on which the daily sacrifice was suspended. This is also said to be the day on which the walls of Jerusalem fell prior to the destruction of the second Temple at the hands of the Romans. After the public fast of 17th of Tammuz, Sephardi Jews observe various aspects of mourning, some shared with Ashkenazi Jews, for a three week period. Men do not shave, people wear old clothes and no weddings take place. Mourning intensifies from the first to the ninth of Av when people stop eating meat (in some Moroccan communities even on Shabbat); they do not bathe, cut their hair, travel, nor undertake any new ventures.

The Shabbat before Tisha b'Av is known in the Sephardi heritage as Shabbat Hazon or Shabbat Eicha. The chazzan chants the Shabbat melodies in a special *makam* (musical mode) which is reserved for this Shabbat and which reflects the sadness of the ninth of Av and the destruction of the Temple. As mentioned above, several communities in Morocco did not eat meat even on Shabbat, thus showing their sadness in the week before Tisha b'Av.

The three Haftorot that precede Tisha b'Av, known as *shelosha depuranuta*, are all sung in a special sad melody, different from the normal tunes in which the Haftorot are usually chanted. However, in each of these three Haftarot, there are verses which speak of comfort, and these verses are chanted in the regular Haftorah melody.

The *seudah hamafseket* (the meal before the fast of Av) is eaten on the floor near the doorway of the house. Each member of the family sits on the ground apart from one another so as not to be in a "social atmosphere." The meal consists of a cooked dish of lentils and hard-boiled eggs which are dipped into ashes and salt in remembrance of the destruction of the Temple.

Upon arrival at the synagogue on the night of Tisha b'Av, the people sit on the floor just as mourners do, and before Arvit many *kinot* (lamentations), which are found in a special prayer book called Kol Techina, are recited. These *kinot*, which the Sephardim read both before and after Megillat Eicha, are a collection of liturgical dirges composed by Jewish poets of different ages. In these poems, the authors gave vent to their feelings for Jewish sufferings in every age, and thus recorded in them the sad events in our history. In countries such as Yemen and Morocco, their mourning was very intensive, and they would spend most of the night and the day in weeping and in the recitation of *kinot*.

There is a very special *kinah*, similar to the Four Questions of the Passover Haggadah, entitled *Aleichem eida kedosha eshael mikem Shelot*. In this *kinah*, the author compares, in poetic manner, the differences between the joy and elation of Pesach night and the sadness and mourning of Tisha b'Av. It opens with the words, "I ask you, holy congregation, why is this night different from all other nights;" but it concludes with an expression of comfort and hope. This connects Tisha b'Av and Pesach according to the tradition that shows Tisha b'Av falling on the same day of the week as that on which Pesach fell during the given year.

Another famous *kinah*, recited after Shacharit, is called *Aich Navi Chatati hishmima*. This story from the Talmud speaks abut the son and daughter of Rabbi Yishmael Cohen Gadol (the high priest) who were each captured after the war in Jerusalem, by two different masters. The two masters happened to be good friends, and as such, one master told his friend that he had captured a very handsome boy, while his friend claimed that he had captured a very beautiful girl. They said to one another, "let us mate these two servants and we shall divide the children between us."

The *kinah* continues to describe how the masters put the two "servants" together in a dark room, in order to carry out their plan. As the "servants" each sat in a corner, they cried in their hearts all night long: "How may I marry a servant, for I am the ancestor of Aaron Hacohen?" In the morning, as light appeared in the room, the "servants" recognized one another, and at once ran to and kissed each other. At that moment, they both prayed to G-d to remove their souls, so that their masters could not force them to commit the horrible crime.

A vast majority of *kinot* are termed as *Shire Zion*, or Zionades. All of these *kinot* begin with an address to Zion and express an ardent longing for the Holy Mountain. They overflow with words of love and reverence for the Holy Land and of yearning to see her and abide in her. The most famous of these songs of Zion, such as *Zion Halo Tishali*, were written by the great Hebrew poet and singer of Zion, the physician and philosopher, Rabbi Yehuda Halevi, who died in 1140. Among the other composers of the *kinot* are the equally well-known Sephardi poets Shlomo Ibn Gabirol, Judah Alharizi and Abraham Ibn Ezra.

After the *kinot* are recited, the book of Eicha is read with tears and sadness. During its recital there is almost complete darkness in the synagogue and the chazzan and congregants sit on the floor. This book, authored by the Prophet Jeremiah who witnessed the destruction of the first Temple, is full of lamentations. In five chapters, the prophet gives heartbreaking vent to his lament over the destroyed and desolate Jerusalem. Notice should be taken of the alphabetical order of the verses, which were probably so arranged in order to assist memorizing the book. Eicha is read to the strains of a very mournful tune and the Yeminites have different tunes for the different chapters. Among the Sephardim, it is customary to read not only the book of Eicha but also that of Job.

It is a Sephardi tradition that on the night of Tisha b'Av individuals sleep on a mattress on the floor, and it is a Moroccan custom to place a rock (or rocks) under the pillow in fulfilment of the following verse: "And this stone which I have set up for a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee" (Genesis:28, verse 22).

In some Sephardi communities, the *torah mappah* (vestment) was turned inside out, and so too, the *parochet* (ark curtain). Similarly, the *teva* is draped in black and the *rimmonim* (bells) are not used. Instead of using the regular silver pointer, a plain reed is used for pointing to the place in the sefer Torah, which is read in a sad manner but in the regular notes. Additionally, the gabbi used to place ashes on the heads of the people present in the synagogue when reciting the *kinah* of *Asara Harugei Malchut* (The 10 Martyrs).

In some European Sephardi communities, after the morning service and *kinot*, the children would conduct a mock funeral to express their sadness. Some children made a symbolic grave (*machora preta*, in Spanish), covered a stone with a black piece of cloth, and wept over it to express the gloominess of Tisha b'Av for the Jewish people.

The women of Turkey used to sit in groups and weep and wail over the destruction of the Temples as they read the *kinot* in Arabic or Spanish. Thus they expressed sadness evoking prayers such as the story about Hannah and her seven sons and the story about the murder of the Prophet Zechariya in the Court of Priests, and so on. They also go to the cemetery to weep for the departed.

It was also a custom observed by many of the Sephardi Jews not to work on Tisha b'Av (or on Purim) because it was felt that little would be gained from the day's toil. There is a popular adage which states: *"Kaspei eicha vekaspei mi kamocha ein bahem siman beracha,"* which literally means that money earned during Purim or on Tisha b'Av does not carry blessing.

Tisha b'Av is the date of a host of sad memories and we must all feel a part of the pain and suffering that our people endured on this day. Our sages, who foresaw it, order us to mourn this great calamity by abstaining from all food and work. The following Talmudic statement is probably the best explanation for our continued observance of Tisha b'Av in all its severity even today: "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her." That is to say, all who mourn the loss of her pristine greatness and glory will witness the restoration of her ancient majesty. The value of the fast of Av lies not only in remembering the past and applying its lesson to the present, but also in recognizing the unity of our people, the continuity of its existence and the destiny which yet awaits fulfilment.

Although the State of Israel has been established, the Holy Temple is not yet rebuilt. So long as this is the case, world Jewry will continue to mourn its loss. The hope is strong in our hearts that the time may not be far removed when Tisha b'Av will become an important festival of joy instead of a day of mourning and a fast.

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Opinions

The renewal of an ideal

Part I

The call to aliyah today often creates feelings of estrangement and hostility among Diaspora Jewry.

At a recent gathering of leaders of world Jewry, the president of Israel called for aliyah as the obvious solution to the Diaspora's concern with Jewish continuity. After all, assimilation would cease and their continuity would be assured if Jews would only leave the fleshpots of the Diaspora and join the historic renaissance of the Jewish people in its homeland.

By David Hartman

The president's speech was understood as patronizing and humiliating, ignoring Diaspora Jewry's efforts at building its own viable social and cultural frameworks. They were turning to Israel for partnership, not salvation.

Is this encounter symptomatic of a deep cultural schism within the Jewish people? Must Israelis be silent about aliyah – the central dream of the Zionist revolution – in order to maintain meaningful dialogue with the Diaspora?

In the following series of articles, I shall argue that the concept of aliyah must undergo a radical transformation if it is not to become extinct and irrelevant. But, before continuing, I shall discuss a feature of Jewish law which informs my position. The Languages of Mirroring and Aspiration

Jewish law can be understood in terms of the distinction between mirroring and aspiration, that is, between norms which reflect reality and those which point to new possibilities.

One function of law is to provide stability and order by mediating existing standards and values. Law thus mirrors where people "are at." A law that ignores what the majority of people can appreciate and appropriate in everyday life is doomed to failure.

Another function of law is to awaken the community to strive to higher goals and ideals. From this perspective, law educates rather than mirrors. Its goal is to challenge and to inspire change. It may upset the status quo in order to lead people from where "they are" to where "they could be."

In the final analysis, morality and law must balance the conservative need for stability and the progressive pull to educate and change. A law which speaks the language of reality without awakening alternative possibilities becomes stagnant and suffocating; a law which speaks the language of aspiration without recognizing what people are really like becomes irrelevant and meaningless.

This distinction can shed light on the problematic meaning of the concept of aliyah in contemporary Jewish life.

In the past, aliyah was a response to political crises which threatened our very existence. Massive movements of Jews to Israel were directly related to persecution and anti-Semitism. Jews "escaped" to Israel. Aliyah was more a "running away from" than a "striving for something higher."

The Canadian or American experience, however, differs radically from this paradigm. In America, where I grew up, and in Canada, where I served as a rabbi and university professor, Jews are very, very comfortable. Even when experiencing a sense of marginality, Jews basically feel safe and at home. There is no crisis driving them to seek aliyah as an answer to their survival needs.

This is the crux of the dilemma: We can no longer talk an aliyah language that is nurtured by alienation and crisis. The overriding threat to North American Jewry is assimilation and not anti-Semitism or marginality. And, no matter how serious a threat assimilation is, it is not experienced as a life-threatening crisis.

Although caring Jews do consider assimilation a real crisis, those who assimilate view their behavior as free and uncoerced. They are not reacting to an external threat. Some might even recommend assimilation as a liberating alternative to the burdensome guilt of feeling responsible for Jewish history and culture.

Ironically, assimilation can be understood as a longing for normalcy – the very same notion which inspired so many Zionists. If our aliyah pitch is to live a "normal" life, we expose ourselves to the response that intermarriage and assimilation are perfectly good ways of achieving normalcy in America.

The promise of normalcy has little effect on people who experience their identities as normal. For them, the Zionist dream of normalcy has already been realized. The promise of aliyah has been fulfilled in America!

We must understand this new historical reality and, instead of hunting for signs of anti-Semitism and new Farakhans in order to reignite the cause of aliyah, we must face the fact that American Jewry is not a community in crisis.

"Jewish identity and the call to aliyah can no longer be delined by an external enemy. It must be nurtured by something very different: personal conviction and solidarity with Jewish historical destiny."

Peace belongs to whole nation

The motto of Benjamin Netanyahu's first "victory" speech, to his followers, was "peace begins at home." That of his second, to the U.S. Congress, was about peace with Israel's neighbors. Its motto might have been that such peace is no partisan affair but is for all Israel — for the whole nation.

By Emil Fackenheim

Speaking to the government of the world's "greatest democracy," the prime minister dwelled on peace between democracies that do not "initiate aggression" or "military adventurism" — a peace treaty that is not a mere piece of paper. But since Israel's neighbors are not democracies, ill-willed media have reported him as wanting no peace at all. Yet he emphasized the peace with Egypt and Jordan, the first negotiated by Likud, the second by Labor. "We want a peace that lasts," said the prime minister. No Israeli government can aim at less.

Why mention peace between democracies? First, to stress that the peace available requires security; for Israel to demand it is no mere political ploy. Second, democracies at peace with other democracies hector Israel to take risks which they would not take themselves, nay, cannot even conceive of; but this is exposed as unethical. Third, for Israel to be pressured into taking such risks — rather than to weigh them herself — is equally unethical.

Currently Israel is being asked to ease the closure of the territories which is causing great hardships among Palestinians. In promising that he would, Netanyahu has made it clear that he is not reacting to world pressure but is counting on Yasser Arafat to make the opening safe. The word "reciprocity" has been added to our political dictionary. I hope it stays.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak greets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Cairo two weeks ago. Although there were concerns heading into the meeting, it was widely regarded as a boost to bilateral relations. [Reuters/RNS]

Goldhagen's book

The number of comments I received on a recent column that dealt with Daniel Goldhagen's book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*, was no surprise. The Holocaust remains the most potent experience of our people — and certainly will remain so far a while to come. What is different about the book is the author's attempt to prove that Germany's history of the last 100 plus years made the planned extermination of Jews almost inevitable. For German anti-Semitism, he says, was "eliminational" in nature, that is to say that its prime content was to get rid of Jews one way or the other. Hitler was therefore doing only what the vast majority of Germans had wanted all along.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Goldhagen's extreme thesis has drawn a lot of attention. Most historians, both Jewish and non-Jewish, have pointed to the book's lacunae and errors and have generally been unfavorable to his thesis. The most thorough analysis I have seen is by Robert S. Wistrich, professor of Modern European and Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His article appeared in the current (July) issue of *Commentary* and is worth reading.

Wistrich acknowledges that the author excels in a number of areas. For instance, he shows how enthusiastic the German police battalions were in executing their grisly task — even though they could have requested a different kind of service. But very few did and most participated with vigor in the so-called "Jew-hunts." The same was true for the way they maimed, tortured and humiliated Jews in the concentration camps.

But, says Wistrich, none of this proves "that the killers killed because they were Germans, or that their actions were representative of the vast majority when they helped in destroying the Jews ... Although anti-Semitism was certainly decisive for the Nazi leadership, Goldhagen has simply not presented a persuasive case that it was what primarily or exclusively motivated ordinary Germans."

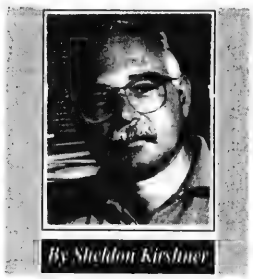
Wistrich then proceeds to what I consider is his basic observation: "In a curious and probably unintended way, Goldhagen's book blurs what *was* distinctive about the Holocaust. By diverting our attention from the millions done to death by desk-murderers, S.S. units, and Wehrmacht soldiers, and focusing instead on the relatively small numbers killed by police battalions or guards on death marches, Goldhagen brings to the fore precisely those features — brutality, sadism, killing for sport — that are not primarily unique to the Holocaust but rather part of the endless catalogue of human cruelty through the ages. The fact that the Holocaust represented industrialized killing on a mass scale, ordered by a powerful state in the grip of a mad hatred, somehow gets lost; and yet it is, after all, the key fact."

I am often asked whether I think that "it can happen again." Of course it can, but it would require some very special circumstances. While it is possible, it is unlikely, especially since there is now an independent and strong Israel to secure the Jewish future.

The Kirshner File

Politics is Hugh Segal's undying passion

There are not many people in this world who are so precocious, so accomplished and so supremely self-confident



By Sheldon Kirshner

that they can blithely write their memoirs at the relatively tender age of 45.

Hugh Segal, political apparatchik, newspaper columnist, TV panelist and business consultant, happily joined that rare breed recently with the publication of his book, *No Surrender* (HarperCollins, $28).

Anecdotal and analytical, *No Surrender* is an autobiography which begins and ends with politics, an undying passion which resonates in every fibre of his being. Segal, in case you haven't heard, is a Progressive Conservative, a Red Tory who has toiled as a policy advisor for the likes of William Davis, the former premier of Ontario; Robert Stanfield, the leader of the federal Conservatives in the 1960s and 1970s; and Brian Mulroney, the last Conservative prime minister.

And, as Segal suggests in *No Surrender*, he briefly toyed with the idea of running for the leadership of the Conservative party against Kim Campbell after Mulroney announced his intention to step down.

Today, three years on, Segal — who has moved seamlessly between politics and the private sector — is back on Bay Street. Commuting from his home in Kingston, Ont., Segal is an investment counsellor in the Toronto firm of Gluskin Sheff.

Yet, though he has no plans to return to the hurly-burly of public life, politics is still in his blood. At Queen's University School of Policy Studies, he teaches a graduate course in political science. For the *Toronto Star*, he writes a guest column. And on the CBC and CTV television networks, he pontificates on current events.

Segal's association with the Conservatives goes back a long way, to a classroom in Montreal when he was a 12-year-old student at the United Talmud Torah. John Diefenbaker, the then Tory prime minister, visited the school and delivered an impromptu speech which, as Segal writes, "grabbed me by the throat."

Impressed by Diefenbaker's vision of an open, tolerant and humane society where the strictures of class and bigotry were irrelevant, Segal gravitated toward the Conservatives, campaigning for candidate Stanley Shenkman in the 1962 federal election and twice running for parliament in the 1970s. By doing so, he broke ranks with his Russian-born grandfather, an NDPer, union organizer and ladies' tailor, and his father, an ardent Liberal who earned his living as a taxi driver.

Given Segal's working-class background, I could not resist asking why he hadn't joined the Liberals or the NDP and instead had been smitten by the Conservatives, which, historically speaking, has attracted few Jews.

I posed this question as we sat in a conference room near his office in a sumptuous skyscraper with a breathtaking view of Toronto's downtown core. Segal, resplendent in a dark suit tucked around his ample girth and resembling a jolly uncle, was ready with an answer.

"We're more comfortably the party of the underdog," he claimed. To Segal, the Liberals were the acme of the Establishment. And while he admired Tommy Douglas and David Lewis as great human rights advocates, he was turned off the NDP's state interventionist policies.

Segal also liked Diefenbaker's unstinting pro-Israel record, a thesis he elaborated upon in a 1970 article in the *Canadian Zionist*. And he admired the Conservatives' support for dissidents, Jews and non-Jews, in Communist regimes.

Segal looks back with ambivalence to Joe Clark's 1979 promise to move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Clark, the would-be prime minister, was "trying to do the right thing" with his surprising proposal. "It wasn't a bad idea in terms of policy," mused Segal, who has visited Israel three times. "But the timing was bad," coming as it did on the eve of an election and exposing the Conservatives to accusations of pandering to Jewish voters.

If Segal had his way, Canada would build a huge consulate in Jerusalem now, thereby offending no one, and convert it into a full-fledged embassy at the propitious moment.

Despite the disrepute into which Mulroney has fallen since his resignation, Segal has glowing words of praise for his ex-boss, whom he served as chief of staff in the early 1990s. Not only was Mulroney "the most effective Conservative prime minister of the century," but he was "instinctively and very strongly pro-Israel." And his appointment of Norman Spector as Canada's first Jewish ambassador to Israel was a barrier breaker.

By his own admission, Segal never took seriously his chances of winning the Conservative leadership nomination. True, several cabinet ministers asked him to run, but Segal had no illusions. "Their interest in me was more about Campbell than me."

In any event, he doubts whether he could have defeated Campbell at the party convention. But Segal feels the Conservatives would have acquitted themselves better in the election had he, rather than Campbell, led the party. Once Segal decided the job was not for him, he backed Jean Charest, the present Conservative leader. Still, he appreciates that Conservatives in the Jewish community were "very supportive" of his never-to-be candidacy.

When I wondered whether he could envisage the ascendancy of a Jewish prime minister in the future, the normally voluble, smooth-as-silk political operator paused for what seemed like an eternity. "The answer is, I'm not sure," he began.

But then, brightening up, he said: "The party wouldn't care about the religious affiliation of any of its candidates, and the country is beyond that kind of small-mindedness, though that doesn't mean we have no small-minded people."

The real question, he said, is whether a "minority faith" candidate could balance national interests. In his view, the matter is not even debatable. "I don't believe that my faith or my background would make me less capable of doing that."

A few moments later, he said, "But how comfortable would the Jewish community be with a Jewish prime minister?"

Segal is anything but certain that a Canadian Jew will lead the nation any time soon. "Statistically, the number of Jews involved in high-profile political positions is such that it's unlikely there will be a Jewish prime minister in my lifetime." But, hedging his bets, he observed, "It's not impossible."

Segal, who claims he has experienced not even a smidgen of anti-Semitism in 30 years in politics, is married to the former Donna Armstrong, a graduate nurse and health care consultant.

Although they were wed in a Reform ceremony, his wife did not convert to Judaism. "I respect her faith and she respects mine." Their daughter, Jacqueline, is exposed to Judaism and Christianity and will make her own decision regarding religious affiliation.

"It's not an issue between my wife and myself," noted Segal, a member of Kingston's Ir Ha Melech Congregation. And chuckling, he said in typical fashion, "Quite frankly, I'd be more worried if she married a Liberal."

Independence Day's well done

Normally, science fiction films are not my cup of tea. They're usually just too hokey for my sensibility. But *Independence Day*, which opened recently at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is different from all the others in the genre.

A summer blockbluster, *Independence Day* recycles a well-worn plot: an alien invasion of our planet. It's far-fetched, of course, but it's also reasonably intelligent, imaginative, unexpectedly humorous and beautifully crafted. The special effects alone are worth the price of admission.

For Jewish moviegoers, *Independence Day* offers a little bit extra. The heroes — an African-American combat pilot (Will Smith) and a Jewish computer scientist (Jeff Goldblum) — help save the universe from annihilation. Before Goldblum embarks on the do-or-die mission, his grizzled father (Judd Hirsch) hands him a velvet yarmulke and a prayer book, which he accepts sheepishly.

Hirsch provides much of the comic relief. In a scene which takes place in a bomb shelter, Hirsch, a kippah on his head, invites a neighbor to share a blessing. "I'm not Jewish," he says. "Nobody's perfect," replies Hirsch nonchalantly.

The subtext of this film is that we're all better off when we set aside our "petty differences" and pull together in the interest of an overriding cause. In this spirit, Israel and its Arab adversaries join an international coalition, organized by the United States, to fight off the technically advanced monsters from afar.

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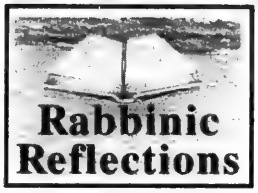

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI MICHAEL WOLFF

I recently had the pleasure of attending a party honoring someone for professional work on behalf of the Jewish community. What impressed me was that the speakers all praised those who work for the Jewish community, not for the money and not for the *kavod*, but for the good of the community.

This type of tribute beautifully expresses what love of G-d and of the Jewish community truly is.

Ethics of the Fathers, chapter 5, Mishneh 19, teaches us that two forms of love exist. The first has a physical basis and is conditional, what can be understood as love of an object. When the object ceases to be, then the love also ceases.

The second kind of love is unconditional, love which is given freely, a love that should link two individuals one to another. This is a love where the "other" is an extension of oneself.

The Torah portion of Ekev in Deuteronomy, which is found immediately after the second paragraph of the Shema in the daily service, talks about unconditional love. Chapter 11, verse 22 says that if you observe the mitzvah to love G-d, to walk in His ways and to cling to Him, then G-d will cause you to inherit the land of Israel.

The commentaries on the verse try to explain the mitzvah of "loving G-d." On the whole, they agree that "loving G-d" is a concept of unconditional love fulfilled through acts of caring and kindness and helping others. Closeness to G-d and love of G-d are basically love for one's fellow. It is a notion of selflessness to extend oneself in a concern for others. One does not treat others like objects, but as if everyone is special and important in his or her own right.

One gives to and works for the Jewish people because one cares. Motivation and fulfilment both stem from how much one can give of oneself. This is an "unconditional love" for the Jewish community.

When we all realize that working for the community is observing the mitzvah demanded of us to "love G-d," then we will all inherit the land promised to us.

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Penance for a pogrom

By TOM WOOD

Guest Voices

One calls upon the lessons of eighth grade wrestling practice at the strangest moments, as when in a melee with two drunk Poles on the floor of a train, on the way back to Warsaw from the site of a pogrom.

It wasn't much of a fight. The wild gleam in the eyes of one of them as he picked me out of the crowd and silently approached, along with the way he shifted his grip on the bottle, telegraphed his intentions. I deflected the bottle as he swung it at my head; warm, sweet-smelling wine sloshed over the mother and child next to me.

I took both lads to be off-duty soldiers on a bender, because of their muscular builds and close-cropped hair. But they weren't in top fighting form at the moment. After a few seconds of grappling on the floor, I was sitting on top of the two of them. It helps to weigh 250 pounds in such situations.

If only I had been wearing a yarmulke, like so many at the commemoration I had just left in Kielce, I would have had a much juicier story. But I am neither a Jew nor a Pole – rather, theoretically, a disinterested student of the troubled attempts of these two peoples to live together in the same country, or even on the same planet. The almost farcical attack had nothing to do with what I was doing in Kielce, but it evoked a torrent of images.

Two hours earlier, I had stood by the grave of the 42 Jews killed by Poles in the July 4, 1946 Kielce Pogrom. There, World Jewish Congress Vice-President Kalman Sultanik recalled the time just after the war when Poles attacked the train in which he was riding. His words reminded me that several Jews were murdered on trains in the Kielce area around the time of the pogrom, and called to mind the oft-cited 1940 report of Polish Underground emissary, Jan Karski, who saw Poles shoving Jews from their seats and beating them on trains early in the German occupation period.

When the conductor came to our car (someone having pulled the emergency brake), he shrugged at the spectacle on the floor and walked away. Other passengers and I managed to push the drunks into an empty bar car (the bar was closed), and then hold the door shut as they tried to get at us again. In Warsaw, they stumbled off.

The conductor's neglect was a small-scale echo of the indifference among the authorities and bystanders whose memory Elie Wiesel lashed in his speech in Kielce. Standing before the apartment house where the pogrom took place, Wiesel said he did not believe in collective guilt. "But how was it possible," he asked, "that a huge, frenzied mob was allowed to kill and go on killing Jews for almost an entire day?"

The pogrom was a coda to the Holocaust era. Before July 1946, there was still a chance that the Jewish remnant in Poland could return to a semblance of normal life, though the flight to British-held Palestine was already well underway. After the rampage against Kielce's Poles – inflamed by a blood libel – all parties knew that the millennium-long experiment of Polish-Jewish coexistence was over. Ultimately, about 100,000 Jews fled to the West or Palestine.

The anniversary came at a time of mounting tension between Jews and Poles. Not only does the geographic barrier between Poland and the world's centres of Jewish population not diminish the enmity, it seems to increase it. But the tiny Jewish community in Poland seems more at ease with the Poles than with Jews from America or Israel.

When vandals knocked over 66 tombstones in Warsaw's Jewish Cemetery in late June, cemetery director Boleslaw Szenicer expressed outrage – as did many Poles. But Szenicer told *Gazeta Wyborcza* that when he took a group of about 60 young Jews from New York through part of the cemetery the day after he discovered the damage, he didn't mention it. "I was afraid they would take it as a symptom of Polish anti-Semitism, and would think of nothing else after returning home," he said.

Szenicer later told me that he had shown the vandalized area to another group of Jews the next day because they were Warsaw natives and "they will understand."

In February, the Polish government issued a formal apology for the Kielce Pogrom, acknowledging it as an act of Polish anti-Semitism. But Edward Moskal, president of the Chicago-based Polish American Congress, condemned the government's "submissiveness" to Jewish desires.

And in Kielce itself, a sprawling provincial city that became an arms manufacturing centre under communism, the penitent gestures of the local and national governments are met with a mixed response. Although some residents have written anguished letters of proxy-contrition to the papers, every Pole I meet says the pogrom was a "Communist provocation," as though that would excuse five percent of the population from being part of the mob in front of the building.

Still, the city's conciliatory gestures – a play about the pogrom, educational initiatives about it in the schools, plaques unveiled and wreaths laid – draw praise from Yale Reisner, a Warsaw-based official of the Ronald Lauder Foundation, which supports the current, modest renascence of Jewish life in Eastern Europe.

"The flip side," Reisner says, "is that there was an attack on Gypsies in Kielce last week." Police did intervene to nip it in the bud.

"Kielce has a bit of a reputation as a rowdy town," Reisner added, in a talk a few days before I went there. Now I know what he meant.

Jewish Life

Books

By Bernard Baskin

A Song Will Remain by S. Simchovitch, Lugus Publications $18.95 (paper)

Simcha Simchovitch is widely admired as an accomplished poet, novelist and scholar. He is also known as the former librarian and curator of Toronto's Beth Tzedek Synagogue library and Judaica Museum.

The book under review is a notable achievement, a volume of 159 poems that reach out to sensitive and questing readers, that speak both to mind and heart. Most of these poems are translated by the author from Yiddish into English, a few are translated by others. But the majority, however, are in original English verse.

No other Canadian Yiddish poet has been able to make this remarkably smooth and effective transition from one language to another. Yiddish literature is especially difficult to translate because it contains a host of historical references, cultural assumptions and religious symbols.

The author is aware of the perils of entering into the intricacies of a new language. "Like a child that weaves on his tiny feet/and walks, and falls, and trys again/I try anew my pen/in English."

These accessible poems deal with a wide variety of subjects: pre-Holocaust recollections of his experiences in the Polish shtetl of his childhood, life in Kirghizia, the middle Asian Soviet Republic where he lived in relative peace during most of the war years, and his more than four decades as a staunch and proud Torontonian.

The sole survivor of his town of 12,000 Jews, he recalls that day in August 1942, when they were dispatched in freight trains to Treblinka. "Such a city it was, with life and youth,/their joy and sorrow, song and laughter/ like a wheat field waving, sugring./ Now names remain, only names,/ in a book between dark covers — / a remembrance for all the generations."

Cruelty and inhumanity can be transcended as hope, insistent and triumphant, prevails. "Even though the calamity pulsates/in every vein of my being,/and the pits, the mass-graves/ which I have evaded/like a shadow follow me,/ still I want/ to exult in human joy,/ to live and live,/ and even to forgive."

Toronto, sings the author, is a grand village, a metropolis of steel and glass structures, of quiet and tumultous streets, squares and boulevards. In an ironic mood he warns his fellow citizens to beware of venturing into a forbidden park. "Beware of dogs! Do not say/ you weren't warned beforehand./ Do not impede respectful men/ who socialize in leisure/ guarded by dogs and barbed wire,/ in the name of *laissez-faire.*"

Singing the uniqueness of every individual, inveighing against the meaningless of war, exalting the love that sustains and transfigures those wounded and scarred by life, the poet remains eternally optimistic. "A Torah scroll/ is every human being,/ a holy candle is every life,/ for the Maker alone/ to quench./ Unique, one-time miracle/ of blood and flesh and spirit,/ by eternal grace - / alive and effervescent."

Finally, the poet reminds the steadfast Earth that has nourished him for more than seven decades that he has not betrayed the essential core of his being as a caring individual. "Bear witness that I did not/ squander your precious gifts./ to truth and beauty/ as to an irresistible light/ I was drawn./ And always, everywhere,/ I sought to soothe/ in my humble way/ human pain and misery/ of my tormented century."

I have read these poems aloud to family and friends to their enjoyment and enhancement of spirit. This volume, a lasting contribution to Canadian Jewish poetry, should become part of your library.

A marriage made in cyber-Heaven

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

With Tisha b'Av over, we leave the saddest part of the calendar behind us and turn to one of the most joyous (and least known) holidays on the Jewish Highway – Tu b'Av.

The 15th of Av may not have the fame of Passover or Chanukah (although you can find reference to it on the Web at **[http://www.virtual.co.il/city_services/holidays/tubav/]** and **[ftp://www.torah.org/pub/classes/yomtov/fav/]**.) But listen to what the Mishna says: "There were no greater holidays for Israel than Tu b'Av and Yom Kippur, for on them the girls of Jerusalem used to go out in borrowed white dresses... and dance in the vineyards.

"What would they say? Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself." (Ta'anit 4:8)

Tu b'Av was the traditional festival for courting. These days, you don't see many "girls of Jerusalem" borrowing white dresses and dancing in the vineyards. But in recent years, Tu b'Av has been rekindled as a day on which Jewish men and women search for their *shidduch*.

Which is a roundabout way of bringing me to this week's topic: The Internet as *shadchan*.

Okay, so the Jewish Highway doesn't have as much personality as a real-life matchmaker. And I don't think Sholom Aleichem would have been inspired to write about a computer network. But the Internet has become a very popular place to reach out and try to meet your *bashert*.

All types of matchmakers have hung their shingles on the Internet from Israel's Ark Electronic Shadchenter **[http://www.arkline.com/]** to Thornhill, Ontario's Orthodox Connection **[http://www.the-wire.com/shadchan/]** to Miami's Jewish Quality Singles **[http://www.thenet.net/singles/service.htm]**. Some of these rely on the skills of traditional matchmakers. Others are on-line services that charge a fee to have your photograph and interests posted on the Internet.

It doesn't stop there. There are many sites like LoveLink Israel **[http://www.agmonet.co.il/agmonet/1date/main/lovepass.htm]** where you can carry on live (typed) conversations. And there are on-line magazines like *IN Montreal* **[http://www.accent.net/in-mtl/]**. Although not exactly a "singles" magazine, this nicely-designed site is aimed at Jewish adults 18 to 35 years olds in the Montreal area.

There are many other sites devoted to Jewish singles. The Ultimate Link Launcher's People: Singles & Personals **[http://ucsu.colorado.edu/~jsu/people.html#socrel]** has links to over 50 other sites. As does the Jewish Singles Connection WWW Cyber Community **[http://www.zdepth.com/jsc/]** which has additional links to travel and outdoor clubs, Hillel Houses and other campus organizations.

Both those sites even allow you to create your own free personal ad and browse through others'. (But be careful. Just as you wouldn't print your phone number in a newspaper personal, be cautious about the information you make public through the Internet.)

Maybe Internet dating isn't for you. But just because you aren't using the Jewish Highway to find your match doesn't mean someone else can't do it for you. Parents of Adults Jewish Singles **[gopher://gopher.jer1.co.il:70/11/jorgs/npo/pajes]** publishes a National Registry of Adult Jewish Singles. For a fee, their directory will list your available son, daughter, niece, nephew or cousin.

And who knows where all this will lead? These are still new technologies but the Israel Couple Page **[http://lynx.neu.edu/home/httpd/d/dweinber/2.html#success]** already lists nine engaged or married couples who met on the Net.

Marriages made in Cyber-Heaven! Oy what would Yente say?

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CTV's Dana Lewis finds Mideast coverage exciting

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With his well-modulated voice and unruffled appearance, Dana Lewis is a familiar face to many Canadian television viewers. As CTV's Jerusalem-based Middle East bureau chief since November 1992 and a Gulf War correspondent before that, the 37-year-old journalist has reported from Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Qatar, Kuwait and Lebanon.

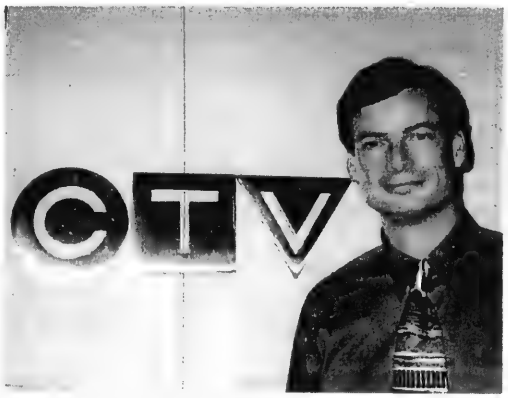
"It's exciting," Lewis said during a recent two-week working vacation in Toronto, an unabashedly enthusiastic tone entering his voice as he recalled why he entered journalism in the first place. His career, which began at a London, Ont., radio station in 1978, has included five years at CBC-TV in Edmonton and a stint as CTV's Western bureau chief.

As a journalist, "you get to go and talk to real people every day. You can go and fight for the little guy and people who are really in need, and give them a voice. It's so rewarding to go and tell the stories of people. I just wish we had more time to give them."

An experienced war correspondent, Lewis values highly the telling of both sides of a story.

"We do not have an agenda," he stressed. "We try to be really balanced."

Although media bias has been a concern of the viewing public, Lewis explained that news media face "a constant struggle" to avoid being manipulated by sources.



A familiar face and a familiar logo: Dana Lewis, CTV's Middle East bureau chief, was in Toronto recently. [Frances Kraft photo]

"We try to go to the front line" to round out information in videos supplied by diverse sources.

Lewis, a native of Toronto, said he feels very comfortable travelling to places like Gaza and the West Bank, "providing people know who we are."

Recently, he faced heavy shelling from Israel when he reported from Lebanon during Operation Grapes of Wrath, but he felt that to do his job properly, it was important to be there.

Despite the initial need to adjust to a military presence and a preponderance of weapons in Israel, "there's another side to everyday life which is quite beautiful and quite normal," Lewis said.

He admitted, however, that this year's spate of bus bombings, one of which occured right outside CTV's Jerusalem office, has disrupted his sleep and caused him nightmares.

"I've been to every single bus bombing. I saw body parts in trees and stepped through blood. It's been dirty. It's been very violent, very sad. Innocent people should not be targeted. That is terrorism. We're not talking about a front-line battle."

Cautious lest his remarks be misconstrued, Lewis emphasized that his words "by no means [constitute] a statement on the Palestinian struggle."

From Lewis' perspective, the past six months in Israel have been "tough. So much happens [there] that six months ago seems like a long time ago."

Reluctantly succumbing to journalistic cliche, Lewis has to admit, "I really have had a ringside seat at an amazing time in history."

Holocaust survivor's son makes visit to Germany

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was with a heavy heart that Bernie Farber agreed to be the staff member accompanying Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Goldie Hershon on an official visit to Germany, paid for by the German government.

The son of Holocaust survivors, Farber had avoided visiting Germany until then.

"It was a difficult trip, laden with emotion," he told the CJC Ontario region executive recently.

This was even more true when, at a tracing centre for Holocaust survivors, he asked for any entries under the name of Farber and was brought a thick file.

"The fourth card I picked up was about my own father. There it was, all the details of his life. It was quite a shock."

Farber, CJC director of community relations, stayed at the same hotel in Weimar where Adolf Hitler made the famous balcony speech proclaiming himself to be Germany's fuhrer. This also sent chills up and down his spine, as did a visit the next day to the Buchenwald concentration camp 20 miles away.

"There is always a cold rain with fog surrounding Buchenwald and we learned that the Germans deliberately picked this spot for the prisoners and also deliberately avoided using the Weimar name for the camp," Farber said.

Germany is taking stronger action against Holocaust deniers than Canada, he said, citing the case of Ernst Zundel as an example.

After visiting synagogues in Berlin and other parts of Germany, Farber said German Jews no longer feel the tensions of three or four years ago, but still have unanswered questions hanging over their heads.

"They're not at the point where they can say all is well."

There is also a struggle between the Jews of east and west Berlin, he said, over who should get most of the money the German government raises by levies to give to minority groups.

Full report on Goldie Hershon's visit in upcoming issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

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NIF president aims to increase group's visibility

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC) isn't exactly a household name here — in fact, that's its biggest weakness, according to Ralph Garber, the organization's new national president.

"It's not recognized here. In the United States it's much more visible," he said in a recent interview.

A recently organized communications committee will be dealing with that issue, he added.

In Toronto NIFC is probably best known for the annual feminist Sukkot service, Succah-by-the-Water, held under its auspices for the past four years at Harbourfront. The project has raised a total of over $100,000 to support women's projects in Israel, such as rape crisis shelters, which receive NIF grants.

The NIF, a joint effort of North Americans and Israelis, was established in 1979 to address social and economic issues in Israel.

Among the NIF projects that piqued Garber's interest initially was SHATIL, a Jerusalem-based organization which provides Israeli non-profit social change organization with free hands-on assistance

Ralph Garber

in such areas as media relations, advocacy and fundraising.

"I found it particularly interesting because of its empowerment facilitation. It sort of fit my own Jewish and social work background."

Garber, 72, is a professor emeritus and former dean of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Social Work. A native of Montreal, he lived in the United States for 22 years before moving here in 1977.

He is currently finishing his term as president of the International Association of Schools of Social Work. Garber has lectured around the world, including two stints in Israel. During his stay in the States, he was a board member of the Jewish Federation in St. Louis and New Jersey, and president of the United Way in New Jersey.

For him, the New Israel Fund represents "a form of new Zionism" which has its roots in "the original idea of a peaceful state, liberal in the broadest meaning."

While the NIF is an apolitical organization, the recent election of Benjamin Netanyahu as prime minister of Israel has raised concerns for its supporters about religious pluralism, women's equality, Jewish-Arab coexistence and civil rights in Israel. Those aspects are the focus of NIF work.

"If the new government is not going to be hospitable to some of our ideas, we'll have to work harder," said Garber.

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This photo, taken in 1993, shows Daniella Kaufman teaching her young son Avraham, the Aleph Bet in Bratislava, Slovakia. Kaufman, her husband David and their three children moved from Canada to Bratislava in 1992 to establish a Jewish day school for children between the ages of six to thirteen. [Edi Kosmin photo]

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Community groups press for Nemsila's deportation

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Lawyers for Jewish community groups and the federal government recently urged a Federal Court judge not to forget the victims of Nazi horrors when he ruled on whether to grant a stay of proceedings in a case involving an alleged Slovak war criminal.

Granting a stay in the Josef Nemsila deportation case could turn Canada into a legally-sanctioned haven for Nazi war criminals and bring the administration of justice in Canada into disrepute, they argued.

A March 1 letter from Ted Thompson, assistant deputy minister of justice, to Chief Justice Julius Isaac of the Federal Court should not disqualify every judge of the court from hearing war crimes cases, lawyer Ed Morgan told the court.

Morgan was serving as counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress, one of four Jewish community interveners in the case. The Simon Wiesenthal Centre, B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and Ken Narvey on behalf of a group of Montreal congregations each argued the Nemsila case should proceed despite a letter and subsequent meeting between Thompson and Isaac.

The interveners and Justice Department lawyers asked Federal Court Judge Paul Rouleau to consider the enormity of the crimes allegedly perpetrated by Nemsila and weigh that against the issue of judges' independence.

Thompson and Isaac ought not to have met but that meeting shouldn't mean that "Nemsila can laugh and say I can get away with it," Justice Department lawyer Paul Evraire said.

Reciting Nemsila's alleged wartime activities, Evraire pointed out he served as a company commander with the Hlinka Guard from 1939-45. He was responsible for the arrest, deportation and execution of civilians in 1944. In December 1947 he was convicted by a Czech court of killing resistance fighters and he served two years in custody before escaping to Austria. Nemsila immigrated to Canada in 1950, claiming he had been a farmer during the war.

The theme of balancing society's interests was taken up by the interveners. John B. Laskin, representing the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said "it would be the cruelist irony if Nemsila, who once evaded Canadian justice, would again be permitted to avoid justice by exploiting the error of a government official."

"Where's the logic of punishing the victim for what [Isaac and Thompson] did? Why should the victims be made to suffer for this?" asked David Matas, lawyer for the League for Human Rights.

"A letter from a lawyer to a judge is a far lesser wrong than mass murder" or of immunity from it, he added.

Morgan suggested Cullen erred when he said war crimes citizenship cases must be scrutinized with greater care than usual. In fact, the requirements of natural justice are greater when the penalty, such as imprisonment, is more severe, Morgan said.

The worst punishment facing alleged war criminals is that "they can live their lives in complete liberty, just not in Canada," he said.

Ron Poulton, co-counsel for Nemsila, said a reasonable person would perceive Thompson's actions as so egregiously wrong and tainting the independence of the court that only halting the proceedings would remedy it.

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Entertainment leader dies

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Leonard Bernstein, a prominent member of Toronto's movie industry, died of cancer last week. He was 75.

Bernstein was an active and very popular member of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (JCC), where he was especially known for his work with the chapel. In 1975, he and his brother Coleman refurbished the chapel, which is dedicated to their late brother Michael, who was killed on active service during World War II.

After his graduation from Central Commerce, Bernstein was unable to get a job in accounting because of his religion, according to his son Jeffrey, and he joined the well-known Allen family movie business and Columbia Pictures franchise. Later, he worked with Premier Theatres as vice-president and general manager.

He held leadership positions in several industry associations, including the Canadian Motion Picture Theatre Owners Association, and the Motion Picture Pioneers Trust Fund.

During World War II, he served overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He also served on the boards of Associated Hebrew Schools and Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, and was active in the Jewish Boy Scout movement.

While he and his family had always been involved with the Bloor JCC, after his retirement he became active. He pumped life into the chapel, arranging for rabbis, cantors and special speakers, picking up congregants, buying bread, herring and smoked fish for kiddushes, often with his own money, according to close friend Sydney Greenstein.

"He brought a sense of warmth," Greenstein told *The CJN*.

Toronto Star columnist David Lewis Stein, who davened with Bernstein at the Bloor JCC chapel, called him "a very fine man, who set an example for all of us. He was always involved in helping others."

Others spoke of his strong sense of values, of his spending hours and hours distributing latkes to Jewish residents in nursing homes, and of his work in visiting the sick.

"He will be remembered for a long time," Jeffrey Bernstein said.

Bernstein is survived by his wife Lillian, brother Coleman, children Michael, Jeffrey and Deborah, and five grandchildren.

Correction

There were errors in the article "Spector traces family's roots in Germany." (*CJN*, July 18).

The initials J.S. carved into the stone were of Spector's cousin Joseph Swarcz, and were in the courtyard of his home in Gladbach. The house which the current owner claimed was bought in 1939 was Joseph's parents' home in Gladbach.

The impression may have been given that Spector came from Germany with her family. In fact, she was born in Oshawa.

The CJN regrets these errors.

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Hangings discussed in the camp, says former clerk

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A former clerk in the administration office at the Salaspils concentration camp said he heard "talk" of prisoners being hanged but that he did not see any killings despite having an office near the camp's central square where a gallows was located.

Rolands Bahsteins said "there were talks about it, but that was a kind of general conversation." He said it was people outside the camp who talked about hangings but he personally couldn't confirm or deny that such hangings took place.

Bahsteins, who served as a clerk and interpreter at Salaspils for more than six months in 1943, said the camp's guard unit was under the command of Konrads Kalejs. He said that during his tour of duty at Salaspils, he sometimes saw Kalejs on a daily basis.

Bahsteins' testimony was recently shown on videotape at Kalejs' deportation hearing. His testimony was recorded in 1987 in Latvia as part of the U.S. Justice Department's case against Kalejs. Kalejs was ordered removed from the United States for his persecuting civilians during the war as a member of the collaborationist Arajs Kommando. He came to Canada in 1994.

Bahstein's testimony is consistent with that of other witnesses who identified Kalejs as commander of the guard unit at the Salaspils concentration camp near Riga.

However Bahsteins appeared reluctant in his testimony, giving terse answers to questions and failing to remember many details of the camp.

He said he served as a typing clerk at the camp's headquarters and worked on routine matters like food and leave requisitions. Occasionally, he'd translate conversations between the Latvians in the camp and their German overseers, but the conversations were "common ... There was nothing special."

Despite having an office inside the camp perimeter, close to the square where prisoners were executed, he said he didn't see any hangings and that the only talk of hangings was by people outside the camp. He said he didn't know how these people learned of the killings.

Bahsteins, who deserted when he thought the war was lost, said the "guards who escorted prisoners to work places handled them brutally." The guards were members of Kalejs' company.

In other evidence, former Arajs Kommando member Viktors Ennitis testified he served as a watchtower guard at Salaspils from July to December 1942 and that Kalejs was the senior lieutenant in charge of his guard unit.

In the event of an escape attempt, he was under standing orders to first fire a warning shot and if the escape continues, "to shoot the person."

Ennitis, whose testimony was also recorded in Latvia in 1987, said the camp had a central square where prisoners were gathered and where "punishment" was meted out. A gallows was located in the square and "there was one case, there were two people of the Jewish nationality ... and they were accused of doing something wrong, of illegal selling, and then [the German commander] Lange came and the death sentence was carried out."

Ennitis said he saw Kalejs present at the execution but that he did not give any orders.

On other occasions, the square was "the place they administered floggings, beatings with a club" although he said he did not see any of the beatings.

Ennitis said part of his duty was to escort about 22 prisoners outside the camp to a swamp where they dug up stumps. "The prisoners did not get anything (food) during this time," which lasted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., he said.

Unlike Bahsteins, who said he didn't see any Jews in Salaspils, Ennitis testified Jews were present.

Ennitis said he asked to be transferred from Salaspils to the front: "I didn't like Salaspils ... I didn't want to watch all the suffering. When we joined the army, we thought we'd have to fight the enemy at the front."

He said Kalejs agreed to his transfer.

Kalejs' hearing has been adjourned to mid-August. Further dates have been set throughout the month of September.

BJC honors late athlete

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ben Raider, a popular all-around athlete and member of the Jewish Community Centre for 50 years, will be honored by the installation of a fitness testing machine at the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

Raider died last month at the age of 68, following a heart attack.

The new machine, costing $3,000, will enable BJC staff to prescribe individual diets and physical regimes based on the information fed into it on body fat and other physical attributes. The test will take about 20 minutes to complete.

Contributions are being sought to cover the purchase of the machine. Income tax receipts for full amounts will be issued. In addition, contributions will be acknowledged on a memorial plaque.

Recalling that Raider suffered a heart attack 20 years ago and gradually built up his health again, director Jim Emery said Raider's regimen of physical exercise "gave him another 20 years."

An active member and volunteer, Raider belonged to the original Y on Brunswick Avenue, and then to the Bloor Street branch.

Correction

In the article Riding against Racism which appeared in the June 27 issue of *The CJN*, the number people can call to become Peace Ride organizers was incorrect. The correct phone number to call Artists Against Racism (AAR) is 416-410-5631. *The CJN* regrets this error. The Web site address for AAR is [http://www/vrx.net/aar].

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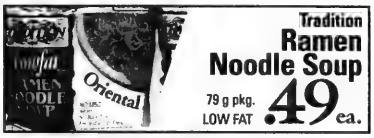
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מיר וועלן זיך אָפּשטעלן כאַטשבי אויף דעם לעצטן אויסדרוק. וויפל חכמה און כאַראַקטעריסטיק פון אונדזער פאָלק ליגט אין דעם דאָזיקן לאַ-קאָנישן זאָג! מיר האָבן ניט געקוקט אויף אַלץ געלעבט, מיר לעבן און מיר וועלן לעבן! ווייל, **אַז מען לעבט, דערלעבט מען.**
אָט האָבן מיר דערלעבט צו אַן אייגענער מדינה. מיר האָבן דערלעבט צו אַ צוריקקער צו יידיש. מיר האָבן דערלעבט צו אַ מאַסן-רעפּאַטריאַציע פון אונדזערע יידן, און צו וואָס נאָך ניט! טאַקע דערפאַר, וואָס אונדז גיט זיך איין ביטער-שווער דאָס לעבן, ווייסן מיר דעם פּרייז פון דערלעבן. דאָס וואָרט **לעבן** שטעלן מיר אַריין וואו נאָר עס לאָזט זיך.

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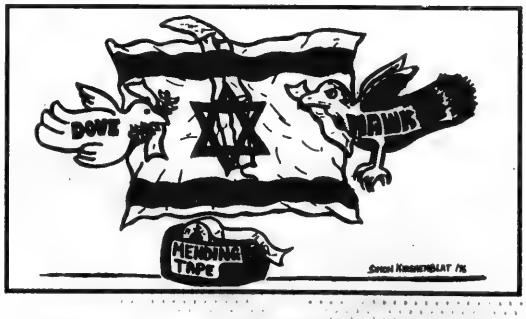
אַ פור מיט אַ גלעקל

וואָס פאַר אַ ווערב איז נאָך אַזוי פאַרשפּרייט צווישן יידן פון גאָר דער וועלט, ווי דער ווערב „פאָרן"?
יידן פלעגן שטענדיק האַלטן אין איין אַרומפאָרן — פון שטאָט צו שטאָט, פון לאַנד צו לאַנד, פון קאָנטינענט צו קאָנטינענט. אָט דאָס הייסט דאָך גלות! איז טאַקע דאָס וואָרט פאָרן אַריין אין אַן אַ שיער אידיאָמאַטי-שע אויסדרוקן.
אויספאָרן אַ וועלט. **אַריינפאָרן** אין די רייד. **אַראָפּפאָרן** פון פּנים (מאָנער ווערן, שלעכט אויסזען). **אונטערפאָרן** (מיט זיסע ריידעלעך). **פאַר-פאָרן** אין די ציין. **אַרויספאָרן** אויף... (אַן אַרגומענט, כדי עפּעס דערווייזן).
היינט די אויסדרוקן: **פאָר ווייטער**, זעט אויס ווי אַן **איבערגעפאָרע-נער, אַ צעפאָרענער** (בענקל, טיש), געבן איינעם **אַ פור מיט אַ גלעקל** (פאַקטיש אַרויסטרייבן).
פונעם זעלבן אינהאַלט זיינען אויך די אויסדרוקן מיטן וואָרט **וועג: נעמען דעם וועג, ריידן פון וועג** (אויסערן וועג), **געפינען אַ וועג** (אַן אויסוועג), אַרויף (אָדער אַראָפּ) **פון גלייכן וועג, פאַרלויפן דעם וועג.**
ביי אַ סך פעלקער זיינען פאַראַן לידער וועגן ביימער. אָבער ביי אונדז, יידן, שטייט דער בוים **אויפן וועג.** („אויפן וועג שטייט אַ בוים").
און אויך מיט העברייאיזמען: **אין הויכע דרכים, אין ווייטע דרכים, סע גייט אויף אַ דרך, דרך-הישר** א.אַ.וו.
און אויב ניט אַ וועג, איז אַ וואָגן: זעצן זיך אין **אַ פרעמדן וואָגן**, ניט וועלן זיין **אַ פינפטע ראָד צום וואָגן.** און אויב ניט אַ וואָגן, איז אַ פעקל: יעדער האָט זיך זיין **פעקל, אַ שווערער פעקל, אַ פעקל צרות**, און אַפילו אויף יענער וועלט **פעקלט מען זיך אַריבער. . .**
מיט איין וואָרט — וועגן, וועגענער, פעקלעך — אַלץ האָט צו טאָן מיט פאָרן, מיט אַרומפאָרן, מיט זיין פאַרוואָגלט. קומסטו אין איין אָרט, גיט מען דיר פון דאָרטן **אַ פור מיט אַ גלעקל.** קומסטו אין אַ צווייט אָרט, האָט מען דיר שוין פאַרלאָפן דעם וועג. אָט אַזוי, צו ביסלעך, **פאָרסטו אויס אַ וועלט. . .**



Marina Olhovsky, Jonathan Shapero and Leora Raivich were finalists in Halleluyah 1996.

CHAT students make finals in worldwide song contest

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Three Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) students were finalists in Halleluyah 1996, a worldwide song contest for Jewish youth, aimed at promoting Hebrew and Israeli songs in the Diaspora.

This was the first time that the contest was held in Toronto. It was sponsored by Youth & Hechalutz Department, Canadian Zionist Federation; Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto action committee for Jewish continuity; Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation; Toronto Council of Hazzanim and Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Marina Olhovsky, lyricist, Leora Raivich, singer and Jonathan Shapero, composer and piano accompanist, all going into Grade 10 at CHAT, first performed their song, entitled *Ir Ha'Etanim* (The Enduring City) at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and then went on to perform in the community celebration following the Walk to Israel.

Olhovsky, who lived in Ukraine until she was 12 years old and then in Israel for two years before her family moved to Canada, wrote the lyrics after CHAT announced they were running an original song contest about Jerusalem. She later approached Shapero and Raivich to write the music and record the song.

"Israel left a very deep impression on me, and writing poetry has always been my favorite hobby, so when the contest was announced it was inevitable that I would enter," says Olhovsky.

"We had only two days to put the whole thing together before we had to perform for the school but it really was not difficult. I have spent time in Jerusalem and I think that helped. One has to be inspired to write a song and after being in Jerusalem, it was easy to get inspired," says Shapero, who, as well as writing music, plays piano, keyboard and guitar. He is also part of a trio that goes out to schools to perform and encourage students to keep up their musical studies.

Raivich, whose parents are from Latvia, was born in Calgary and came to Toronto with her family in 1985. She began formal singing lessons in 1991 and is spending part of her summer doing musical theatre in Vancouver.

Correction

A July 11 *CJN* story on Canadian volunteers who helped man ships of the secret Aliyah Bet operation from 1945 to 1948 incorrectly identified the ship on which Moshe Katz had served. He was aboard the *Wedgwood*.

As well, the story omitted mention of Bernard Kogan, who also served on the *Wedgwood*.

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BBYO Canada closes due to funding shortage

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directors in Lake Ontario Region (comprising southern Ontario as well as Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y.) and Laurentian Region (Quebec). As well, the full-time director in Red River Region (Winnipeg) has been made part-time.

There have been no changes in Northwest Canada Region (Alberta and Saskatchewan). And British Columbia was never part of BBYO Canada or B'nai Brith.

As a result of the changes, all four Canadian BBYO regions may revert to supervision from the United States, as was the case for years.

"There will be no more national decisions," Sokolsky told *The CJN*. "And there will be a loss of Canadian identity. We've tried so hard to be distinct from the United States. The kids aren't overly worried, but this paints a grim picture.

"It's tragic and short-sighted, but that's the sorry reality of today."

Regions are also reorganized

BBYO is the world's largest Jewish youth organization, with about 1,200 teenaged members in Canada. In this country, it was once funded by B'nai Brith Canada (BBC). But in 1991, BBC, faced with a $3.5-million debt, cut off all money and told the group to fend for itself. It was a move whose repercussions, many say, are still being felt today. Despite BBC's withdrawal, BBYO kept its name.

The regions then affiliated with local federations and Jewish community centres, and raised funds from alumni, parents, individual B'nai Brith lodges and the public.

In 1993, BBYO International set up BBYO Canada in order to tap Canadian funds and for a while, it worked. "There was stability," Sokolsky said.

But now "decisions will be missing a certain voice."

In a separate development, Miriam Pilc-Levine, the full-time director of Canada's largest BBYO district, Lake Ontario Region, has also been dismissed.

As well, the region will be reorganized to put more emphasis on activities in Toronto, where 500 of the region's 600 members live.

In all, the changes are expected to save $65,000, says region chair Tom Lobel, with the savings to be spent on programming.

He said the changes will have "a very limited" effect on members. "I don't see it will make much difference. It's just a decision to focus funds to get a bigger bang for the buck. It makes a lot of sense."

The decison was taken, he said, because of declining membership and the expenses involved in serving members outside Toronto. The new arrangement will mean that services in Ottawa and Buffalo will go unchanged; Kingston will be serviced by Ottawa; and Hamilton and Kitchener will likely end up part of the Toronto membership. But supervision of the entire region will come from Washington.

Montreal's FEDERATION/CJA stopped funding the local BBYO chapter of 200 teens in April. The position of Laurentian Region director, held by Marla Usheroff, has also been terminated.

Usheroff was actually let go in May, but has stayed on because she's confident the region will be able to raise money privately.

She told *The CJN* that a notice explaining BBYO's plight has gone out to the community in Montreal and response has been good. Notably, two alumni, Ross Paperman and Emanuel Kalles, have taken the lead in fundraising.

Being supervised by Americans "is not what kids here need or want. Things have been very difficult here and Quebec Jewish youth need local supervision," Usheroff said.

She said a new "streamlined" region is ready to go back to the federation with a new plan.

Federation spokesperson Maxyne Finkelstein said the cutoff of funds was because "BBYO was not meeting its obligations, both in terms of fundraising and membership."

The federation cut its BBYO allocation of $40,000, while "under discussion" is a further cut of $11,000 from the YM-YWHA, Finkelstein added.

She said the federation "is not closed" to funding BBYO again one day.

Officials at BBYO International in Washington did not return *The CJN*'s calls.

Winnipeg JC&FS executive director moving to U.S.

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG – There comes a time for organizations and their executive directors, even the most popular of them, to part company and look to new blood and fresh challenges. That time has come for Barney Yellen after 15 years at the helm of Winnipeg's Jewish Child & Family Service. Yellen will be leaving the JC&FS at the end of September to assume the same position for the Jewish Family Services of New Haven, Connecticut.

Yellen is originally from the United States (Los Angeles). He came to Toronto 28 years ago to work in his lifelong field there. In Toronto, he met his wife, Penny (a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada), who was from Winnipeg. They came back here in part to look after her ailing father.

Under Yellen's direction, Winnipeg's JC&FS has been completely re-organized, gained accreditation and recognition in its field for its work. Yellen also leaves the organization on a sound financial footing.

The caseload is about 550, he reports, about 150 more than it used to be when he arrived. "Our task has become to meet the growing needs of the community with fewer resources," he says. "We have had to develop a number of innovative programs such as our volunteer program. We currently have about 180 volunteers."

Over the years as well, the focus of the JC&FS have shifted away from child welfare and more to the needs of the frail elderly.

The organization has supported the development and growth of the Aleph Bet Day Care and the Shalom Residences (for Jewish mentally handicapped adults). As well, the service helps recently arrived Bosnian Jews resettle.

Yellen reports that New Haven has a Jewish population of 24,000.

Its Jewish Family Services provides a range of services including foster care, mental health services, help to the aged and resettlement services.

The JC&FS is not the only Winnipeg Jewish community pillar that is losing its long time leader. Paul Silver, the president of the Vaad Ha'ir, died on July 8 after a three year struggle with cancer.

Silver, who was 64, had been president of the Vaad for seven years. A successful businessman, Silver contributed much of his time to the community. He was a past president of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, a board member for 18 years, and the synagogue's only "life member". He also served as president of the Jewish National Fund and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and was a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University.

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Scouting conference encounters problems

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Geula Joffe is disappointed.

The member of the national executive of the Israeli Boys and Girl Scout Federation expected relations between Israel and Arab nations attending the 29th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to be smooth.

But as the sun peeked between the clouds in Wolfville, N.S., there was only gloom in her heart. "Before the peace process, we had problems with the Arab group at these conferences," said the 45-year-old Ramat Gan resident. "They would ignore us and we found that very difficult for guiding and scouting, because we're not the United Nations. We're just trying to make peace and train our members for understanding."

But she said she thought the Arab group would be more friendly in Wolfville, particularly after Israel initiated the peace process and had lost its prime minister. And at a recent World Scout conference in Oslo, Israel asked that the Palestinians be admitted as an associate member.

"After all this goodwill, and our effort to become friends and to act together and live in peace, I'm disappointed in the ladies here who are unwilling to talk to me. As guides and scouts, we do everything to promote peace. I hope soon there will be a change of attitude."

Joffe said she had a meeting arranged with one leader of the Arab group but "she never showed up. I was told by a member of the European delegation that she got cold feet."

Joffe is a retired corporate financial and accounting director. She is now doing volunteer work with children with disabilities and behavior problems, as well as serving as treasurer of the Scout Federation for the past nine years.

There are 20,000 guides and 50,000 scouts registered in Israel, members of the Hebrew Scout Association and five Israeli Arab associations. "There's no problem getting girls enthused," said Joffe. "Yet in the Arab world, there is the tradition that girls don't go out. We have to work hard to convince parents, even though girls want to join. We see differences between the girls and their parents. The children will wear modern clothes while the parents are more traditional."

She said programs are adjusted for the different communities but "we're doing it carefully. We believe that if the program is good, they'll join to gain the benefits."

The Scout and Guide Association runs summer camps, she said, and together the six groups are planting the Federation Forest near Nahalah where Moshe Dayan was born.

The Israeli scout movement is growing by about five to six percent a year, says Joffe. "We have found the underprivileged population is discovering scouting provides an education, and enjoyment when they join our group. Ethiopian refugees and Russian immigrants find that scouts help them with learning and make their life a bit easier. And if they can't afford membership, they can join without paying."

Joffe, the only Israeli delegate to the conference of more than 550 women from around the world, said a large portion of the Israeli scout movement's budget goes to security.

Montrealer heading to Singapore diplomatic post

OTTAWA — Barry Carin, assistant deputy minister of trade and economic policy in the Foreign Affairs Department, has been appointed High Commissioner to Singapore. He leaves Aug. 6.

A native of Montreal and a McGill University graduate, Carin, 50, first joined the federal civil service in 1971, serving with the Treasury Board Secretariat.

After earning a PhD in economics from Brown University, he became director of evaluation at the Treasury Board from 1974-77.

From 1978-80, Carin was an associate professor at the University of Victoria's School of Public Administration, and undertook several assignments for the British Columbia government.

In May 1980, he was appointed assistant deputy minister for program delivery at the Ministry of State for Social Development. In 1982, he was senior advisor for the Beaufort Sea study undertaken for the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Indian and Northern Affairs.

Later that year, Carin returned to the Ministry of State for Social Development as deputy secretary for income support and transfer payments.

In 1984, he was appointed assistant deputy minister for strategic policy and planning with Employment and Immigration Canada.

Four years ago, he joined the External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs) Department as assistant deputy minister for economic policy and trade competitiveness.

In 1993, he assumed his current position, which also includes the position of G-7 Foreign Affairs Sous-Sherpa.

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Luncheon for Holy Blossom Temple Reunion of Confirmands of the 1930s, or anyone of that period interested, takes place Sunday, Oct. 20. Call **Bert Danson** 229-2880 or **Sybil Levy Gordon** 489-5709 or temple office 789-3291.

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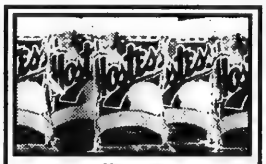

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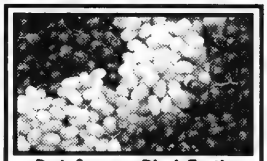

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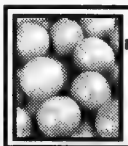

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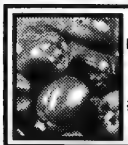

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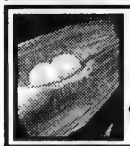

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What's New

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p.m., Barbara Frum Community Recreation Centre, lower level, 20 Covington Rd. Free. To register, 395-7774.

Weekly Breastfeeding Support Group hosted by North York Public Health nurse, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. Free. 395-7758.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

The Photographic Historical Society of Canada announces the inauguration of three awards/grants to encourage original research into Canada's photographic history: $500 Kodak Canada Award for best student paper, runner up $250; $500 research grant to current PHSC member; grant of up to $1,000 to aid publication in book or monograph form. **Les Jones**, president, PHSC, 691-1555.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Young Widows/Widowers (changing relationships, grief process, rebuilding your life, begins Sept. 4); Separation and Divorce (feelings, loneliness, new relationships, moving ahead, begins Sept. 5); Only for Women (managing stress, self-esteem, healthy relationships, begins Sept. 10). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School Program for children ages 5-12 offers Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history, Bible, sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking, Purim party. Registration for 1996/97 now being accepted. Previous Jewish education not a prerequisite. **Leslie Shapiro** 905-731-5054.

ONLINE CATALOGUE

Zoomtext Plus, a software which enlarges the display on the computer screen up to eight times, has recently been introduced in the North York Public Library. It is especially helpful to people who have difficulty in reading regular print. It is available at these branches — Barbara Frum, Central Library, Don Mills, Fairview, York Woods. Contact branch or **Joan McCatty**, resource librarian, Services to People with Disabilities 395-5581.

REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan Shabbat services at Downtown Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave.: Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.; Friday, Aug. 9, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.; Friday, Aug. 23, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. Services are lay-led and participatory and include prayers in Hebrew and English as well as music and discussions of the weekly Torah portion. **Hilary** 928-1784.

APHASIA CENTRE

The Aphasia Centre-North York has openings in September for volunteer communication facilitators, working with small groups of aphasic people. Aphasia is a language disorder which can occur following a stroke or head injury. Volunteers working with the groups are trained by speech-language pathologists. Interviews will be held during August and September. **Linda** 226-3636.

For Seniors

For individuals 55 years and older, with good communication skills and committed to the concept of volunteering, a 60-hour training program focusing on personal growth, communication skills and the aging process, begins on Wednesdays in September. Includes volunteer placement. Information and orientation Tuesday, Aug. 20. For details, 638-7800, ext. 799. Training program sponsored by Baycrest Centre, Bernard Betel Centre, Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care and is supported by Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Thursday, Aug. 1, Peterborough; Tuesday, Aug. 6, blood pressure first aid nursing services, 11:30 a.m., free to members; Wednesday, Aug. 7, *Phantom of the Opera*; Thursday, Aug. 8, Sherway Gardens; Thursday, Aug. 15, Unico Foods; Sunday, Aug. 18, barbecue party and entertainment; Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls; every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon, dancing, free for members. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. B'nai Brith Building. 661-4689 or 630-5771.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, all inclusive, Aug. 4-11; Israel trip, all inclusive, Nov. 4-25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors announces that the trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills has been cancelled due to fire in the hotel. However, the trip to the Raleigh Hotel, $1,175, 10 days, is still on. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Newly elected 1996-98 Members' Council executive: **Charles Goeldner**, chair; **Henry Cranston**, 1st vice-chair; **Tova Szajman**, 2nd. vice-chair; **Gussie Sugar**, secretary; **Ed Yuditsky**, executive secretary; **Harold Segal**, immediate past chair.

Low Vision Support Group, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1:30-3 p.m.

Etrog Israeli cultural club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 7 program is a movie. **Anna**.

Margarite Maslov entertains Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1:30 p.m.

Movie *Broadway Rhythm*, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to music of Creative Band 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

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Register now for the Ottawa/Hull Fall Rhapsody trip Sept. 30-Oct. 3 with the BJC Senior Adults Services. Sightseeing, dancing, delectable dishes, shopping, cruising, casino playing. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

About People

BEIT HALOCHEM

Beit Halochem Canada 1996/97 executive: **Ralph Snow**, president; **Toby Felberg, Irit Nayot, Donna Glassman**, vice-presidents; **Peter Sevitt**, treasurer; **Diane Shiffman**, secretary; **Jeanette Grosman**, member-at-large; **Michael M. Sax**, immediate past president.

Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel) raises funds to equip four Beit Halochem Rehabilitation Centres in Israel, in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nahariya serving Israel's 47,000 disabled veterans and their families. Beit Halochem Canada also coordinates an annual group visit to Toronto and Montreal for disabled veterans.

ARTIST HONORED

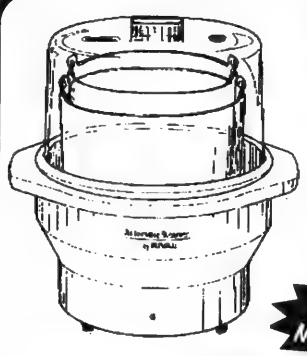
A reception was held recently at the Koffler Gallery for sculptor **Herman Reches** in honor of his donation of three ceramic sculptures to the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Reches, well-known in the community for his Judaic folk-sculptures and the commemorative Pedestal of Memory candleholder, has been a fixture in the ceramics studios at the Koffler Centre for many years.

GIFT PRESENTED FOR SOLDIERS

The Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Congregation presents gift to Col. Eitan Matmon of the Israel Defence Force to support the projects of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel. From left are Irving Matlow of the Association; Joesph Rosenthal, synagogue treasurer; Col. Matmon; Joseph Joseph, vice-president; Sam Faivish, campaign chair. Absent: Rabbi Moses J. Burak and Irving Karoly, president.

NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Pictured at the Association of Jewish Day School Administrators changing of the guard for the 1996/98 term are (from left) Sonia Shron, Bialik Hebrew Day School administrator, past president; Bernard Shoub, Board of Jewish Education director of school finances, secretary-treasurer; Ira Berman, Eitz Chaim Day School administrator, newly installed president; Alan Steinfeld, Netivot HaTorah Day School administrator, immediate past president; Arthur Tannenbaum, Associated Hebrew Day Schools retired executive vice-president, past president; Joe Goldwasser, Eitz Chaim Day School retired executive vice-president, past president. Absent is Arthur Landa, Associated Hebrew Day School administrator, vice-chair.



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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Sam Lipshitz and family

on the loss of their

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Manya (Mary) Lipshitz ז"ל

ONTARIO DRUG BENEFITS

IMPORTANT News for Seniors and People Receiving Social Assistance

Because the federal government has reduced transfer payments for Ontario's health and social services by $2.1 billion over the next two years, the Ontario government must act now to preserve its drug programs.

Starting **July 15**, Ontario Drug Benefit recipients will contribute a small amount toward their prescription costs. Ontario is the last province to introduce co-payments.

How much you pay depends on your income. You will pay up to $2 per prescription if you are:

- single, 65 or over, with a net income of less than $16,018 per year
- a couple, both over 65, with a combined net income of less than $24,175 per year
- living in a nursing home, home for the aged or home for special care
- receiving welfare or family benefits
- receiving home care

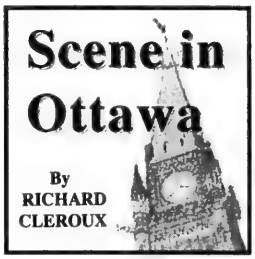
You're 65 and your income is higher than the above? Then you pay the first $100 of your drug costs each year. After that, you'll pay only the ODB dispensing fee of up to $6.11 per prescription.

You have extra health insurance from a private company? Call your company. It may cover co-payment costs.

Call the Ministry of Health at **1-888-405-0405** if you have more questions. Or look for information sheets at your pharmacy.

Ontario

There's more than economics involved in this trade deal



OTTAWA — Canada's relations with Israel will be getting back closer to normal this week with the signature of the Canada-Israel Free Trade agreement.

The deal will be worth about $100 million a year in trade for each country as 10 percent and 20 percent tarrifs are gradually eliminated.

But there's more than economics involved here. Relations between Canada and Israel were chilled last spring when Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud government came to power.

The signing of the free trade agreement was to have taken place last spring, but it was put on hold until after the Israeli elections. There was talk however, that the agreement might never be signed at all, depending on what the new Israeli government did.

We're not back to normal yet. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa still has "under review" its participation in the multilateral peace negotiations by which Canada and other nations help resettle refugees in the Middle East, build housing for them and promote economic development as part of the Oslo accords.

The Canadian government still doesn't trust Netanyahu ... completely. He and some of the people behind him said things in the heat of the Israeli election campaign that worry the Canadian government.

Canada will watch a number of key issues — how the Netanyahu government handles the Middle East peace process, how it treats Palestinians and whether it lifts restrictions on Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Only after it has seen a clear direction from the new Israeli government will Canada consider any major policy changes. This gives the new Israeli government plenty of time as it contemplates its options and decides which of its election promises it will honor, and which ones it can put off for a while.

Nothing is expected publicly from Ottawa at the earliest until after the U.S. elections in November. Canada will not cause trouble for President Bill Clinton at this time by announcing anything that could be misinterpreted by some Arab nations (the ones who always see Canada as America's errand boy in the Middle East).

The Chrétien government was never as blatant as the Clinton administration in favoring Shimon Peres over Netanyahu in the recent Israeli elections. Thank goodness for Canada, given that Netanyahu won. The United States could afford to take sides. It gives Israel so much money. Canada could never afford to do the same.

Netanyahu has been quick to forget and forgive, possibly because Israel still depends such a great deal on the U.S. largesse.

Fully 45 percent of the massive U.S. foreign aid budget goes to Israel and Egypt — more than $20 billion a year!

Right now the Canadian government is in the process of discovering that Netanyahu may not be the "enemy of the peace process" that Peres' Labor government had us believe. Maybe he won't further the peace process, but perhaps he will not destroy it as Canada had been led to believe.

Although Netanyahu did not rush out the day after the election to shake Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat's hand, he has come a long way. For one thing, he no longer equates the PLO with the Nazis. That's a start. A comparison to the Hezbollah and Hamas options may have helped put things in perspective for him.

Just before the May 29 vote in Israel, in what was a last minute bid by the Liberal government in Ottawa to get on the good side of Netanyahu, Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy said in an interview with the *Toronto Star* that Canada would favor the creation of a Palestinian state if the "security" of Israel was to be guaranteed. (Read Likud party policy).

Until then Canada's position had been that Canada favored the creation of a Palestinian state if it was "decided" through negotiations by the parties involved. (Read Labor party policy).

The nuance hardly changed any votes in Israel, but it is something that Axworthy can point to if Netanyahu ever decides to visit Canada.

Although Ottawa is clearly holding back judgment on Netanyahu right now, it is anything but disinterested in Middle East affairs.

In June, Arafat's Palestinian Authority jailed civil rights dissident Dr. Eyad Sarraj after he told the *New York Times* that Arafat's government was "corrupt, dictatorial and oppressive" and that he had felt "100 times freer" under Israeli occupation.

Sarraj, a psychiatrist, heads a civil rights group called the Independent Commission on Citizen's Rights which has been critical of Arafat, and runs a mental health program in Gaza for Palestinian children traumatized during the intifadah. The clinic, the only mental health treatment centre for children in Gaza, is funded by a $500,000 grant from Health Canada.

Axworthy went directly to Arafat to secure Sarraj's release, making it clear any more violations of Sarraj's rights would have an "impact" on Canada's review of development assistance to the Palestinian Authority. Arafat backed off.

Canada's current silence on Israeli policies should not be mistaken as a disinterest in Middle East affairs.

CJC president Hershon appeals for national unity

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — An appeal for Canadian national unity and the need of French-Canadians to feel secure about their language and culture was voiced by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Goldie Hershon during a recent visit here.

She said Canadians in the rest of Canada, outside of Quebec, face the challenge of recognizing the distinctiveness of French-Canadian culture "without the necessity of giving Quebec additional powers over the other provinces." She called on the federal government to "take proactive steps if Canada, as a country, is to survive another referendum."

Hershon, who was accompanied by Shellie Ettinger, of the national CJC office, came here to meet with the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) "and to learn more about life in a small Jewish community."

There are about 100 Jewish families in the Okanagan area. Kelowna is deep in the heart of the Rockies, about half-way between Vancouver and Calgary.

During her visit she met with Kelowna Mayor Jim Stuart; local MLAs Cindy Hawkins and John Weisbeck; and MP Werner Schmidt. Her hosts here were OJC president Mel Kotler and Robert Levin, who is on the CJC national executive.

Hershon was at the OJC centre for an afternoon program and evening dance. She called on members to get involved in Congress affairs "to prevent separatists and some individuals in the federal government from taking away from Canadians the benefit of living in the greatest country in the world."

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The Olympics 1996

ISRAEL AT THE OLYMPICS

Israel has been participating in the Summer Olympics since the 1952 games in Helsinki, Finland – only four years after the country was declared a state.

Israeli athletes have competed in nine Games since that time and several have placed in the top 10.

At the 1992 Games in Barcelona, Spain, Israel won its first medals. Yael Arad and Oren Smadja won the silver and bronze in their judo events.

This year, Israel has sent a delegation of 24 athletes, who will be competing in judo, wrestling, sailing, track and field and other sports. It is also the first time that Israel has sent a women's fencing team.

MUNICH

Before dawn on Sept. 6, 1972, eight Palestinian terrorists from a group called Black September climbed a fence to get into the Olympic Village in Munich, Germany, where most of the athletes at the Games were living.

They carried machine guns and hand grenades as they headed for the apartments where the Israeli athletes and coaches were sleeping. In the fight which followed, the Arabs killed two Israelis and took nine hostages.

They wanted the Israeli government to let 200 Palestinians out of jail and allow them to return to their own country. Golda Meir, who was the prime minister of Israel said no. Israel would not give in to terrorists – ever.

The German government did try to negotiate with the Palestinians, but when they tried to save the Israelis, a terrorist threw a grenade at the hostages.

In total, 11 Israelis, five terrorists and one German policeman died. It was the most horrible event at any Olympics.

Some people said the rest of the Games should be cancelled, but others said that would mean the terrorists had won. A memorial service was held the next day and then the Games continued. The other members of the Israeli team withdrew and went home to bury their teammates.

DID YOU KNOW?

• In 1988, at the Olympics in Seoul, Korea, Israel had a chance to win a medal in yachting. But the team had to settle for fourth place. They missed one race, because it was held on Yom Kippur.

• The most gold medals ever won by an athlete at a single Olympic Games were won by American swimmer Mark Spitz in Munich in 1972. Right after his last race, Spitz was sent back to the United States. He is Jewish and after the Israelis were killed, the Americans were afraid that Spitz might also be in danger.

• At this year's Olympics in Atlanta, Mark Spitz was one of the athletes honored during the Opening Ceremonies.

SOME OF THE 1996 ISRAELI TEAM

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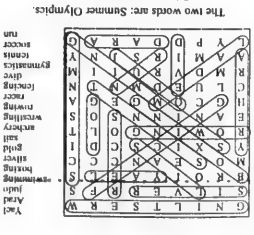
The CJN enjoyed all of the color "Tevye" Freds sent in by our readers. The three names selected from our hat were Frances Blustein of Richmond Hill, Rebecca Dykopf of Thornhill and Rachel Charney of Willowdale. Each will receive a $20 gift certificate from Israel's Judaica and Gift shop.

WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

The two words are: Summer Olympics.



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Matas tells story of Holocaust survivor

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

We like to think that when children were freed from the concentration camps after the Holocaust, everything was wonderful for them. But that is not true. Most had a very difficult time, as they not only had to rebuild their health, but had to learn that it is safe to trust and love other people.

Carol Matas, who is well known for her earlier works on the Holocaust, *Lisa, Jesper* and *Daniel's Story*, has written a wonderful book, *After the War* (Scholastic Press, 1996), that tells the story of Holocaust survivor Ruth Mendenberg. Desolate after discovering that she is the only member of her family still alive, she is found by a member of Brichah, an underground group that smuggles Jews into what was then Palestine, against the wishes of the British, who controlled the country at the time.

Because she is a little older than many of the other child survivors, Ruth is made a leader of a small group that makes its way across Europe. Along the way, she finds unexpected strengths in herself and discovers that she can still laugh and that it is once again safe to care about other people.

There are some very sad parts in this book, as the children are encouraged to tell of their experiences during the war and as Ruth remembers what life used to be like. But the reader can share her joy as she and her friends finally reach Palestine and start new lives.

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Zvi & Arla Litwin are thrilled at the arrival of Gary Shimon, a brother for Joshua & Adam, on May 30. Grandparents are Bernice & Nathan Leipciger, Goldie & Manuel Litwin and great-grandparents Molly & Saul Collis, Bessie Kravitz and Regina Litwin.

Daniel & Gabriel Nicolau were both chosen valedictorians of the graduating gifted program at Summit Heights. Proud parents are Doris & Harry, sister Inna and Grandma Ana in Israel.

Ryan Kraft celebrated his bar mitzvah recently. All our best wishes from Mom, Dad and Sari. Proud grandparents are Harry & Libby Kraft, Esther & Eugene Tozman and great-grandfather Harry Capp.

On May 11, Rose Shugar Cooper celebrated her 90th birthday with her husband, sister and brother-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. We wish our dearest Nana health and happiness for many more years to come.

Harvey & Sheila Finegold and Jack & Elayne Shuster announce the engagement of their children Stacey & Jeffrey. Proud grandparents are Ben & Mildred Finegold of Montreal, Max & Belle Birkin and Harry & Ruthi Shuster

Neal Shane Wolk graduated with honors from York University. Proud parents are Linda & Gary (Wolk), and grandparents Florrie & Ralph Kay and Fay Wolk.

Sabrina Stotland graduated with a bachelor of arts honors and bachelor of education from York University. Proud parents are Angela & David Stotland.

Mazel-tov to Susan & Robert Robinson who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 25. Love from Mom and Dad Long, Lydia, Larry, Kerry and Jessica; and Layah, Hank, Eli and Jamie.

Mazel tov to our wonderful parents Viki & Johnny Rumack, who recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. With love from children Rochelle & Max Berg and Jerry & Judy Rumack and all your grandchildren.

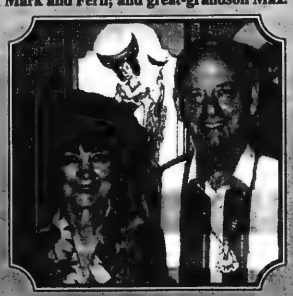
Mazel tov to Lynn & Edgar Morris on their 35th wedding anniversary. Love and best wishes from Shawna & Matthew, Danny & Barb and Anthony.

Mazel tov to Kayla & Hymie Mandshein on their 50th wedding anniversary. Love from their children and grandchildren Faigie & Clive, Ken & Pearl, Robyn & Hayden; Brett, Mark and Fern; and great-grandson Max.

Mazel tov to our parents and grandparents Helen & Sam Krone on their 60th wedding anniversary on July 3 from Lil, Ronald, Sheila, and grandchildren Shawn, Suzanne & Mark Jacobson and Elisa Feig.

Mazel tov to the world's greatest parents and grandparents Al & Shirley Raskin on their 55th wedding anniversary. Love from your children and grandchildren.

A hearty mazel tov to Jack & Celia Ungerman on their 60th wedding anniversary on July 31. We love you. Children are Marvin & Sharon, Bernie & Monique, Elayne & Irwin and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Mazel tov to our parents Bubbie and Zayde, Harry & Helen Mendelson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25. With much love from Robert & Suzanne Mendelson, Judy, Irwin, Joshua & Rachelle Rodin.

Congratulations to Ben & Helen Klaiman on their golden wedding anniversary. We are blessed and feel proud to have you as our parents and grandparents.

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Ethiopians outraged by Committee findings

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The Navon Committee, appointed six months ago to investigate the Ethiopian blood donation affair, has announced that there were "many shortcomings in the decision-making process" inside the Health Ministry and Magen David Adom (MDA).

But the majority of the committee members did not recommend the dismissal of anyone involved, including MDA blood services director Dr. Amnon Ben-David.

The United Ethiopian Immigrants Organization reacted with rage to the report. It was planning to hold an emergency meeting of communal leaders to demand that the government establish a state inquiry commission into all the different issues related to the aliyah and absorption of Ethiopian Jewry.

Former president Yitzhak Navon, who chaired the six-member committee, declared at a press conference at Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum that "no racism was involved" in the official decision to discard blood donated by all Ethiopian immigrants because of the relatively high rate of HIV in the community.

"The [officials] were not evil. They worried about stigmatizing the community," Navon said, "although after the fact, we believe they should have told the immigrants the truth [when they came to donate blood]."

Instead of an across-the-board ban on accepting blood from Ethiopian immigrants, the committee recommended that blood should not be taken from anyone who, in the past 10 years (before coming to donate blood), had spent at least six months in any of 63 countries where AIDS is endemic, including southern Asia and parts of South America, the Caribbean and Africa.

In addition, blood would not be accepted from anyone who had returned during the previous 12 months from an HIV-endemic country; from hemophiliacs, homosexuals, drug addicts or prostitutes; or from anyone who had had sex during the past year with someone who is in one of the above mentioned high-risk groups.

Navon conceded the largest group that would continue to be affected is Ethiopian immigrants.

For years, the Health Ministry had appealed to the press not to disclose the high rate of HIV carriers among the immigrants.

The committee had originally included seven members: Navon; retired Tel Aviv District Court judge Eliahu Winograd; Youth Aliya social worker Natmar Hillel; Ben-Gurion University epidemiologist Prof. Lehaim Nagan; Hadassah-University Hospital hematologist Prof. Eliezer Rachmilevich; former MK Yehezkel Zakai; and (now Labor MK) Adissu Messele, chair of the immigrants' organization.

The report was presented first to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who asked the committee what could be done to prevent the spread of AIDS within the community itself.

The members urged serious educational efforts among the immigrants to cope with language and cultural problems. This could be implemented by setting up a well-financed inter-ministry team responsible to the Health Ministry.

At a second press conference in the museum after the Navon Committee's ended, Messele charged the committee "and others outside who wanted to delay the report until public interest waned" with "foot-dragging.

"We do not want to endanger public health, but all of our HIV carriers are known, unlike those in the rest of the population," Messele said. "We object to the all-encompassing ban on accepting our blood, which it is a privilege for us to donate like everyone else."

The immigrants' organization will launch a class action suit against the government and MDA for refusing to accept their blood, he added.

New approach to development in territories will raise Israelis' standard of living

By DAVID HARRIS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – A new approach will be taken in developing the territories that will raise Israelis' standard of living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, said last week.

Senior government officials have begun working on a program of far-reaching policy changes that will affect the entire country. Three committees of ministry directors-general met to discuss future priorities, speeding up construction work, help to northern confrontation line communities and developing the Gulf of Eilat.

While refusing to reveal detailed proposals in any of the major policy areas, Lieberman pledged to raise the standard of living, improve public services, create employment opportunities and bring industry to the settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

He pointed out a series of administrative anomalies in the territories that will be reformed. For example, he said, in 1991 a list of settlements was drawn up, with residents receiving considerable incentives to live there, but those in settlements not mentioned have not been entitled to such help.

Lieberman said there was a 40 percent construction slowdown in both the public and private sectors during the last five months of the Labor government. This has led to a considerable reduction in availability. The statistics Lieberman presented also show a reduction in work being carried out by the local, regional and national planning authorities.

The plan is to build 60,000 apartments throughout Israel, particularly in the central area, during 1997 and '98. However, the government also intends to increase the housing supply in Eilat and the south, a program that's been on hold for 10 years, Lieberman said.

The government also is promising large-scale financial help to communities along the northern confrontation line. That commitment is being made to both Jewish and Arab settlements. Four Arab villages have already been pinpointed for aid; Arrabe, Fassuta, Ghajar and Ma'ilya.

"Everything that Jewish settlements receive, they'll receive," Lieberman said. "We see ourselves as the government of everybody."

In more general terms, he said the government has every intention of improving the infrastructure in Arab areas, making particular mention of drainage and sewers.

SECULAR-HAREDI CONFRONTATION
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CJN Rosh Hashanah Photo Contest

The CJN announces its second annual Rosh Hashanah photo contest. We are asking readers to submit photographs either of Israel or of any Jewish theme in their communities. They must be original photos "shot" by the reader.

Who can enter: Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter: A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please write your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You may mail or deliver your photos to: CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners." We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified: Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before Shabbat on Aug. 30, 1996.

When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Quebec.

Netanyahu tries to assuage fears

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Since his election as prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu has tried to assuage widespread fears that he will

Mideast Analysis

eviscerate the peace process, which has been in limbo since a wave of suicide bombings in Israel last winter.

Netanyahu, who was given a mandate to seek "peace with security," has repeatedly said that he is committed to peace, that he will honor the commitments of the previous Israeli government and that he intends to conduct negotiations without preconditions.

Netanyahu's declarations, however, have not really clarified matters, because he appears to reject United Nations Resolution 242, the seminal land-for-peace formula which has guided Arab-Israeli diplomacy since the Six Day War.

Although he has not openly castigated that resolution, Netanyahu has nimbly danced around it, claiming that it "is not a prerequisite for talks," and cryptically saying that he has his own interpretation of it.

Certainly, Netanyahu categorically rejects the concept of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, captured in 1967 and formally annexed by Israel in 1981.

Israel's bilateral negotiations with Syria, broken off last winter, were based on the premise of ceding the Golan in exchange for iron-clad security agreements and a normalization of relations.

Netanyahu unequivocably rejects this thesis, and thus places preconditions on the table that the Syrians are unlikely to accept. The government's guidlines state that the Golan is "essential to Israel's security," and that Israeli "sovereignty" over the Golan "will be the basis for an arrangement with Syria."

Believing that a peace treaty with Syria is not "achievable" at this time, Netanyahu is of the view that Israel should attempt to sign limited accords with Damascus. But if President Hafez al-Assad was unable to reach an accord with Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres on the basis of an Israeli withdrawal, what chances does Netanyahu realistically have?

The new right-wing Israeli government promises to negotiate with the Palestine Authority administered by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, on condition that "the Palestinians fulfil all their commitments fully."

But in his first speech after becoming prime minister, Netanyahu omitted any reference to the PLO, Israel's negotiating partner since 1993, and declined to say when, or if, Israel would evacuate Hebron, the last of the Arab cities on the West Bank Israel is obliged to leave under the Oslo agreements (which he supports grudgingly.)

Nor has Netanyahu deigned to meet with Arafat, who enjoyed a sound working relationship with Rabin and Peres. Intermediaries, ranging from foreign affairs advisor Dore Gold to Foreign Minister David Levy, have filled in for Netanyahu. But how long can he postpone the inevitable?

Netanyahu's approach to the Palestinians can be summed up in a word — "reciprocity." If the Palestinians respect their solemn obligations and rein in terrorism, the bane of the Oslo peace process, Israel will grant them autonomy, or as he recently put it, "a fair deal."

But Netanyahu is adamantly opposed to a Palestinian state, as well as to the division of Jerusalem, the overarching goals of the PLO. (Rabin and Peres were also against such an entity. Yet, on the eve of the May 29 election, the Labor party dropped a clause in its platform opposing a Palestinian state. As for Jerusalem, Peres put it best. Jerusalem was, he said, "religiously open but politically closed.")

Much to the anger of the Palestinians and the Arabs in general, Netanyahu intends to strengthen and broaden settlements in the territories. According to the guidelines, Israel will "allocate the resources necessary for this."

In late June, Netanyahu told U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher that he supported "the unqualified right of the Jewish people to settle anywhere in the land of Israel." Citing official statistics, Netanyahu pointed out that the Jewish population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip had grown from 96,000 to 145,000 in the past four years, when the Labor party ran the country.

"I assume that no one (in Washington) is expecting us to do less," he said by way of preparing the Clinton administration for a renewed effort to expand settlements.

The Americans are wary of Netanyahu. In Washington, President Bill Clinton pointedly said that "the tide of history cannot be turned," while Christopher insisted that "real peace without security is not possible, and real security without peace is also impossible."

Netanyahu, who promotes himself as a pragmatist, doubtless understands that he will have to be flexible and moderate in order to widen the circle of peace in the Middle East.

But can he achieve this objective in a cabinet filled with ministers who are scornful of the Oslo accords?

The Week in Israel

July 22

• The bodies of two Israeli soliders, Yosef Fink and Rachamim Alsheikh, missing since 1986, were returned to Israel as part of an exchange with Hezbollah. The two were buried in a military funeral.

July 23

• Share prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rose, as the government began buying bonds in an effort to stabilize the provident fund market. Meanwhile, both coalition and opposition Knesset members criticized the Bank of Israel governor, blaming high interest rates for the fluctuations in the market.

July 24

• Thousands of Palestinian workers returned to jobs in Israel after the easing of a five-month closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, officials reportedly said. Palestinian officials distributed 2,083 work permits issued by Israel to workers in the Gaza Strip, raising the number of Palestinian workers allowed to return to their jobs in the Jewish state to 27,483.

July 25

• A groups of male and female Reform Jews and members of Women of the Wall were among the tens of thousands of Jews gathered for Tisha b'Av prayers at or near the Western Wall. Their prayers proceeded without incident, despite concerns that their presence would prompt protest.

July 28

• Sara Netanyahu, the wife of Israel's prime minister, cancelled her participation in a conference on sexual abuse of children because of news reports that she would be staying at a $1,000-a-night Stockholm hotel during the meeting. Shai Bazak, the prime minister's media adviser, denied that Sara Netanyahu knew of the lavish accommodations.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

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Israel & the Jewish World

U.S. sanctions against Syria will continue

By MATTHEW DORF
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON – If Syria's President Hafez al-Assad plans to make peace with the United States through his negotiations with Israel, he has a long way to go.

Members of Congress sent a clear message to Damascus this week: U.S. sanctions will continue until Syria ends its sponsorship of terrorist groups and ends its support for narcotics trafficking.

The United States "has tended to downplay [Syria's] dominance of Lebanon, its support for terrorist groups opposed to the peace process, the role of Syrian officers in drug trafficking through Lebanon and Syria's reported efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction," said Rep. Benjamin Gilman (Republican) at the opening of a House International Relations Committee hearing last week.

The hearing, which was held despite the objections of the State Department, came less than three weeks after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on the United States to step up its pressure on Syria.

The sparsely attended hearing marked an anti-climactic end to a quest by opponents of U.S. policy toward Syria to get an airing on Capitol Hill.

Almost four years ago, a Senate committee abruptly cancelled hearings on Syrian sponsorship of terrorism. At the time, a clandestine mission was underway to bring Syrian Jews to Israel.

But because all the Syrian Jews who had wanted to leave now live safely in Israel or the United States, no objections to the hearings were raised this time.

The Clinton administration feared that the hearings would antagonize Assad as State Department officials are working to find a way to jump-start talks between Israel and Syria.

The House convened the session one day after the U.S. special Middle East coordinator, Dennis Ross, met with Assad.

The criticism of U.S. policy hinges on one central question: Has the United States been tough enough in its dealings with Assad?

Since 1979, the State Department has branded Syria a terrorist state. But in recent years, the United States has drawn the distinction between direct Syrian involvement in terrorism and support for terrorist groups.

While the government of Syria has not launched a terrorist attack since 1986 according to the State Department, Damascus continues to provide a safe haven for at least 10 Middle East terrorist groups including Hamas, Islamic Jihad and breakaway factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization opposed to the peace process.

As a nation on the U.S. lists of countries sponsoring terrorism and narcotics trafficking, Syria is banned from receiving economic assistance, weapons systems and sensitive technology. However, U.S. diplomats continue to engage the Syrian government in peace negotiations.

In the face of sharp criticism from Republicans and Democrats, State Department coordinator for counterterrorism, Philip Wilcox, defended the U.S. policy of diplomatic engagement with Syria, including Secretary of State Warren Christopher's 25 trips to Damascus during the last three years and President Clinton's two meetings with Assad.

"It is in the interest of the United States to do everything within our power to engage with Syria to persuade it to change its policies with respect to terrorism and to promote the expansion of the peace process," Wilcox said.

In challenging Wilcox, members of Congress cited reports that at the height of the April conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, Syria allowed an Iranian military jet to unload weapons at Damascus International Airport.

Christopher's plane was at a different section of the airport while he met with Syrian officials. The missiles that are used to shell Israel's northern towns were carted on Syrian military trucks to Hezbollah gunmen in Lebanon.

Rep. Eliot Engel (Democrat) went as far as calling for economic sanctions on U.S. and overseas corporations that trade with Syria. While this approach has garnered no support from the committee, Engel has sponsored a resolution that roundly condemns Syria.

The measure, with about 60 co-sponsors, called on Syria to "curb terrorism." It also signified Congress' intention to "hold the government of Syria responsible for all terrorist acts planned, trained for, financed or initiated in Syria or Lebanese territories under its occupation."

Senator Jesse Helms also flirted with the idea of proposing broad sanctions on Syria, but dropped the effort after the Clinton administration voiced considerable opposition.

Dolphins rescue tourist from shark

Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM – A British tourist who was attacked by sharks in the Gulf of Aqaba last week was saved by three dolphins, according to Israeli divers who witnessed the scene.

Martin Richardson, 29, was reported to be in stable condition in an Egyptian hospital last Thursday.

The incident occurred near Sharm el-Sheikh at the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula. One of four British tourists aboard an Eilat-based vessel, the Jadran, Richardson had dived into the Red Sea.

The Jadran's captain, Yitzhak Hermon, said that he had stopped the boat a kilometre off the Sinai shore to permit the passengers to watch a group of dolphins cavorting nearby.

"Three people went into the water to swim with them," Hermon said. "When the two others came back, Richardson decided to stay in the water a bit.

"Suddenly we heard him scream. We thought it was a joke at first. Dolphins never attack humans. Then we saw him leap in the air and blood stained the water all around him. We understood that he was being attacked by sharks."

Dolphins leaped into the air

One of the crew sped to Richardson's aid in a rubber boat. When he reached him, he saw the injured man being circled by three dolphins, who leaped into the air, smacked the water with their tails and flippers and placed themselves between Richardson and the sharks.

Oz Goffman, director of the Israel Marine Mammal Research and Assistance Centre in Haifa, said that such behavior is known in cases where dolphins are protecting their young from sharks. However, he said, he knew of no previous instance of dolphins defending humans against sharks. He said that a dolphin could kill a shark by ramming it.

There have been reports, he said, of dolphins guiding to shore sailors whose ships had gone down, and even letting the sailors ride on their backs.

There have been only two other recorded cases of serious shark attacks in the Gulf of Aqaba in the past 50 years, Goffman said.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Suspicion points to Iran in TWA plane explosion

By URI DAN and DENNIS EISENBERG
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

Increasingly the finger of suspicion is being levelled at Iran for an act of terror which sent a TWA plane crashing into the sea off the coast of New York two weeks ago.

Opinion

The U.S. National Transportation Board sits tight-lipped. Reluctant to reveal embarrassing details about poor security arrangements at U.S. airports, it is stalling. Months may pass before it issues its report on the crash.

The U.S. Federation Aviation Administration (FAA), in turn, gives the impression that spending millions on costly safety devices to save lives isn't that important. In a frantic effort to pin the blame on "foreigners," the FAA has sent agents to check security at airports in Athens and Tel Aviv. We suggest they concentrate on airports in the United States.

In contrast, FBI sources openly admit that they are "actively investigating claims" that a bomb caused the TWA disaster. This follows information from Israeli and European intelligence sources, who suspect that a terrorist bomb caused that flash in the sky spotted by eyewitnesses seconds before the disaster.

Ali Fallahian, Tehran's international terror campaign chief, has reportedly trained scores of volunteers for his "human bombs." Fallahian was certainly impressed by the way suicide bombers successfully blew up U.S. and French military targets in Lebanon in 1983. He also saw how simple it was to use Hamas suicide pawns to kill over 200 bus passengers and pedestrians in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other cities earlier this year.

Three months ago Lebanese-born Hassin Makdad lost both legs, an arm and one eye when he accidentally blew himself up in a hotel room in east Jerusalem. In hospital, begging doctors to save his life, he was so grateful at having recovered consciousness that he began to detail how Iranian instructors trained him together with an elite group of other volunteers to become a "heroic human flying bomb" for Allah.

Armed with a stolen British passport and lethal redex explosive hidden inside a simple Sony radio given him by Beirut's Iranian Embassy, he was told to board a plane to Israel via Zurich.

This choice was deliberate. The Swiss have the tightest security in Europe where Israel-bound planes are concerned. A guarded bus drives passengers to an isolated building protected by armed vehicles. They are then taken to the plane together with their luggage. Fallahian knew that if his plan succeeded in Zurich it would work anywhere.

Swiss security personnel failed to spot Makdad"s radio bomb. Nor was his false British passport in the name of Andrew Newman picked up by Israeli border control.

The terrorist revealed that his orders were to use his prepaid El Al ticket to fly out of Tel Aviv and explode the plane shortly after takeoff, just as TWA 800 blew up soon after setting off on its flight to Paris.

But Makdad was careless in priming his weapon. He wrecked part of the hotel as well as crippling himself.

An expert on aircraft security told us: "Reports that there were two explosions on TWA 800 are perfectly logical. The first small blast was a bomb. You don't need much to cripple a plane. It succeeded. The second blast was the full tanks of fuel exploding."

After travelling frequently in the United States, the expert found security there lax. It is virtually nonexistent on Paris-bound planes on the assumption that Muslim terrorists are not hostile to France.

The security aboard TWA 800 was "no better" than on the Pan Am plane that blew up over Lockerbie in 1988, killing 270 passengers and local people.

The expert said it was clear that TWA 800 wasn't blown up by a bomb designed to go off automatically at a predetermined height, as happened at Lockerbie. For that it would have had to be above 20,000 feet. Last week's explosion took place at a much lower altitude.

It is also possible that the initial explosion was a simple bomb armed with a metallic detonator which can be fitted to a key ring. When the terrorist passes through a detection gate and his keys set off the alarm, he simply hands them over with an apologetic smile. "Think about it," the security expert said. "Have you ever seen a security guard examine what's on a key ring?"

Once aboard the plane all the suicide bomber has to do is plunge the detonator into place, setting off the explosion.

There is another alternative. Any passenger can board a plane in Toronto or Oklahoma and ask for his luggage to be forwarded to his Paris-bound flight. There are no known checks on this type of luggage at U.S. airports. The theory is that if the luggage fits the passenger and the passenger fits the luggage, there is no need to check.

"Where have U.S. security chiefs been over the past few years?" the expert asked. "It doesn't seem to have registered yet that hundreds of Iranian-directed Muslim maniacs are emerging from the Middle East woodwork, only too ready to die for a cause, slobbering over the promised virgins awaiting them in paradise."

Not only did the evil mind behind the TWA bomb intend to embarrass the "Great Satan" on the eve of the Olympic Games; his action may also have been an act of revenge for the life imprisonment of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, mastermind of the bomb attacks against New York skyscrapers, and the arrest of Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzuk, a top Hamas official. Likely also on his grievance list is the jailing of Abdel-Rahman's aide, Ramzi Yousef, assassin of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

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MK lashes out at Israeli society

By LEORA EREN-FRUCHT
CJN *Israel Correspondent*

TORONTO – In his first speech to the Knesset, newly elected MK Zvi Weinberg, a former Torontonian, lashed out at Israeli society for treating immigrants with contempt.

Weinberg, a member of Israel b'Aliyah, said the sense of rejection immigrants feel in Israel is as much of a problem as housing and jobs.

"Shimon Peres was right when he said many Russian immigrants voted the way they did because they felt deeply insulted," said the former University of Toronto professor.

Weinberg, who made aliyah in 1992, after years of activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry, blamed the Israeli government, the media, academia and the army for treating immigrants with disdain. He called on the educational system to spearhead a campaign of tolerance towards immigrants from the former Soviet Union and other countries.

The 60-year-old MK attacked the Israeli press for systematically mentioning the Russian ethnic origins of suspects and criminals, calling this "a practice with no precedent in the Western press. Would an American or Canadian editor think of running a headline that read: 'A suspect of Chinese origin was arrested for robbery.' "

He cited headlines from the Israeli press referring to the " 'Russian mafia, Russian escort girls and a Russian man who killed his wife.' Is this not racism? Is this hatred of strangers not reminiscent of anti-semitism?" asked Weinberg, noting that according to police statistics, the percentage of crime among immigrants of Russian origin is no higher than that in the rest of the population.

He also cited a Hebrew University study that found that Russian intellectuals feel utterly rejected by their Israeli counterparts.

Weinberg made a special plea to religious Jews to show understanding towards Russian immigrants who have been "cut off from all Jewish tradition – through no fault of their own – for more than three generations. They are not haters of religion and tradition. They are hungry to know the history of their people, their tradition ... But it is not possible to return immediately to a life of religion and mitzvot after generations of being removed from Judaism."

It is not only Russian immigrants who encounter prejudice and ridicule in Israeli society, said Weinberg, recounting some of the experiences that he and his family underwent as new immigrants from Canada.

When Weinberg gave up his Canadian and American citizenship in order to swear allegiance to the Knesset, the MK recalls that "there were those who told me I would regret this act."

When his two sons volunteered in the army, they were ridiculed by their commanders, he said.

Weinberg called on the educational system to address the way Israelis relate to *olim*. He noted that in recent years the system has been providing education for peace and democracy and striving to break down stereotypes of Arabs.

"Now the time has come to turn such efforts towards the *olim* living here," said Weinberg, urging tolerance and open-mindedness towards immigrants.

England's Rabbi Jakobovits advocates division of Jerusalem

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Former British chief rabbi Lord Immanuel Jakobovits last week accused Israelis of living in "cloud-cuckoo-land" and advocated a functional division of Jerusalem, "if it were to lead to a genuine peace.

"Let the Palestinians fly their flag in the parts which they already occupy," he told the *Sunday Telegraph*.

"It wouldn't mean shifting a single person from one area to another. There would be a relationship between the two authorities, but they would have their own mayor.

"Giving freedom to people and recognizing their national aspirations is a Jewish ideal."

Rabbi Jakobovits also supported returning the Golan Heights to Syria. "Just as I can see no reason why there cannot be a Palestinian enclave within Jerusalem, if it were to lead to a genuine peace, I see no reason why there should not be autonomous Jewish settlements in the Golan Heights under Syrian sovereignty."

TAB news

Sky's the limit for Toronto singer/songwriter

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A month after singer/songwriter Amy Sky, launched her first CD *Cool Rain*, her music career sky-rocketed into a different orbit.

Sky, 35, who is from Toronto, was to start a mid-May promotional tour when she got a call from Michael Burgess, the co-star of the hit British musical *Blood Brothers*, now playing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Burgess told Sky he had recommended her for the female lead of the Toronto production and after listening to her CD, the show's producers wanted her to audition.

Although she had no professional acting experience, Sky won the part of Mrs. Johnstone and started her new career as a dramatic musical actor with two intensive weeks of rehearsal in London. She's been garnering rave reviews since the show's opening on May 30.

She acknowledges the implausibility of her stage success. "This is the kind of thing you see in a movie. Nobody walks into a leading role of a major international stage production with no or very little acting experience," she said.

She did some acting in college and high school productions and she "heavily subsidized" her college education with dinner theatre, playing a "Cockney wench" at the now defunct Her Majesty's Feast, she said.

Listening to a cassette of the show's music on the plane, Sky noted that the alto part was perfectly suited to her vocal range.

"It was written for me. The music is much more folk-influenced than it is Broadway, and so is my own music. Musically I felt confident."

And musical ability is the key, because Mrs. Johnstone is usually played "by a pop singer who also acts rather than an actress who also sings," Sky said. "I won the audition on the basis of my CD."

Pop stars Carol King, Petula Clark and Helen Reddy have played the role. Reddy was slated to come to Toronto, Sky said, but "three weeks before preview night they realized she wasn't available."

Sky prepared for the show by "working my tail off" in rehearsal, she said. "By opening night I knew I had it. I was worried that I might forget my lines. David Cassidy said to me, "Just go out and have fun. If you forget your lines I'll cover for you. We'll all cover for you'."

She wasn't nervous on opening night, she said. "I was full of adrenalin."

Sky's stage work is one aspect of a multi-faceted career which includes song writing. She's on contract with Warner Chappell Music to write 20 songs a year and perform and record. She also co-produces television music specials with her husband, singer/songwriter Marc Jordan.

Amy Sky is Mrs. Johnstone in Blood Brothers

Sky's career spans 13 years, 10 of which were spent in the United States. Her songs have been recorded by such stars as Melissa Manchester, Olivia Newton John, Diana Ross and Reba McEntire.

After writing songs for other recording artists, Sky said having her own CD is a "dream come true."

A single from the CD, *Don't Leave Me Alone* made it to number 8 on the Canadian charts in May and another single, *I Will Take Care of You* is in the top 20 and rising. Sales have been spurred by the publicity from *Blood Brothers*, she said.

Many people may view her last minute audition and subsequent stage success as a Cinderella story, Sky said. " 'Overnight success' of course that comes after 13 years."

Domim's prequel starts open run in Toronto

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO – It played only two weeks in New York and three weeks in Los Angeles, so Hussain Amarshi, owner of the Toronto-based film distribution company Mongrel Media, says he is "very pleasantly surprised" that the Israeli film *Under the Domim Tree* has lasted at Toronto's Carlton Cinema for at least nine weeks.

The long run of *Under the Domim Tree* has persuaded Amarshi to import the film's prequel, *The Summer of Aviyah* (1988), which began an open run at the Carlton Cinema last weekend.

"It would be my dream-wish to see both films playing simultaneously," he said, adding that it might happen if *Under the Domim Tree* continues to draw an audience that no previous general-run Israeli film has been able to attract here.

"Its success also reflects the effects of organizations like the Toronto Jewish Film Society and the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, which have nurtured a public for such films."

Like *Under the Domim Tree*, *The Summer of Aviyah* was directed by Eli Cohen and stars Kaipo Cohen as Aviyah and Gila Almagor, Israel's first lady of the cinema, as Aviyah's mother Henya. The film chronicles a summer in the life of 10-year-old Aviyah as she yearns for knowledge of her father, who evidently died before she was born.

As the summer progresses, Henya, who had been a partisan fighter in the forests of Poland during the Holocaust, descends increasingly into madness. Invariably, the inner conflicts of mother and daughter affect others detrimentally in the tight-knit village in which they live.

The film was based on Almagor's semi-autobiographical book of the same name, which was published in 1987 and has since been translated into 10 languages. In 1992, she published a second book, *Under the Domim Tree*, a further chronicle of her alter-ego Aviya, again to wide acclaim. Besides acting in both film adaptations, Almagor co-produced them and wrote both screenplays.

"We are really thrilled at the success of *Under the Domim Tree*, and we're obviously delighted that Israeli films are penetrating the Canadian market," said Alise Siegel, cultural affairs representative for the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto.

Golden Bridges links different cultures

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An interest in other cultures led Daneal Charney to establish Golden Bridges, a consulting firm which helps businesses adapt to different cultures.

The service is useful for businesses that are involved with international clients or have marketing programs which target specific groups, and for companies with multicultural work forces, she said.

The South African born Charney, 27, who moved to Canada with her family in 1980, had been interested in other people since she was a teenager, she said.

After graduating from Waterloo University with a degree in political science and international relations in 1992, Charney was accepted by World Teach, a U.S.-based non-profit organization associated with Harvard University School of Business and was sent to teach English in China.

Charney was fascinated with the culture and extended her planned two-month stay in Shanghai for an additional six months. On her

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Contra The Heard offers non-trendy stock advice

By JOSEPH SERGE
TAB news editor

TORONTO – Are you thinking of investing in the stock market, but don't want to pay a broker high commissions or get expensive advice?

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The quarterly newsletter provides stock news, trends, what to watch for, what stocks they've recently bought and sold and performance results of the stocks they currently own.

The name itself, *Contra The Heard*, is a statement of its basic principle. " 'Contra' is contrary, meaning what is unpopular is more popular for us," Gallander said.

" 'Heard' is a play on the words 'herd' and 'heard' – what the herd hears on the stock market. We do not concentrate on trendy stocks. We concentrate on turnaround situations and stocks currently unpopular but likely to regain lustre in the near future."

Knowing which stocks are going to turn around requires patience and meticulous examination of the corporations involved. Sometimes a stock is studied for up to five years before a purchase decision is made.

"Initally we look at all the stocks on both exchanges to see which are near their 52-week low. Then we check to see which of them are leaning towards their 10-year-low," Gallander said.

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In addition to profit potential, Gal-Stad examines a company's growth potential, book value, price-earnings and more.

If they decide not to purchase the stock, they still continue to follow it.

"We concentrate on financial ratios that indicate turnarounds are possible. Changes in managment are carefully noticed. We buy most of our stock three to five years after we find them. During this time period we look for improvements in the company's financial situation."

One of the 14 points in the company's statement of philosophy is to invest only in organizations which have existed for at least 10 years, mainly to ensure that the stock has a history. "A lot of new issues are stocks which quickly plummet. We want to make sure there's an upside potential."

Gal-Stad Investments purchases every stock it recommends, thereby putting its money where its mouth it. "If our subscribers invest the same way we do, then their results should parallel ours," Gallander said.

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$100 Bonds program links children to Israel

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Rabbi Wayne Allen, spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, and Rabbi Steven Saltzman of Adath Israel Congregation are the co-chairs of State of Israel Bonds $100 certificate program.

The program, established as part of the Reach Out campaign co-chaired by David Markowitz and Henry Morton, encourages the purchase of $100 (US) certificates to commemorate bar or bat mitzvahs, weddings or any other special occasion.

The non-interest bearing certificates are redeemable in five years or can be cashed in Israel for shekels after one year. As well, they can be used towards an El Al flight after one year, or can be converted to an Israel Bond.

"What a better way to rejoice in a simchah," says Rabbi Allen. "We recognize the mitzvah with a meaningful gift and we show our commitment to Israel. There is no better way to perform a mitzvah than to support Israel."

"The campaign aims at increasing awareness of State of Israel Bonds in the community, especially reaching out to teenage children and their parents," says Markowitz. "It is so important to link our children with Israel, to give them a sense of partnership and to make sense of our relationship with Israel."

Rabbi Saltzman stresses that purchasers are not giving to charity when they buy these certificates. "It is of paramount importance that Jews have a feeling of ownership to the State of Israel. When you purchase a $100 certificate you are making a personal investment in Israel. It is an instrument of supporting Israel, which is an essential part of the Jewish people. The certificate allows you to give the gift of Israel and sanctify the simcha, to make a commitment to Israel and to encourage others to make the connection.," he says.

Different cultures linked by Golden Bridges

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return to Canada, she decided to combine the professional training she had been given in her father's management consultant firm with her adaptability and love of other cultures.

Charney began her cross-cultural consulting career as an employee of the non-profit Toronto-based Foundation for International Training where she facilitated relationships between Canadian and Chinese businesspeople. She was responsible for introducing delegations to different Canadian companies.

She said she noticed that business practices across cultures differed significantly. "I saw how problematic it was when people didn't understand each other's cultures. There is a lot of miscommunication and misunderstanding."

She zeroed in on this niche and set up Golden Bridges (905-886-5605) in 1995. One of the services she offers is educating Canadian businesspeople about the impact of culture on business practices and helping them build adaptive communication skills.

For example, to negotiate with Chinese businesspeople you need to keep in mind that the Chinese communicate indirectly, Charney explained. "They don't say no directly even though that's the intent. There are other ways of saying no, like 'we'll see what we can do.' "

Westerners need to learn to decode non-verbal signals, she said, in order to understand the significance of issues such as the status of the negotiators and the venue of meetings.

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by Bill Gladstone

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Under the Stars in North York: Had word reached us earlier, we would have informed you that **Beth Anne Cole** was to have performed this past week as part of Skylight Theatre's summer season at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park in North York.

Luckily, there's still time to catch other great performances. *Chutzpah à go-go*, the musical by **David Gale** and **Randy Vancourt** directed by **Jordan Merkur**, is performed nightly to Aug. 4 (except Aug. 2). Other acts include:

The Melotones, Aug. 2; **Zappa In The Park**, Aug. 7; **Punjabi By Nature**, Aug. 8; virtuoso pianist **Yuval Fichman** and cellist **Shauna Rolston**, Aug. 9; **North York Symphony Orchestra**, Aug. 10; **Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company**, Aug. 13, **Classical Voice Light** (singers performing **Gilbert and Sullivan, Sondheim, Cole Porter, Gershwin** and classics), Aug. 14; **Showtime Saturday Night Bandstand** (big band and swing), Aug. 15; **Tikisa African Band**, Aug. 16; **Bagg Street Klezmer Band**, Aug. 17; **Nine Months** (musical comedy), Aug. 19 & 20; **Shakespeare's** *Taming of The Shrew*, Aug. 23 to Sept. 2 (except Aug. 26).

Admission is by donation; recommended minimum is $5, or $7 for Skylight Theatre fundraisers. Each performance begins 8 p.m. Box office, 416-392-3846.

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Comedywood Correction and Casting Call: A recent article in these pages on Comedywood misidentified the comedian who hosts the Sunday Showcases. He is **Adam Pal**, who advises that he is seeking talent to perform Sunday evenings at the club, located at 800 Steeles Ave. W., Thornhill. 905-761-0543.

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Ragtime Casting: Livent Inc. recently announced major cast roles for its upcoming production of *Ragtime*, due to premiere Dec. 8 at the Ford Centre (previews begin Nov. 19). Actor **Peter Friedman**, a veteran of the Broadway stage, plays the Jewish immigrant "Tatch," determined to create a new life in America for himself and his young daughter.

Brian Stokes Mitchell stars as the talented ragtime pianist Coalhouse Walker Jr., **Marin Mazzie** portrays Mother, and **Audra McDonald** plays Sarah, an innocent young mother who desperately seeks justice for her lover Coalhouse Walker Jr. and their infant son.

Canadian actor **Steven Sutcliffe**, a veteran of the Shaw Festival, plays Mother's Younger Brother, a solitary misfit who also seeks a form of justice.

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In Brief: *Forbidden Hollywood*, a spoof of the movies, has extended its run by two months to Oct. 31. Now playing in the Atlantis Theatre at Ontario Place, adjacent to the Cinesphere. Tickets, 416-872-1212.

The Bubbie Break, featuring Bubbie Marion Schwarz, returns to the air in a special recorded at Universal Studios, Florida. Watch WTN Aug. 5 at 10.30 p.m.; Aug. 8 at 7.30 p.m.; Aug. 11 at 6.30 p.m.

Sotheby's Tel Aviv is planning sales of 19th and 20th century paintings and sculpture, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m., and Judaica , Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Previews and sales at the Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Direct from her New York triumph, **Andrea Martin** presents her one-woman, multi-character tour de force, *Nude, Nude, Totally Nude*, at the St. Lawrence Centre's Bluma Appel Theatre, July 30 to Aug. 4, 8 p.m.

Catch the **Bernie Senensky Trio** at Top O"The Senator, 240 Victoria St., Toronto, Aug. 6 to 11. The trio is celebrating the release of a new CD, *Rhapsody*. Reservations, 416-364-7517.

Yiddishland Cafe pays tribute to Jewish poet Itsik Manger

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Itsik Manger, the Golden Peacock of Yiddish literature, who died a destitute alcoholic in Israel in 1969, has proven to be a link to Jewish continuity in Toronto.

A sold-out crowd of 200 filled all the tables when the Yiddishland Cafe recently played host to entertainers who sang and read Manger's work.

As at its first sold-out evening, the Yiddishland Cafe attracted a significant number of young people, this time to hear the words of a gentle poet who wrote for ordinary Jews, not the elite.

It was in this same Workmen's Circle hall on Lawrence Avenue West that Manger gave a lecture on Yiddish literature in the late 1950s attended by cafe chair Henia Reinhartz and her 8-year-old daughter Adele, now associate dean of graduate studies at McMaster University.

Born in Romania in 1901, Manger became a well known poet in pre-war Poland and fled to England before the Nazis took over. In England, according to Reinhartz, Manger was penniless and felt completely abandoned.

It was not until near the end of his days that Manger established his reputation in Israel with the production in Yiddish of the Megillah Lieder. A fantastic array of characters people this satire of the famous Purim story and it is the basis of a new Broadway play, *I am Itsik Manger* by Avi Hoffman of *Too Jewish?* fame.

The talents of folk singer Batsheva, actress and CBC producer Thaya Thalenberg and musicians Martin Van de Ven and Sasha Luminsky illuminated the paens to nature which Manger wove in his poetry. Nor did Batsheva and Thalenberg miss any opportunity to include his pot shots at the elite.

The Yiddishland Cafe, which holds its next meeting Sept. 7, is supported in part by a grant from the continuity program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

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Business Profile

Manifest Communications

Marketing firm promotes social causes not products

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There are probably few adult Canadians who don't remember the Participaction ad campaign, a countrywide blitz which began in 1974 and became the cornerstone for a national fitness movement.

But for 48-year-old Mark Sarner, president of Manifest Communications, the campaign was his springboard to a new career in social marketing, a field first named in 1971 and one which he has helped pioneer in Canada.

In 1974, with a background in journalism and two years' experience producing films, Sarner and a partner were asked to write a script about fitness.

"The client turned out to be Participaction, and based on the film script, we were invited to write an ad campaign," recalled Sarner in a recent interview. "That led to 14 years of work on helping create the fitness movement in Canada, and at the same time we began to work on other social issue areas. We discovered we had an affinity for this work and, it seemed, a talent."

The 22 awards hanging neatly on a reception area wall, along with two not yet hung, attest to his words.

Further testimony — in the form of posters, ads and informational campaigns — fills much of the wall space at Manifest's 11,500-square-foot office, located on the third floor of a nondescript building in the heart of Toronto's trendy fashion district.

Sarner and two partners, one of whom had co-written the original Participation script, founded Manifest in 1981. The company has since grown from a three-person enterprise to an established agency with 23 full-time staff.

"Cause marketing"

The services offered by Manifest — including market research, planning strategy, creative development and execution — do not differ substantively from those of "conventional" agencies, explained Sarner. The difference lies in their adaptation to issues and causes such as employment equity, the environment, charitable giving and race relations, rather than to goods and services.

Making the world a better place through marketing is all in a day's work for Mark Sarner, seen next to a current bus shelter poster. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

For Manifest's business clients — who have twigged only in recent years to the benefits of social marketing, an area of expertise originally geared to the non-profit sector — the bottom line issue-wise is often intertwined with the bottom line financially. "Consumers are making active purchase and boycott decisions based on how a company behaves," said Sarner.

Employee morale is also a consideration, according to Sarner. "The best and brightest people ... want to work for socially responsible companies. [Doing good] can have a big impact on motivating and keeping employees."

"Cause marketing" has increased significantly in Canada in recent years. In the United States, social marketing is estimated to be a multi-billion dollar industry.

Clients of Manifest can expect to pay anywhere from a few thousand dollars for ad hoc consulting to hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for complete program design and implementation.

To fill a growing need — as evidenced by enrolment of over 200 people in Manifest's social marketing conferences and by the fact that Social Marketing for Business is now taught at York University's Schulich School of Business — Sarner and Janice Nathanson, Manifest's vice-president and marketing director, recently published *Social Marketing for Business: What to know. What to do,* a 102-page book which breaks the subject down into manageable components. To the best of Sarner's knowledge, it's the first book about social marketing for business.

Despite, or perhaps because of, the relative newness of the field, there's no lack of opportunity for companies to become involved in social change. According to one report, Chrysler Canada alone is getting about 2,000 formal requests for donations per year, said Sarner.

But corporate philanthropy is not what it used to be. "In days gone by, corporations would write cheques in response to requests from various organizations. Now they want to have active participation in making change. They're investing as opposed to 'expensing.' "

In addition to corporate clients such as Coca-Cola and Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Manifest has served a wide range of government, non-profit and professional organizations, among them the Addiction Research Foundation, Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Dental Association, Health Canada, the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and United Jewish Appeal.

"Virtually everything we work on in one way or another is a tough sell," mused Sarner.

Changing attitudes

"When you're talking about changing attitudes, behaviors, social norms, you're talking about a tough sell. You have to expect that major attitude change and behavioral change will easily consume three to five years before you move the needle in a significant way. Awareness can often be done faster, but that's only one step. Social change is a very challenging exercise."

Sarner says that Manifest can help clients "right from square one" if they don't have a focus or a social cause, but he cautions that social marketing "is not intended to obfuscate or mitigate problematic social behavior. The moral aspects are very important."

For Sarner, his work is an ongoing source of satisfaction. "I have the opportunity to contribute to addressing the major social issues of our time. I find it exciting and challenging to apply myself to making the world a better place, and I find it interesting to do that as a business."

On a personal level, he sometimes finds himself in the dual role of marketing expert and average consumer. A public awareness campaign for the Canadian Dental Association was a case in point. "I had no idea," said Sarner. "I thought 'no cavities' meant 'no problems.' I was quite surprised to learn that, as an adult, gum disease is the issue. I've had fundamental misconceptions about my dental health and reasons to go to the dentist."

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Obeying the 10 Commandments of Tropical Travel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There's nothing like illness to put a damper on a trip, especially when the cause is some exotic creepy-crawly or flying insect. So why would anyone want to travel in the Third World anyway?

Dr. Jay Keystone, director of the tropical disease unit at The Toronto Hospital, asked and answered the above question during a fast-paced, information- and wisecrack-filled talk on The Ten Commandments of Tropical Travel, following a recent national/Toronto board meeting of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

"The scenery is absolutely beautiful ... the culture is amazing ... most of all are the people, especially the children ... We have material wealth. They have a spiritual wealth," he said.

To stay healthy when travelling, Keystone advises, above all, that "thou shall [sic] consultest with thy physician."

Although he recently completed a countrywide educational program for family doctors, he recommends

Dr. Jay Keystone

contacting the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers (IAMAT) or visiting a travel clinic for "the most up-to-date, accurate advice," particularly when planning an extended trip.

He stressed that travellers should be immunized according to risk. Both destination and planned activities affect the risk factor.

Protecting oneself from insects is another of Keystone's "commandments." He is a proponent of the controversial insect repellent DEET, especially in light of increasing drug resistance to malaria. DEET protects against all insects except stingers, although he cautions that it should be used sparingly and only on exposed skin.

Those who prefer Avon's Skin So Soft, which does not contain DEET, must reapply it hourly to maintain its effectiveness, he said. (In contrast, DEET is effective for four to 10 hours, depending on its concentration.)

Not all of Keystone's commandments involve medical or chemical preparations. He mentioned bednets to keep insects away, and emphasized the importance of sun protection with hats and protective clothing as well as sunscreen. By the year 2000, one in 100 Canadians will die of skin cancer, he said.

Footwear can be another health protector, noted Keystone. A particularly unappealing but treatable condition caused by worm larvae migrating under the skin — when a person is walking barefoot, for example — can be prevented.

Most travellers know the basic food precautions — as Keystone sums it up, "Boil it! Peel it! Cook it! Or forget it!"

By following that advice, travellers can ward off, among other things, parasites that produce amoebic liver abcesses, a process currently being studied by Weizmann scientists. Other Weizmann staff are working on a vaccine against a different type of parasite.

TAU team discovers new genetic disease

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

TEL AVIV – Tel Aviv University scientists have discovered a rare new genetic disease, and identified the defective gene that causes it. Named TA-24 in honor of the university, the disease, which makes patients extremely sensitive to sunlight, has been recognized by the scientific community.

Prof. Hanoch Slor, of the Sackler School of Medicine's Human Genetics Department, headed a team that discovered the disorder, which involves faulty ability to repair the DNA in the genes.

For several years, Slor's team conducted research on a related disease, xeroderma pigmentosum (XP), in which patients are extremely sensitive to ultraviolet light. It causes the irreversible appearance of pigments in the skin and skin growths. Discovered in 1968, XP involves the inability of the body to repair damage to the DNA in all the cell's genes. It can be detected during the early stages of pregnancy.

Since most chemotherapy drugs used for treating cancer work by linkage with the DNA and preventing the cell from dividing, XP patients are 1,000 times as sensitive to UV rays and to chemotherapy drugs. Chemotherapy can cause them serious harm and even kill them. Since XP patients suffer from tumors, doctors must be very careful not to give them chemotherapy drugs that act like UV light on their DNA.

For the past 14 years, Slor and his colleagues have been treating a teen who is hypersensitive to UV light.

He was suspected of being a member of one of the 30 Israeli families suffering from XP. Like an XP patient, a few minutes of exposure during midday caused serious burns but very little pigmentation characteristic of XP was produced.

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Atlanta Jews memorialize slain Israeli athletes

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In what is being seen as an unprecedented development, two members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) attended a memorial service in Atlanta for the 11 Israeli athletes killed by terrorists at the 1972 Munich games.

The memorial service was held last Sunday — only days after two people were killed and hundreds wounded by a bomb blast in Atlanta — by the Jewish Federation of Atlanta in cooperation with Israel's Consulate-General. It was one of three memorial events organized by the Atlanta Jewish community during the Olympics to honor the slain Israeli athletes.

In addition to the federation-sponsored event, two memorial services were conducted by Atlanta synagogues.

Since 1972, the IOC has refused to memorialize the Israeli athletes at subsequent games, claiming it did not want to mix sport and politics. Though IOC members had been invited to the federation memorial, at first they did not agree to attend. But a barrage of publicity, including a news conference attended by media from 17 countries, coverage by major U.S. networks, including CNN, as well meetings by the families of the slain athletes with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former UN ambassador Andrew Young appears to have shamed the IOC into attending.

Kim Un Yong, first vice-president of the IOC, and Alex Gilady, an IOC member from Israel, attended the federation memorial as did a representative of the Palestinian Olympic delegation.

During the program, the Palestinian delegate in an impromptu gesture approached one of the Israeli orphans and kissed her on the forehead.

The program in memory of the athletes included addresses from Bill Campbell, the mayor of Atlanta and from Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. A permanent memorial statue was also unveiled and speakers referred to last week's bombing in Atlanta when discussing the events of 1972.

In addition, Ankie Spitzer-Rekhess, widow of a slain athlete, addressed the memorial. The event was attended by most of the remaining family members of the slain athletes: Yael Gutfreund, Ilana Romano, Oshrat Romano, Rachel Romano, Shlomit Romano, Eyal Shapira, Oz Shapira, Shay Shapira, Shirly Shapira, Michal Shor, Anouk Spitzer, Alex Springer, Eugenia Springer, Mimi Weinberg and Guri Weinberg.

The Israeli team to the Atlanta games also attended.

Earlier, the 2,000-family Ahavath Achim Congregation, the largest Conservative shul in the south, honored the fallen athletes with a memorial during Shabbat services. Israeli Consul-General Arye Mekel addressed the congregation as did some of the children of the athletes, said Jerre Ashkenazi, the shul's executive-director.

Another memorial service a week later was held at The Temple, a Reform congregation. The Temple was the target of a 1958 bombing by the Ku Klux Klan.

Cheryl Coco, a spokeswoman for the Israeli consulate-general, said the families of the slain athletes have left no stone unturned in their bid to get some acknowledgement by the IOC that their family members had been killed.

Federation spokeswoman Lynne Tobins said, "The children and widows have been extremely outspoken. They say that in Barcelona, they were promised something would be done for the centennial games (in Atlanta) and now they're frustrated."

The families have lobbied for years for some sort of recognition from the IOC for their loss. The IOC has steadfastly refused to honor the victims with even a moment's silence.

Families' worst nightmare came true

Special to The CJN

ATLANTA — Shay Shapira remembers the day in 1972 when his father, track coach Amitzur Shapira, left their home in Israel for the Olympic Games in Munich, West Germany.

The five-year-old Shay peered out the balcony as his father entered a car driven by the young boy's grandfather. Only a few days later, Shay and his family were gripped with fear.

Amitzur and 10 teammates were taken hostage by Palestinian terrorists. Soon, their worst nightmare became reality: Amitzur and the other Israelis were murdered after a failed rescue attempt by German police.

Twenty-four years later, the anguished emotions of that time have not diminished.

"We speak about him every day," said Shapira, now 28.

His sister, Shirly, 24, was six months old when their father was killed. The siblings and two other brothers constantly look at pictures and study videotapes of the late coach, Shay Shapira said.

"We try to remember him all the time," he said.

To do so, Shay and Shirly flew to Atlanta with the 12 other Israelis who lost fathers and husbands in the attack. The Israeli Olympic Committee (IOC) footed the bills for their flights and for tickets to the opening ceremonies.

The group's goal was to persuade the IOC to recognize the tragedy and to educate the world about its loss.

Dutch-born Ankie Spitzer-Rekhess is the only one of the widows to have remarried. She stressed that the families are not asking for a memorial to the slain athletes for political reasons.

"We don't ask that they mention the 11 Israelis or 11 Jews. We just ask that they mention the 11 athletes who came to participate in the international games with a spirit of peace and brotherhood and went home in coffins."

In addition to ignoring the massacre in official literature, the IOC denied the families' request that their 14 children be invited to participate in the opening ceremony at the Atlanta games.

"The IOC already said they are not going to do it because it is a political act, Spitzer-Rekhess said, "[The IOC] are afraid the Arab delegations will get up and walk out if they try to have a memorial service."

During the opening ceremonies, several relatives of the slain athletes left the stadium in tears. IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch spoke about the suffering of Sarajevo's citizens, but remained silent about the 1972 tragedy.

In an interview, the Israelis said they were not upset with the presence at the Olympics of a "Palestine" team. Rather, they said, they simply want their fathers to be remembered.

"Our fathers came [to the Olympics] in peace and they came back [to Israel] in coffins," said Judith Gutfreund Salman, daughter of the late Yosef Gutfreund, a wrestling referee.

For Alex Springer, one of the more vocal members of the group. the mission is clear. He said to remind the world of the devastation of terrorism the IOC should include not just one moment of silence but a memorial during every Olympics.

"Once is not enough," said Springer, son of the late weightlifting referee Ya'acov Springer. "If we forget, nobody will remember."

One of the group's most emotional moments during a week of interviews and meetings was with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

"He was very kind and open to hearing our story," said Yael Guttfreund Shaman, Salman's sister. He listened to their account of the attack and their thoughts on the IOC, she said.

Asked by Carter about their attitudes towards the Palestinian athletes at the games, Shay Shapira said, "We should be their enemies only in sports. They're our neighbors and we have to continue to live with them."

For Eugenia Springer Mayo, Alex Springer's sister, remembering Munich means preventing future tragedy. "We don't want anybody to be as hurt as we. We hope we are the last."

Judokas fall short

Special to The CJN

ATLANTA — Israel's two top medal hopefuls came up short last week in Olympic judo competition.

Yael Arad, winner of a silver medal in Barcelona, and Oren Smadja, winner of a bronze, both failed to advance to the medal rounds.

Suffering from a virus and at only 70 per cent of her potential, Arad was forced into a consolation group where she lost her match.

Smadja suffered torn knee ligaments only two weeks before the Olympics but ignored doctors advice to pass up the games. Instead, he dragged his leg onto the mat and tried to hide the pain he was suffering.

After losing his match, he refused to blame the injury, saying "this is sport."

In other results, swimmer Dan Kutler broke his own Israeli record by finishing a 100-metre butterfly heat in 55.11 seconds but that was only good for a 31st place finish, 2.22 seconds behind Australia's Scott Miller, who set an Olympic record.

Vadim Alekseyev finished 27th in the 200-m breaststroke, 6.58 seconds off the pace of Hungary's Karoly Guttler. Alekseyev reached the 200-m finals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics while competing for the Soviet Union.

In other results, Ran Shental and Nir Shental were in 14th place after two races in the men's 470 yachting competition while Anat Fabrikant and Shany Kedmy were ninth through seven races in the women's 470 event.

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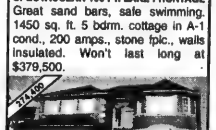

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The Inside Back

About Life

Dear Ella,

My sister and I have always been very close. Whenever there is a problem, we can count on each other to help out.

There is one thing that I am annoyed with and don't really want to be a part of. You see, Stephanie, my sister, has many friends that go back to when she was in junior high. Over the years they have become very close. They are all of the "marrying age" now, and Stephanie is making many bridal showers.

I know all of her friends and they are very nice people, but she keeps inviting me to all of these bridal showers. She says she needs the support and possibly some help if she gets too overwhelmed between the organizing, the guests, the food and the cleaning.

I work full time and do not want to spend my weekends at a bridal shower. I also don't want to buy gifts.

Is this being petty? I think if the tables were turned she would be there for me.

To Shower or Not

Dear To Shower or Not,

I understand the bond between two sisters can be strong, but you are entitled to a separate life as well.

You say you are always there to help each other out, however this is not the kind of major crisis where you "have to be there" for your sister. There is nothing you can do at that shower that a waitress couldn't do. If your sister hired a waitress, the shower would cost just a little more, she would feel comfortable and be able to have a good time too. You could enjoy your weekends and stop buying gifts.

I think the key here is to speak up. I'm not sure Stephanie realizes that she is imposing on you. She is probably caught up in the making of the showers and just assumes that you will be at her side. She may even feel if she doesn't invite you, you will be offended.

If you are as close as you say, Stephanie will not expect you to do something that is so annoying to you.

The key here is to talk. The sooner you let her know how you are feeling, the sooner you can get on enjoying your weekends.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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1 med. onion, sliced	2 tblsp chopped fresh parsley
3/4 cup orange juice	salt
2 tblsp brown sugar	pepper

Place chicken thighs in 9x13" (3L) glass baking dish. Sprinkle with paprika and arrange onion slices over chicken. In a small bowl combine orange juice, brown sugar, cornstarch, ginger and parsley; mix well. Pour sauce evenly over; cover and bake in a 350°F oven 1 hr, basting twice or until thighs are tender and juices run clear when tested with a knife. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Preparation time: 10 mins. Makes 4 servings. A tangy, slightly sweet sauce is the flavour accent. Serve this dish with a crisp green salad.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

Diplomatically Speaking

By JEHUDI KINAR

This is the first in a series of monthly columns from the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto. This month, we offer a cultural update of some of the events we have helped sponsor or organize.

Israel is experiencing a cultural growth, some of which is extending across borders and reaching Canada, as a new era of general prosperity in Israel has enabled greater resources to be diverted to the arts.

As a country of immigrants, Israel's cultural identity is defined by a wide array of international influences — both Eastern and Western. The cultural diversity expressed in our art is a reflection of the ever-growing heterogeneity of our society. There is, at the same time, a thriving indigenous culture which continues to reach new heights as the country produces home-grown art and artists born and raised in Israel, shaped by its history, expressing current concerns and experiences.

Literary figures such as Amos Oz, A. B. Yehoshua, Aharon Appelfeld, Yehuda Amichai and David Grossman are just a few of the Israeli authors who have received tremendous international recognition. There are similar lists in the fields of music, visual arts, dance and theatre. Indeed, Israeli culture is gaining significant international prominence in all spheres.

Much of this new and rejuvenated art has succeeded in penetrating the Canadian market. In the past year, Toronto has been host to a number of exciting events, among them some contemporary Israeli singers/musicians, including David Broza and Achinoam (NOA) Nini; the Kibbutz Artzi Choir performances in Toronto and London; an Israeli film festival organized by Cinematheque Ontario, which highlighted the films of Israeli actress, Gila Almagor (who was in Toronto for the occasion); and most recently, the commercial release, by Mongrel Media, of *Under the Domim Tree* and *Summer of Aviya* at the Carlton Cinemas.

These two films are currently playing side by side in separate theatres at the Carlton — a milestone for Israeli film in Canada. Plans are already underway to release the films in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa.

The consulate is making a concerted attempt to bring Israeli culture to other cities throughout Canada. Israeli singer Ronit Ophir performed in Vancouver this year in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut. In the fall, we plan to have a musical recital featuring two talented young Israeli artists. Violinist Vadim Gluzman and pianist Angela Yoffe will make their Canadain debut together in Edmonton, Calgary and Toronto.

A wonderful ceramics exhibit at the Waterloo Clay and Glass Museum marked the beginning of a campaign for the establishment of a Chair in Jewish Studies at the University of Waterloo.

This summer, an exhibit entitled Jerusalem From the Air will be displayed at the Folkorama Festival in Winnipeg. In the fall, an archeological exhibit will be on display at McMaster University in Hamilton, entitled From the Diaspora to Jerusalem: Newly Discovered Family Tombs in the Kidron Valley.

Many of these events are taking place in conjunction with Jerusalem 3000 festivities. Jerusalem is reverberating with the sights and sounds of the Jerusalem Film Festival, numerous symphonies, a gospel music festival and the International Arts and Crafts Fair.

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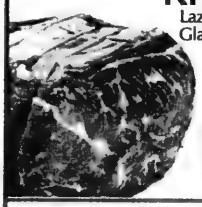

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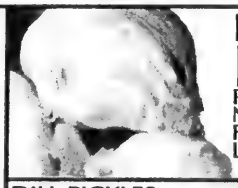

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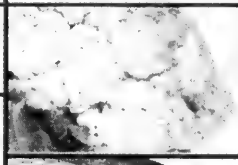

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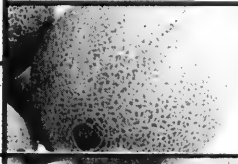

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Hussein a peace go-between

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu secretly met Jordan's King Hussein in Britain two weekends ago, senior government officials confirmed last week.

King Hussein was also to visit Syria for the first time since he signed the peace treaty with Israel and meet President Hafez al-Assad.

The meeting between Netanyahu and King Hussein was kept quiet, so that King Hussein would be publicly seen as having met with Assad before he met Netanyahu, who was also scheduled to visit King Hussein in Amman. Apparently it was important to Netanyahu to meet King Hussein before the latter met Assad. There is speculation the two discussed ideas surrounding Netanyahu's "Lebanon first" initiative.

Netanyahu first spoke on the phone with British Prime Minister John Major for 25 minutes, probably to notify him before visiting Britain.

The *Jerusalem Post* disclosed that Netanyahu had slipped out of the country with top aides two weeks ago. Dore Gold, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, left last week for talks with Secretary of State Warren Christopher and U.S. peace process coordinator Dennis Ross in a bid to further advance the prospects on the Syrian track, particularly for a "Lebanon first" approach.

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Gold held advance talks in Amman last week with Crown Prince Hassan to plan the meeting between Netanyahu and King Hussein, where bilateral issues will be discussed.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office noted that Netanyahu is an advocate of bolstering ties with Jordan, and favors upgrading the U.S.-Jordanian relationship. Among the ideas favored by Jerusalem are the establishment of a U.S.-Jordan free trade zone and bolstering security assistance.

Meanwhile, both Syria and Netanyahu's office denied reports that Assad dispatched an envoy to Israel early this month to explore peace prospects. Sources said Damascus is vehemently opposed to secret talks, favoring instead the utilization of the United States as a mediator and believing only Washington is capable of pressuring Jerusalem.

It is known, however, that an American citizen with strong Syrian connections met an official in the Prime Minister's Office in mid-June during a private visit. He then went to Damascus, where he apparently met with senior Syrian officials.

This same man has visited Israel several times in the past and met frequently with Yitzhak Rabin.

SEALING A TRADE PACT WITH A HANDSHAKE
The feelings of mutual warmth and accomplishment are evident on the faces of Israel's Minister of Industry and Trade Natan Sharansky and his counterpart Minister of International Trade Art Eggleton who signed a Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Israel last week in Toronto. (Please see related stories on pages 3 and 4). *[Stephen Epstein photo]*

Zundel and Priebke get favorable court rulings

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In a double shock to the Jewish community, a Nazi and a neo-Nazi sympathizer benefited from court decisions thousands of miles apart which stymied legal efforts against them.

In Ottawa, a Federal Court judge ruled that the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) was prohibited from hearing a case in which Nazi apologist Ernst Zundel was labeled a threat to the security of Canada.

Meanwhile in Italy, a military court ordered the release of former SS Capt. Erich Priebke, despite his involvement in the 1944 Ardeatine Caves massacre in which 335 men and boys, including 75 Jews, were murdered.

Priebke was rearrested eight hours after the court decision, in the wake of anguished protests. He was being held pending an extradition request from Germany.

In Canada, Federal Court Justice Darrel Heald ruled that SIRC should not hear the Zundel case because there was a reasonable apprehension that it was biased against him. The judge found that a 1994 SIRC report on the white supremacist Heritage Front referred to Zundel 20 times and labelled him, Heald said, "a Holocaust denier, hate literature publisher and member of the radical right. SIRC also put Zundel in a category with members of the Heritage Front, the Nationalist party of Canada and aggressive racists. In essence, SIRC characterized Zundel as a radical right-wing racist.

"In my view, the inescapable inference to be drawn from SIRC's characterization of Zundel is that he is included in, or akin to, the extreme right-wing racist groups and the hate-driven groups. In respect of those organizations,

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CJC To Meet in Israel

MONTREAL – Canadian Jewish Congress will hold national meetings in Israel from Feb. 23 to March 5, 1997.

Meetings will be held with the Israeli prime minister, the foreign minister and senior government officials.

Net Provider Under Fire

OLIVER, B.C. – A small Internet provider in this Okanagan area which provides access to white supremacist and hate groups is under pressure from local businesses to cut off the groups.

The local newspaper cancelled its Web page from The Fairview Technology Centre, operator of the site, and schools and other businesses are planning to cancel advertising if Fairview persists in retaining such sites as the Freedom-Site and Skin-Net.

New Appointment

TORONTO – Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation was elected president of the 23-member Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region, an affiliate of the New York-based umbrella organization for some 1,400 rabbis. He succeeds Rabbi Steven Saltzman of Adath Israel Congregation.

ISRAEL

Syria Wants To Talk

JERUSALEM – Syria is insisting that talks with Israel resume where they left off with Labor, a condition that will be difficult, if not impossible for Benjamin Netanyahu's government to meet, sources said.

While Labor says it did not explicitly promise to fully withdraw from the Golan, there have been indications that officials here relayed territorial commitments to the United States, which in turn conveyed its impressions to Damascus.

Victim's Body Found

JERUSALEM – With the help of information supplied by the Palestinian Authority security services, Israel believes it has found the body of Ilan Sa'adon, the IDF soldier kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists seven years ago, near Palmahim.

Ya'acov Perry, former GSS head and now government coordinator for MiAs, insisted there was no exchange involved this time and Israel would not release Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. Perry helped broker the recent return of the bodies of Yosef Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh.

Road Worries Clinton...

JERUSALEM – U.S. President Bill Clinton said last Tuesday he is "concerned" by Israel's National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's plans to build new roads through the West Bank, but will not make the assumption that the Israeli government stands behind them.

At a press conference with visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Clinton also sought to reassure the Arab world that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu means to advance the peace process, and urged that he be given time to do so.

...Sharon Defends Plan

JERUSALEM – National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon defended his policies last week as being for "Jews and non-Jews alike."

Under attack for approving the upgrading and construction of two highways in Samaria, Sharon said he has no intention of priorizing one area over another. Furthermore, the plans for work on the two roads were already in place under Yitzhak Rabin's premiership, he said.

WORLD

Jewish Adoption Meet

NORTHBROOK, Il. – Stars of David International, a national Jewish adoptive parent support organization with chapters throughout the United States, will hold the first ever national Jewish adoption conference on Oct. 27 near Baltimore, Md.

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Lectures For The Deaf

NEW YORK – Videotaped Torah lectures are now available for the deaf, provided by Agudath Israel's department of Torah projects.

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Jewish Agency In Russia

JERUSALEM – Russia is expected to renew the Jewish Agency's accreditation to operate there this month, the agency's Russian lawyer said.

In The CJN, 25 Years Ago...

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ISRAELIS STILL FEAR DIPLOMATIC GAMES

Israeli Chief of Staff General Haim Barlev said the relative quiet which prevails in the Middle East over the Suez Canal issue might not continue for long.

The Israelis are in no mood for diplomatic games. For them, the vital fact is that Egypt's military strength is being reinforced by the Russians while the Americans are hedging on sending the Israelis more Phantom fighter jets. The Israelis fear that the Egyptians, encouraged by Washington's failure to provide Israel with more Phantoms, might be tempted into some rash adventure.

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Eggleton, Sharansky sign free trade agreement

By MORDECHAI BEN-DAT
Editor

TORONTO — Before more than 400 people in the ornate ballroom of the Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto, Art Eggleton, Canada's minister for International Trade, and Natan Sharansky, Israel's minister of Industry and Trade, signed the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement last week on July 31.

The agreement is scheduled to come into effect on Jan. 1, 1997, pending its ratification by the parliaments of both countries. It is Canada's first free trade agreement with a partner outside North America. Both countries hailed it as unprecedented in its potential mutual benefit.

Indeed, the sweep of the pact is quite comprehensive. Once the agreement takes effect, tariffs will be immediately eliminated on all Canadian and Israeli industrial goods, save two, women's swimwear and certain cotton fabric. The tariffs on these latter products will not be removed immediately, but rather will be phased out over the first 2½ years of the agreement.

It also provides for the reduction or the elimination of tariffs on most agricultural and fisheries products. The parties have excluded dairy, poultry and egg products from the agreement.

Eggleton said by stimulating Canadian exports, the agreement will help create jobs for Canadians, fully one-third of which are related to Canada's foreign trade.

"This agreement symbolizes the direction Canada is taking to further liberalize trade in order to stimulate exports and in turn, create jobs for Canadians," he said.

Noting both the substantive and the symbolic significance of the pact, Sharansky said: "The signing of this agreement is a historic occasion which further solidifies the long-standing relationship between Israel and Canada. Our mutual need for new products will provide significant opportunities for Israeli and Canadian firms."

He added that he felt " [there was] a very special meaning to an agreement with Canada and the Canadian people" who were so helpful to him personally, and to his fellow Soviet refuseniks in their struggles for freedom.

Trade between the countries seems ripe for the hoped-for impetus which officials believe the agreement will provide. Trade between Canada and Israel has been steadily on the rise over the last four years. In 1995, the total value of the two-way trade between the countries reached $450 million, an increase of 37 percent over the previous year.

Canadian exports last year totalled $236.7 million, up 49 percent from 1994. Some of the major Canadian exports have been aluminium, machinery, paper and paperboard, wood pulp, cereals, sulphur and asbestos.

By comparison, Israel exported $240.8 million worth of goods to Canada in 1995, up 32 percent from 1994. The two largest categories of imports were in diamonds and in mechanical and electrical machinery and equipment.

Eggleton specifically referred to two Canada-Israel economic and commercial vehicles already in existence to which prospective Canadian investors can turn to take advantage of the newly signed agreement.

The Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation, the creation of which was announced in 1993 at the Parliamentary dinner of the Canada-Israel Committee, has already approved 11 new projects through its jointly funded investment programs. In addition, the Export Development Corporation offers lines of credit for prospective buyers or exporters seeking financing in Israel.

Palestinians benefit too

Canada also intends to extend the same benefits to the Palestinians that Israel will enjoy under the free trade agreement. It is presently examining ways to achieve this with the Palestinian Authority. Sharansky expressly approved of this intention, saying that "it was very important that free trade operate for the Palestinians too."

Eggleton and Sharansky paid special tribute to the roles played by the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien in laying the groundwork for the agreement. The possibility of such a free trade agreement was first raised in discussions between the two men during Rabin's visit to Ottawa in 1993.

Rabin further pursued the matter when he was in Ottawa a year later. At that time, he also acknowledged the contribution of the Canada Israel Committee in helping to break down the resistance among certain Canadian government officials to a free trade agreement .

The event generated an outpouring of positive feelings. Steve Victor, national chair of the Canada-Israel Commitee, called the agreement "a tangible expression of the strong ties of friendship between Canada and Israel. The Canadian Jewish community is jubilant about the agreement because it will have tremendous benefits for both countries."

Eggleton pointed to his Israeli counterpart as a "hero, a torchbearer for freedom. You are the embodiment of Israel," Eggleton said, "living for the hopes of the future rather than the hurts of the past."

Perhaps most typical of the feelings felt by the guests, were the sentiments expressed by Goldie Hershon, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. "Not only is it a momentous and unbelievable occasion to see Natan Sharansky; it is like the realization of a dream."

CORRECTION

In the article, "BBYO Canada closes" that appeared on the front page of *The CJN* (Aug. 1), there were certain key errors.

Liz Sokolsky has *not* been dismissed by BBYO. While her position of national BBYO director has been retrenched, the agency has offered and is urging her to assume a new position within the organization. She is presently still employed by BBYO. Miriam Pilc-Levine, who held the position of regional director of Lake Ontario Region BBYO, was *not* dismissed but rather the position was retrenched.

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Observations at the signing of a pact

I had the good fortune last week to represent *The CJN* at the signing of the Canada-Israel free trade agreement by Art Eggleton, Canada's Minister of International Trade and Natan Sharansky, Israel's Minister of Industry and Trade.

The following are some of the notes that I recorded during the proceedings.

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One of the first things one notices about Natan Sharansky is his puckish grin. Despite the small pouches beginning to develop under his eyes, proof of the numerous briefing documents, novels, histories, biographies, math tomes and chess books that occupy him late into the night, he has a remarkably innocent, child-like countenance.

He speaks totally without pretence or prepared text, in command of an English vocabulary which is after all, his second or third language. Occasionally he stops to find the precise word, the one which enables him to convey thoughts and express ideas winnowed to highly refined detail and nuance and meaning.

Five television cameras are filming him. Their lights shine directly into his face. He is oblivious to their intrusion. He sits at a finely polished mahogany or cherry wood table in a high-backed, upholstered chair alongside his gracious Canadian counterpart and host, Art Eggleton. His feet do not quite reach the floor.

Hands folded neatly in front of him, he begins to swing his legs, one resting near the ankle on top of the other, under the table. He is playfully calm. There is very little congruity in my mind between the image of the short legs swinging happily under that table and the phalanx of intergovernmental formality that he faces.

When, as befitting the circumstance and protocol of the occasion, Eggleton greeted him as Your Excellency, he smiled to himself, a subtle proof of his self-deprecation and modesty. He seemed constantly to be smiling very broadly.

Apart from the women in attendance and the men in the camera crews, he was the only person in the room not wearing a tie.

And then it was his turn to speak. "Dear Friends, not only is this the first agreement that I am signing as minister, it is the very first agreement I have ever signed in all my life."

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The canons of diplomacy and ministerial peerage dictated that certain protocols be followed, despite the personal inclinations of the individuals involved. Thus, Sharansky addressed Eggleton as The Honorable; Eggleton addressed Sharansky as Your Excellency. Eggleton told the gathering that Sharansky had whispered to him at one point that at the end of the day he would consult his dictionary to check the difference.

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At the luncheon, the two ministers exchanged enthusiastic, warm greetings for each other and for the occasion, which has exceeded by effusive, daring dimensions a merely beneficial business arrangement between countries. An excitement far more rewarding than the thought of potential profits hovered tangibly in the air.

Of course, the excitement was in seeing Anatoly Shcharansky, Jewish refusenik, human rights activist, Soviet dissident, mathematician, prisoner of Zion, now Natan Sharansky, citizen of Israel, resident of Jerusalem, member of the Knesset, cabinet minister in the government of Israel. Nineteen years ago he was locked away in the Gulag. Ten years ago he walked out of it. And now, there he sat in front of us, unassuming but amazing, like a beautiful blue sky after a frightening, dark storm, a reminder that ordinary human life bears the greatest dignity and that the storm can make us tremble.

No one was immune to the feeling that we were at a very special occasion. Nor could anyone ever remember seeing people line up for hours at the table of a cabinet minister to get his autograph, to speak to him, to touch him, to simply say hello, congratulations, thank you, it was your courage that helped us to walk.

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These are excerpts of Sharansky's words to the court before he was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. We do well to read them again.

"My relatives and friends know how strong was my desire to join my wife in Israel, and with what joy at any moment I would have exchanged my so-called fame as a Jewish activist — for which the charge asserts I was striving — for a visa to Israel. For 2,000 years, the Jewish people, my people, have been dispersed all over the world and seemingly deprived of any hope of returning. But still, each year Jews have stubbornly, and apparently without reason, said to each other, *L'shanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim.*

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"And to the court, which has only to read a sentence that was prepared long ago — to you I have nothing to say."

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Greater Toronto Area

Netanyahu gets passing grade, Congress regional meeting told

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In its first month in office, the Netanyahu government earned a passing grade, two experts on the Israeli state agreed at a special meeting of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"But we can't presume that it will be as smooth in the future as in the last few weeks," said Jehudi Kinar, Israel consul general for Ontario and Western Canada.

Returning from Israel where he met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy, region chair Moshe Ronen said that "tidings are good," and that Netanyahu had moved quickly to repair damage to Israel's relations with the Arab world by his speech to the U.S. Congress.

Ronen also said Netanyahu's image was tarnished badly by his capitulation to Levy on the Ariel Sharon appointment to cabinet and that Israeli journalists were describing the Israeli prime minister as one "who talks tough but bends to pressure easily."

Levy and Sharon represent a "tough opposition" to the prime minister, he said.

The feeling in Israel is that serious progress must be made in peace negotiations in the next few months, or else there will be a stalemate, Ronen said.

In answer to questions moderated by executive director Manuel Prutschi, Kinar said that he himself opposes the haredi attempts to block a major thoroughfare in Jerusalem and that "the mass of Orthodox Jews do not support the haredi on this."

As for the timetable for withdrawal from Hebron, Kinar said that no decision has been made, that security for the settlers is preeminent, that the Israeli prime minister does not like the Hebron agreement made by the previous government and that he would like to rediscuss it.

Ronen said Netanyahu is comparing his government to that of Menachem Begin rather than that of Itzak Shamir and this bodes well.

The cut of "several billion dollars" in U.S. aid to Israel promised by Netanyahu has had a serious impact on the Israeli economy and represents a serious threat to fundraising in the Diaspora, Ronen warned. "My present view is that it won't happen as quickly as he announced. I am not criticizing government policy on this."

Kinar said the world media have been unfair to Netanyahu and had failed to report that the Israeli government was able to discourage the French foreign minister from visiting the PLO-sponsored Orient House in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu stubbed his toe diplomatically in calling for democratic elections in the Arab world, Ronen said, and "Levy had to remind him that not every speech he makes is to the American Zionist Council."

In Israel it is felt that "while Perez drowned in the election, Arafat only swallowed water," Ronen commented, adding that he was confident Netanyahu and Arafat will resume neotiations toward peace under Levy's guidance.

Signing offered for deaf

TORONTO — The Secular Jewish Association will provide American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for the deaf at this year's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur celebrations, beginning Sept. 14.

This is the first year of the pilot outreach program to attract Humanistic Jews with disabilities. Over 300 people are expected to attend the celebrations at the North York Community Memorial Hall.

Maureen and Ted Griffenham will be interpreting the celebrations. Maureen has over 17 years experience as an ASL interpreter, and has interpreted in the Jewish community at Holy Blossom Temple. She is currently interpreting at George Brown College. Her husband, Ted, has over 12 years experience in the field and is currently interpreting at Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute.

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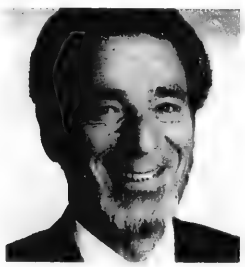

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Greater Toronto Area

CHAT teacher, student receive unique double honor

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Graeme Mawson, a science teacher at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), strives to imbue his students with a love of learning and the skills to continue their education. In a unique double honor, the 45-year-old educator's efforts were recognized, along with the accomplishments of a former student.

Eytan Szmuilowicz, 23, a recent Psychology graduate of Cornell University, is to begin medical studies at Harvard University next year. The 1991 CHAT graduate was awarded Cornell University's prestigious Merrill Presidential Scholarship on completing his undergraduate studies earlier this year at the Ithaca, N.Y. campus.

In an interesting twist, the 35 Merrill Presidential scholars — chosen for outstanding scholastic achievement, strong leadership ability and potential for contributing to society — are asked to choose the high school teacher who influenced them the most. For Mawson, being chosen by Szmuilowicz was "a marvellous surprise."

A STAR (Special Teachers Are Recognized) award worth $4,000 (US) is established in each teacher's name, to go to a future Cornell student over a period of four years. As it is standard practice to help students in each teacher's jurisdiction, Mawson's award will be given to a CHAT student if possible. If not, a student will be sought from Toronto or, failing that, from Ontario or elsewhere in Canada.

Mawson, along with 34 teachers from as far away as Europe and Asia, was flown to Ithaca for a two-day celebration which included the awards ceremony.

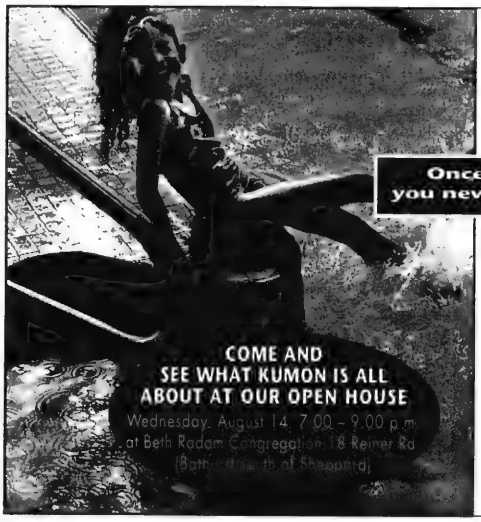
"[Mawson] presented the material in a very challenging way. I found his classes inspiring. He always asked us to think," recalls Szmuilowicz, who was in Mawson's Biology classes in grades 9, 11 and 12.

Mawson, in turn, recalls Szmuilowicz — who is program director at Camp Solelim this summer before leaving to volunteer in Israel for a year — as being "very focused, but open-minded ... an extraordinary young man."

In his undergraduate years at Cornell, Szmuilowicz was involved in intramural basketball and softball, served as vice-president of the Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society and worked as a medical assistant for eight semesters at a campus health clinic. He graduated in the top one percent of his class.

Just knowing that Szmuilowicz and his 34 co-recipients exist has been reassuring for Mawson. "It made me feel much better about [the] future."

Graeme Mawson and Eytan Szmuilowicz.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Greater Toronto Area

Adoptee tracks down the truth about her birth

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Before Elisabeth Birnbaum can "close the book" on emotionally painful aspects of her life, the 51-year-old Hungarian-born woman — who found out only six years ago that she was adopted — wants to learn as much as she can about her early childhood and the circumstances of her birth.

Recently, thanks to an ad she placed in the Toronto-based Hungarian-language newspaper *Menorah*, she was able to "write another page."

Romanian-born Irene Csillag, an ex-Montrealer who moved here six years ago, was a child care worker at the Louise Wise Children's Home in Budapest where Birnbaum spent the earliest part of her life. It was Csillag's husband who spotted Birnbaum's ad seeking former employees of the orphanage, run in the post-war years by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Birnbaum phoned Csillag immediately on receiving the reply to her ad, and they arranged to meet.

Although Birnbaum wasn't one of Csillag's charges and Csillag didn't remember her, she did have a picture which included the young girl. A sweet- and healthy-looking child with blond hair, she was easily recognizable from a photo taken shortly after her adoption.

Elisabeth Birnbaum, left, and Irene Csillag were brought together after 50 years by an ad in a Hungarian Jewish newspaper. [Frances Kraft photo]

"They were happy kids, well looked after," recalls Csillag. "In the morning we would play games like tag, and after lunch they would take a nap. If the weather was nice, we took out blankets and they would lie down on the grass. They all had their own beds. They never slept two to a bed. I don't know how anybody else took care of them, but every one [of my kids], I loved."

Birnbaum derived great pleasure from meeting "somebody who was near to me when I was without family." As it turned out, Csillag was the only one to reply to Birnbaum's ad, but she said she would ask a Montreal friend who worked with her whether she remembers Birnbaum or has old photos.

Although Birnbaum has no conscious memory of the orphanage, she was dumbstruck on a 1992 visit to Hungary to recognize the institution's heart-shaped wrought iron window bars that had appeared in her dreams for years.

As a child and well into adulthood, Birnbaum was plagued by suspicions that she had been adopted and feelings that something "wasn't right" about her early childhood. She repeatedly looked in vain for family resemblances and received only evasive answers to questions about her birth.

It wasn't until 1990, after both her parents had died and once she herself was a mother of two grown daughters and in a happy second marriage, that her determined probing finally yielded the truth.

Unlike some of the other children at the home, whose parents were unable to care for them but came to see them every weekend, Birnbaum had no family. She been placed as a newborn by her birth mother, a Jewish woman then in her mid-40s.

Birnbaum was able to locate her mother on a trip to Hungary, and she still calls her regularly, although the elderly woman does not wish to discuss the past. "I want to know she is alive," says Birnbaum. "It gives me some calmness to hear her voice."

She carries pictures of both her adoptive parents and her birth mother in her wallet. "I truly honor my adoptive parents," she affirms. "They gave me all the love they could. There's only one thing they didn't give me: the truth, and it's haunting me until today."

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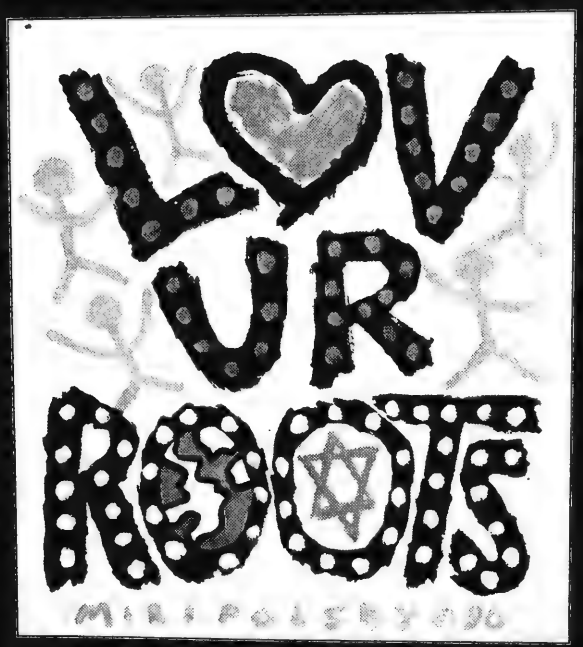

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A delicate structure

There was neither pomp nor pageantry. Anyone who has ever been near him or watched him in action knows that Natan Sharansky, Israel's Minister of Industry and Trade, is the very antithesis of pomp and pageantry. He probably would have been that way even had he not fought the KGB, had he not been falsely accused, falsely tried, falsely convicted and locked away in prison for nine years. He is simply too honest.

But the occasion was indeed full of circumstance.

Canada and Israel last week signed a free trade agreement (FTA) which, observers agree, is of great potential benefit to both signatories. Sharansky referred to the agreement as the "best FTA yet between two nations."

The agreement will eliminate tariffs on industrial goods and also eliminate or reduce tariffs on most agricultural and fisheries products. This will result in significant opportunities for increased trade directly between the two nations. In addition, it greatly improves access to new markets for both countries' goods. For Canadians, Israel may turn out to be the gateway to the larger and more lucrative market of the Middle East, not to mention the former Soviet Union from which more than 700,000 Israelis have made aliyah in the past seven years.

The agreement, we hope, will be far more than the foundation of expanding common commercial interests between the two countries. We hope it will also be a supportive pylon sunk deep into the soil of long-lasting regional peace. The FTA encourages Canadian contact, using Israel as the medium, with Middle Eastern consumers and business. The more extensive that contact, the greater the chances of more widely felt regional economic benefit. Wide beneficial investment usually contributes to political stability.

Peace, especially in the troubled, evolving Middle East, is a delicate, interrelated economic-political structure. A successfully implemented FTA can help to buttress that structure. We commend the governments of Canada and Israel for signing the agreement, for seeing the potential benefits to their own citizens, and for seeing the potential benefits for the people of the Middle East.

Lebanon first?

Events last week made it apparent that, despite his empty public rhetoric and hand-wringing about the peace process after the Israeli elections, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad fully believes he can arrive at a deal with Benjamin Netanyahu.

Reports circulated in the Israeli press that on the eve of his visit to the United States, Netanyahu secretly received a Syrian envoy to discuss the possibility of concluding an arrangement in south Lebanon. The development was dubbed the "Lebanon first" track.

According to the respected commentator Ze'ev Schiff of *Ha'aretz*, the secret visit was not initiated by Israel. *Ha'aretz* also reported that while the prime minister was in Washington, one of his advisors, Dore Gold, met with the Syrian ambassador to the United States to follow up the discussions held furtively the week before in Jerusalem. Further fuelling the whispers about the possibility of "Lebanon first" with Syria, was the mysterious trip taken out of the country by the prime minister last week. Again, the Israeli media speculated on Netanyahu's destination and concluded that he had travelled to meet French president Jacques Chirac. This was proved subsequently not to have been his destination.

The question for the media should not be whether Israel can achieve "Lebanon first," but rather, whether "Syria, at all." Israel's willingness to take part in these clandestine meetings, to travel reasonable roads, suggests that it is pursuing "Syria, if possible," but not "Syria, at all costs."

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History

August 8, 1749: The first land grant by the British to any settler in Cananda was given to a Jew, John Franks, in Halifax, N.S. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Appalled by actions of Southern Baptists

As a Christian, I was appalled to read of the ill-intentioned efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention and other groups aimed at "converting" followers of Judaism.

Rather than demonstrate what is clearly religious intolerance for views that differ from their own, these groups would do better to learn about and respect the richness of perspective that characterizes the Jewish religion for its own sake. Although Judaism does not understand the person of Jesus in the same way as does Christianity, all Christians would do well to reflect on how the Jews and their unique experience of suffering in history culminating in the Holocaust, are a people who have themselves been crucified, time and again, for their faithfulness to their God and His laws.

It should be the responsibility of Christians today to redress past and present injustices committed against Jews and work with the Jewish people on common, contemporary moral and ethical issues, while coming to a progressively deeper understanding of the Semitic basis of their own religious perspective which owes so much to Judaism.

Alexander Roman
Toronto

Charges Likud election ads destroyed

It has long been the contention of Likud supporters, that the recently defeated Labor/Meretz government has turned the institutions of the Israeli government into partisan political instruments.

The army, police, secret services, justice and education systems were all politicized to an unprecedented degree.

Now comes confirmation that not even the postal system was immune from political interference.

According to the *Ma'ariv* newspaper, (July 30, p. 11) the Postal Authority legal advisor issued a report that the Postal Service intentionally did not deliver some 250,000 Likud election advertisements. Following the elections, the literature was destroyed.

Joseph (Yossi) Winter
Toronto

Bernard Betel honors volunteers

RE: "Volunteers honored" (*CJN*, July 4), I would like to add the following:

At our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, we dedicated the evening to our late Rose Greenglass who chaired the volunteer committee for many years.

Rose and Cyril Magrill were recognized for their 22 years of untiring and devoted volunteering. Cyril is 88 years old and Rose is slightly younger.

Yvonne Martel, the president of the board of directors, was recognized with the presentation of a gavel for the many years she has served on the board as a community volunteer.

An annual visitor to our centre who comes from Sydney, Australia, Aaron Aaron, 81, is a lifetime volunteer. He has served the Sydney Jewish community as well as the senior community for over 50 years.

Charles H. Goeldner
Chair, Members Council
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Prosecution of war criminals hits roadblock

One Federal government after another has been pushed and prodded to bring Canada's Nazi war criminals to justice. Even with the passage of enabling legislation to prosecute or to denaturalize and deport, the pace has been painfully slow. Now, Mr. Justice Bud Cullen has stayed proceedings against three alleged Nazi war criminals citing the impropriety of Assistant Deputy Attorney General Ted Thompson's meeting with Chief Justice Julius Isaac without defence counsel being present. The absolute irony of this decision is that Justice Minister Allan Rock has appointed former Ontario chief justice Charles Dubin to ascertain if the holding of the meeting was improper and then to deliver a report.

Again, notwithstanding the gratuitous comments of Cullen that genocidal practices of the Nazis and their collaborators were heinous and should not go unpunished, the fact remains that whether by reason of political inertia or a judicial nit-picking, that is precisely the result taking place in Canada. Hitler must be laughing in his grave.

Bert Raphael
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Perspectives

A cold wind blows through Germany

By GOLDIE HERSHON

A cold wind always blows here, said Dr. Volkgard Knigge, the director of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp Museum located only a stone's throw from the historic German village of Weimar. Indeed, this statement would haunt us throughout our trip.

Following an invitation from the German ambassador to Canada, we left on May 1 for a fact-finding mission sponsored by the German government. It was not going to be an easy voyage.

As Canadian Jewish Congress president, I was more than aware of the need to be both objective and subjective about this trip. For my colleague, Bernie Farber, our national director of Community Relations, it would be different. Bernie is a child of a Holocaust survivor. His father Max had lost his entire family — a wife, two children, eight brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins to the genocidal fury of the Nazi regime.

We set foot on German soil and felt the cold wind.

Nonetheless, what became clear as we travelled from village to town and from town to city was that Germany had changed. From the beauty of the Rhine Valley to the hustle and bustle of Berlin, today's Germany is a modern technological state striving to accomplish and find its future.

But what of its Nazi past? This was the question that would reverberate through our entire 10-day journey of discovery.

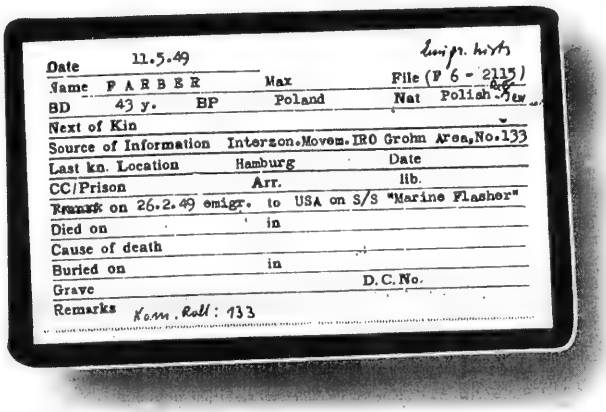
The first part of our answer came when we visited the International Tracing Service (ITS) of the Red Cross located in picturesque Arolsen, 25 kilometres outside of Frankfurt. The ITS was established during World War II, when it became obvious that the civilian population which had undergone so much suffering would be in need of international help. The task of the ITS was to assist in the search for missing relatives, survivors and, most importantly, to confirm the persecution that was suffered during the war years.

It was a daunting responsibility. Foreign names from various parts of Europe were constantly misspelled. For example, a name like Schwartz could have had countless variations. The usual waiting period from time of request to completion could be more than two years. To this day, more than 100,000 inquiries arrive at the ITS annually.

It was at the ITS that our personal Jewish past intersected with the present and the future. To find out exactly how the ITS system worked, Bernie asked to see the references to his name — Farber. There were over 3,000 requests, references or information on the name Farber spelled in 80 different ways.

Miraculously, the fourth card Bernie spotted was the original "displaced person" registration record filled out by his late father at the Pocken displaced persons camp in 1946. Upon further investigation, officials at the ITS were able to pull out the entire file and provide him with information on his father and family that he had not previously seen. And once again the cold wind went through us.

A few days later, in Bonn, we met with a number of German government officials to discuss matters ranging from Holocaust denial to Canadian multiculturalism and national unity. These meetings reinforced our impression that Germany was changing. Through the funding of projects for mandatory Holocaust education in German schools, today's Germany on a day-to-day basis struggles with its past in order to come to grips with its present.



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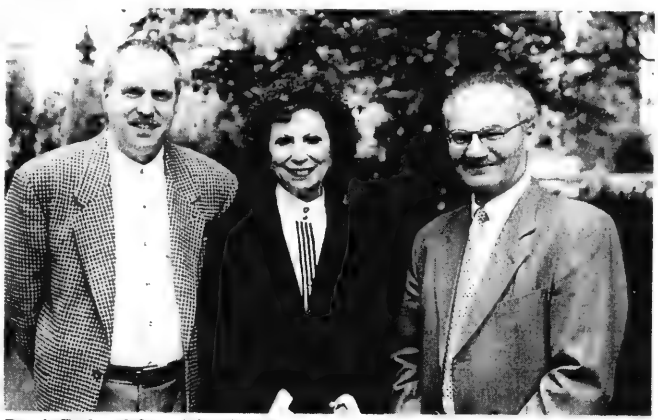
This displaced person registration card was filled out after the war by Bernie Farber's late father, Max, to help in the search for missing relatives.



Bernie Farber (left) and Goldie Hershon met with Stefan Szajak, executive-director of the Frankfurt Jewish Federation, during a recent visit to Germany.

Government officials spoke with disdain about Canadian landed immigrant and German citizen Ernst Zundel, the notorious denier of the Holocaust. German officials remain determined to work with Canadian law enforcement on Holocaust denial.

Officials from the Ministry of Culture also spoke proudly of the funding provided to the House of the Wannsee Conference Memorial. The Wannsee home where the memorial is now situated was opened on Jan. 20, 1992 — the 50th anniversary of the infamous Wannsee Conference. Fifty years earlier, Reinhard Heidrich, head of the NS Reich Security Main Office, had chaired a meeting of 14 high-ranking civil servants and SS officers in this "Wannsee village." Its purpose was to organize and implement the so-called Final Solution — the decision to deport and ultimately murder the Jews of Europe.

The home is situated in a lovely suburban district of Berlin surrounded by lush trees, with the meandering Wannsee River running behind the villa itself. The director of the memorial, Dr. Gerhard Schoenberner, a pre-eminent Holocaust historian and author of *The Yellow Star* and *The Holocaust*, has made it his goal to ensure that Germans have a firm historical grip on the Holocaust, its impact on Germany and more specifically on European Jewry.

The exhibition is devastating. Through stark pictures and the frank accompanying text, it provides basic information about the entire process of the segregation, persecution and genocide of European Jewry. It is poignant and heartbreaking. Standing in the actual "Wannsee Villa," we could once again feel the cold wind blowing.

To be sure, the German government did not stop solely at funding the Wannsee memorial. While actual death camps operated by the Nazi regime were not located on German territory, concentration camps where thousands were murdered, both Jews and non-Jews, did operate in Germany with cold, murderous efficiency.

Near the end of our journey, we visited one of those camps, Buchenwald.

Buchenwald is located 10 miles from Weimar (in what was previously East Germany). Situated in the midst of the Thuringia Forest, Weimar is the home of such classic writers as Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Friedrich Schiller, and composers Franz Liszt and Johann Sebastian Bach. Our hotel, Hotel Elephant, is one of the most famous inns in all of Europe. Built in the early 16th century, the famous and the infamous, including Adolf Hitler, stayed at the hotel. Despite all the changes, there remain constant reminders of what once was.

The Buchenwald camp is a 25-minute drive from Weimar up rolling hills surrounded by thick forest. When we left Weimar, the sun was shining; when we entered the gates of Buchenwald, it became bitter cold and a fine mist fell.

The name Buchenwald was chosen because the inhabitants of Weimar found it unacceptable to give the name of a "concentration camp" to a place (Weimar) associated with Goethe, Germany's most prolific author. Interestingly, however, in the mid-1930s, prior to Buchenwald's being operated as a full concentration camp, the crematoria in the town of Weimar were utilized by the Buchenwald camp administration to incinerate the bodies of those who died through execution or forced labor.

At one point, we stood on the field overlooking Barracks 66, the Children's Barracks. Today, it is a memorial to the Jewish children who were murdered here. It seemed appropriate that the harsh weather served as a reminder of the 56,000 persons who lost their lives here. And the cold wind continued to blow.

From Frankfurt to Koblenz, from Koblenz to Bonn, Bonn to Berlin, Berlin to Weimar, Weimar to Leipzig, and then back home, the trip to Germany was difficult, yet at the same time an eye-opening at the prospect of visiting the country where in our lifetime, plans were formulated to murder our people. We could not help but feel pain in travelling the land where individuals still reside who helped carry out those monstrous plans.

Yet, it is clear that today's Germany is not yesterday's Germany.

Our talks with German Jewish community leaders seemed to support the work being done by the German government in areas dealing with their terrible history. But a question mark remains in the minds of many German Jews. While they appear to be grateful and assured by the progress of today's Germany, they know, too, that 50 years may not yet be enough time for that assurance to be complete.

There is a renewed spirit in Germany. There is also memory. As a result, German law makes it a criminally indictable offence to spread Nazism and Holocaust denial. German law enforcement has been more diligent in the last few years in enforcing these laws, certainly more diligent than law enforcement in our own country.

We did note one interesting phenomenon: Germany does not have a museum dedicated to the memory of the Holocaust. And yet, everywhere you step in Germany becomes a memorial to the Holocaust.

As we prepared to board our plane back to Canada, the fragrance of flowers was in the air. The sun shone brightly along the Rhine — and yet, a cold wind still blew — but with less of a chill.

Goldie Hershon is the national president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Opinions

Ominous developments in Israel

By Jean M. Gerber

What do the Israeli elections and the summer blockbuster film *Independence Day* have in common? For one, they both blast you out of your seat with their unexpected action; for another, they both presumed an external enemy of horrific proportions and reacted accordingly.

There is one significant difference between the two: in the film, Arab and Israeli band together to fight alien invaders who threaten the world with their "No Peace" dictum. In real life, Israelis have had second thoughts about the direction of the peace process and possibilities for détente with their neighbors. The recent elections revealed how un-united the Jewish state is, and how disunified Jews in Israel and abroad remain and are likely to grow.

First, the election of the prime minister. Like many candidates who squeak through, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has forgotten that fewer than 30,000 votes divided him from his rival, Shimon Peres. Netanyahu comes with an entourage of both Israeli and American neo-conservatives ready to "recreate the Zionist vision." Since it is Israelis who elected him and his new vision, it is they who will first bear the brunt of the changes – like the increased power of the Prime Minister's Office – for which they may not have voted. Second, the threat. Israelis must now decide how they will deal with their new-found insecurity.

Finally, unity. Here, I believe we Jews outside Israel, who love and support the state, have a right to speak. Some years back "We are one" was the basis of Combined/United Jewish Appeals. Unfortunately, it is not true. We are not one, but many communities.

In Israel, due to the system of voting slates of candidates, the religious parties will continue to muster their followers to protect what they perceive as their best interests, and to enforce those interests on those who did not vote for such imposition. Will Judaism benefit? Coerced religiosity, as we have found out when confronted with conversionist oppressors, doesn't work in the long term.

The showing of Natan Sharansky's party revealed the rift between immigrant and sabra. It remains to be seen whether this honorable man can speak for all immigrants, including the excluded Ethiopians, or whether the Russian card will dominate the agenda. The failure of immigration policies to make one out of the many communities in Israel is another sign that we are not one. How Sharansky's party and the Likud/religious parties connection will light up the skies remains to be seen.

Another ominous development is the re-emergence of the demand from the religious parties for Knesset action to overturn Israel's Supreme Court decisions (as well as government administrative actions) that recognized Conservative and Reform conversions, celebration of other Jewish rites and participation in governance by community councils. The schools and institutions set up by these denominations are also anticipating increased obstacles to their operation. For some reason which eludes me, the eradication of rights for those who form the majority of Jews in North America is a high priority item for the religious parties, right up there with getting their preferred cabinet positions.

Well, Mr. Prime Minister. You have a keen sense of history. So go back and read what happened the last time we endured the debate on Who is a Jew and what is she? Please don't reopen it.

As Canadians we are (supposedly) comfortable with the model of many peoples, one nation. Multiculturalism was the order of the night at Vancouver's recent July 1 celebrations. But as Jews we shrink from the notion that we can be a culture of many multis. That is precisely what the recent elections in Israel gave us.

That is precisely how we in North America need to live. Pro-Labor speakers may get booed by pro-Likud audiences (and maybe vice-versa). But we in Vancouver at least go to each other's weddings, simchahs, shivahs, generally respecting the denomination of our Jewish neighbor. For some reason, that same ability to live with the people to the left and right of us is in short supply in Israel. The very state is threatened, our future as a people menaced, when a Reform rabbi gets up to bless the congregation or marry a young Israeli couple. We here need not give our blessing to attempts by Israeli parties to read us out of the community.

This is not to say that civil war is on the horizon. But a continuous erosion of mutual respect and actions which drive further wedges between Jew and Jew, between Israel and Diaspora communities, are ominous signs that we are failing to live up to our multicultural reality.

Missionaries at my door

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Many of you will have had this experience: the bell rings and you open the door for two nicely dressed people — sometimes mother and child — who present you with some literature. "We'd like you to read this," they say, "God is waiting for you."

The witnesses will identify themselves as belonging to Jehovah's witnesses or some other missionary group.

Recently, on the Internet, I read a posting by Rabbi Amy Scheinerman, who had a fascinating encounter with such visitors to her home in Columbia, Md. (I have obtained the rabbi's permission to tell the story as she did.)

A little more than a year ago, they visited one afternoon when my kids were all at home. The first missionary, seeing a mezuzah on the door, introduced herself as a former Jew and asked, "Do you like bible stories?"

"Oh yes," I replied innocently.

She then asked whether I would like to study the Bible with her. In mock amazement I answered, "You can read the Bible? Really? How wonderful! Where did you learn Hebrew?"

Startled and off-balance she responded, "I don't read Hebrew, I read it in English."

"But it's not written in English," I said quickly, "only translations are in English. If you believe that the Bible is God's word, I expect that you would read it as God wrote it — in Hebrew."

She explained that Hebrew was very difficult to learn and that she had great confidence in her translation. At this juncture I sent my 5-year-old daughter, Naomi, to fetch a Chumash. When she returned I asked her to read a few passages to our visitor. I then announced that I would study with her only if she could read the Bible the way it was written.

She hurried away, and we have not been bothered by Jehovah's witnesses since.

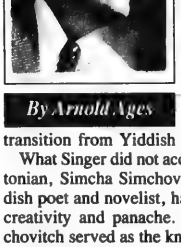
I recount this story not because I reckon that many readers will follow Rabbi Scheinerman's example, but if some of you do, please let me know so that I can follow up this column with your experience. Fortunately we have a lot of Hebrew readers in Canada, and I suspect that they have no difficulty locating a Chumash in their home. But others may have a more serious problem: they wouldn't readily know where to find their Bible (if they have one).

My own experience, garnered from decades of visits to people's homes, suggests to me that their Bibles must be on their night tables in the bedroom, for they don't seem to make their presence readily known on their library shelves.

When I once discussed this issue with someone who possessed a rather wide learning in many areas, he confessed that he hadn't looked at the book since he was bar mitzvah. Then he added that he did have Jewish books, even though he was unacquainted with the Bible, and mentioned Alan Dershowitz's *Chutzpah* as an example.

I forget whether his addendum tickled my funny bone or caused my tear ducts to work. Maybe it was both.

Poems a treasure trove of Jewish memory



By Arnold Ages

It was Isaac Bashevis Singer who once remarked that although Yiddish was the Stradivarius of languages, its sweet melodies would not necessarily be heard in future generations. Singer, of course, continued to write in Yiddish, but it was the English translations of his novels which earned him the Nobel Prize in literature. Although Singer was very fluent in English he never made the literary transition from Yiddish to Eglish.

What Singer did not accomplish, a Torontonian, Simcha Simchovitch, a noted Yiddish poet and novelist, has done with skill, creativity and panache. Until 1988, Simchovitch served as the knowledgeable curator of the Beth Tzedec Museum and in that post displayed his great learning in Bible, the classical Jewish sources, Yiddish, Hebrew and of course, art.

After retiring from his position at the Toronto synagogue he returned to what was undoubtedly his first love, Yiddish poetry. In that language, he was able to make the lyre sing poignant songs of his youth in Poland, adolescence and young adulthood in Siberia and latterly his half century domicile in Toronto. His Yiddish poetry has been acclaimed for its strong lyrical quality, terse but provocative imagery and reverential reconstruction of Jewish life in Poland before and during the Holocaust.

In the last decade, however, Simchovitch has done something which very few writers and even fewer poets have done — made the transition from their mother tongue to an adopted language on the same artistic level. In Israel, of course, a number of fine poets made the switch from Yiddish to Hebrew, but a successful jump from Yiddish to English has been rare. Simchovitch shows in his most recent work, *A Song Will Remain*, that it is indeed possible. I would add that it is a salutary development because it affords non-Yiddish readers an opportunity to experience Simchovitch's poetic vision for the first time.

In the 159 poems in his current collection, all the poems are in English: Simchovitch has translated some of them by himself, while others are translated by Ben Kaminker, Sylvia Lustgarten, Miriam Rand, Faye Kellerstein and Gurion Hyman. The majority of the poems, especially those dealing with Canada, Toronto and the métier of the poet itself, are written in English by Simchovich. All the poems are collectively a treasure trove of Jewish memory, a celebration of humanity and a hymn of praise to Canada's multicultural mosaic.

As one of the sole survivors of the Polish resort town Otwock, Simchovitch devotes a number of his first poems to memorializing the simplicity, piety and beauty of the men and women who inhabited that world. There is no treacly sentimentalism in his word pictures as the poet records his obligation to act as a witness to lives lived and lives extinguished. Simchovitch registers his affection and admiration for Jewish socialists and Bundists whose lives intersected his and who perished in the Holocaust. In one remarkable song, he speaks of an aging survivor who wants to be cremated so that his ashes can commingle, at least metaphorically, with the martyred millions who preceded him.

Simchovitch survived the war in Spaask, a Siberian town on the Oka River. It was there that his life was not only saved, but his dignity as a human being was preserved. There he also learned a trade and then went on to complete his education. In several of his poems, he renders homage to the simple men and women in Russia who helped restore his faith in humanity at the time when the Swastika was blotting out the sun.

"More than five decades later,/ my heart melts when I recall/ their unrewarded humane deeds/ and my lips utter quietly a prayer/ for these, so far-away, yet so close."

Simchovitch, true to his Hebrew first name, has found joy since he came to Canada and in most of the poems in the second half of his recent collection, presents a stunning kaleidoscope of impressions about Toronto, Harbourfront Place, Muskoka and scores of other typically Canadian vistas. His vision is a happy one as he ponders the richness of Canada's ethnic diversities and babble of languages. However, even in the comfort of Canada's tolerant ambiance, Simchovitch records his anxieties about life, politics and human foibles — all in skillfully chiseled verse.

The Kirshner File

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Summer reading ...
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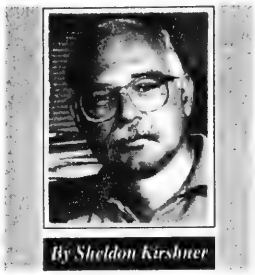

By Sheldon Kirshner

than a thing or two about Jerusalem. This is readily evident from reading his latest book, *Jerusalem: An Archaeological Biography* (Random House, $63), which is comprehensive in scope.

Replete with excellently reproduced color photographs and helpful charts, this thoroughly researched compendium is a first-class guide to the ruins and artifacts of Jerusalem from the era before the Israelite conquest to the Muslim and Crusader periods.

City of the Great King: Jerusalem From David to the Present (Harvard University Press, $39.95 US), edited by Nitza Rosovsky, is an excellent primer. In this handsomely illustrated volume, Jerusalem is conjured up in ancient Hebrew texts, in medieval Islamic literature, in 19th-century Western accounts and in the testimony of Jewish and Christian pilgrims. A perfect way to mark Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary as a capital.

As its title suggests, *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths* (Random House, $42) expertly explores the connections which bind Judaism, Islam and Christianity to this fought-over city. Karen Armstrong's central thesis is that a community's attachment to Jerusalem grows more powerful when its links have been re-established after being severed.

The complexity of Jerusalem's politics is examined by Roger Friedland and Richard Hecht in *To Rule Jerusalem* (Cambridge University Press, $39.95 US). Jerusalem, they argue persuasively, is not only contested by Israelis and Palestinians, but is a battleground for conflicts *within* each of these communities.

Jerusalem's place in Judaism is but one of the numerous topics explored at length by Norman Cantor in *The Sacred Chain: The History of the Jews* (HarperCollins, $21). Cantor's book, though relatively concise, is sweeping in its erudition.

The late Lucy Dawidowicz was an admirable historian. In *What is the Use of Jewish History?* (Random House, $19.95), her essays have been collected under one roof. Dawidowicz, whose range was impressive, grapples with a wide variety of subjects, from her musings about Berlin and Babi Yar to her impressions of Polish-Jewish relations and Jewish identity in America.

Neil Folberg's handsome coffee-table book, *And I Shall Dwell Among Them: Historic Synagogues of the World* (General, $72), focuses on synagogue exteriors and interiors in the Mediterranean basin, Asia, the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe and Israel.

Folberg's riveting photographs are supplemented by an erudite text written by scholar Yom Tov Assis.

Sheldon and Judy Godfrey, in *Search Out the Land* (McGill-Queen's University Press, $34.95), have written an important book about the struggle by minorities for equal civil and political rights in this country. The focus is on early Jewish settlers who took part in this battle. The research is based on archival, legal and genealogical sources.

Alienated Minority: The Jews of Medieval Latin Europe (Harvard University Press, $19.95 US) is Kenneth Stow's scholarly account of the precarious position of Western European Jewry from the fifth to the 15th century. Stow argues that in spite of their lowly status, Jews contributed to the shaping of Europe's social and ideological structures.

In *Prisoners of Honor* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $18.95), David Levering Lewis retells an old but instructive story — the plight of Captain Alfred Dreyfus and the affair which plunged France into warring camps for about a decade.

German Jews in the United States began as itinerant peddlers and small merchants. By the 20th century, they had built business empires. In *Encounter with Emancipation* (Jewish Publication Society of America, $25.95), a well-documented work, Naomi Cohen relates the manner in which they were Americanized, their encounters with prejudice and their rise to social prominence.

During the 1930s, Jewish intellectuals fleeing oppression in Nazi Germany and other countries found a haven in the United States. Nearly 200 of these refugees came to be affiliated with the New School for Social Research in New York City. *Intellectuals in Exile* (University of Massachusetts Press, $15.95 US), by Claus-Dieter Krohn, looks at their lives and contributions in their chosen fields.

Lise Meitner, an Austrian Jew, was one of the foremost physicists of our time, a brilliant woman forced into exile by Hitler. Ruth Sime's richly detailed biography, *Lise Meitner* (University of California Press, $30 US), will be of particular interest to readers with a scientific bent.

The People Speak! Anti-Semitism and Emancipation in Nineteenth-Century Bavaria (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $62.95) sounds like an arcane treatise, but it really isn't. James Harris' book, a study of the effects of public opinion on state policy, traces the links between the treatment of Jews in 18th- and 19th-century Germany and the anti-Semitism of the Nazi movement.

Race and ethnicity have figured prominently in the so-called Jewish Question. Integral to it were the late 19th-century debates as to whether there was a biological basis for Jewish distinctiveness. In *Defenders of the Race: Jewish Doctors and Race Scientists in Fin-de-Siecle Europe* (Yale University Press, $30 US), John Efron delves into this murky field by studying the growth of race science, the Jewish representation in it and its overall relationship to Zionism.

While we're on the subject of race, consider Joel Kotkin's fascinating book, *Tribes: How Race, Religion and Identity Determine Success in the New Global Economy* (Random House, $24 US). Kotkin argues that as national borders dissolve and the world becomes increasingly interdependent, five "tribes" — Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Indians and British — will become the dominant forces in world economies. A bizarre thesis? Judge for yourself.

Former Nazi concentration camps like Auschwitz and Buchenwald are searing symbols of man's inhumanity to man. *In the Camps* (Penguin, $45) is yet one more glimpse of these charnel houses, as viewed through the camera of German-born photographer Erich Hartmann. Hartmann's photos are spare and graphic, speaking the language of horror and death.

Embattled Selves (Atlantic Monthly Press, $24 US), by Kenneth Jacobson, presents the life stories of 15 Jewish men and women who, in response to the Holocaust, concealed, discovered, embraced or rejected their Jewishness. These are compelling tales told by a master of the narrative.

Holocaust Denial: Bigotry in the Guise of Scholarship (Simon Wiesenthal Centre, no price listed) is a valuable addition to the growing literature of the Holocaust. It will be of special interest to educators and students. The authors are Frances Henry and Carol Tator, who handily demolish the pseudo arguments of the revisionists.

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Books

By Bernard Baskin

A colorful tapestry

God Has Ninety-Nine Names by Judith Miller, Random House $40

The Islamic world of the high Middle Ages — perhaps, more than any other — offered great promise of advancing toward a modern, multi-racial and universal civilization. Instead it entered into a long process of decline as it failed to compete with the power, ideas and skills of European culture. Vast territories were lost to foreign powers. Islamic pride and notions of superiority gave way to feelings of pain, envy and bitterness.

This book (the title is inspired by the fact that the Koran has 99 names for God), weaves a rich and colorful tapestry that contains multiple strands from eight Arab countries in the Middle Ages, as well as Iran and Israel. Judith Miller has been a correspondent for the *New York Times* since 1977 and was Cairo bureau chief for the *Times* from 1983 to 1986.

Through her highly personal and informative reportage, the author conveys the country by country struggle now underway between a secularism and various forms of resurgent Islam. She travelled the length and breadth of the region by jeep and on foot — often at great personal peril. She interviewed dozens of people and offers a rich melange of opinions and emotions. An Algerian woman asks Miller, "I keep wondering who are these Islamic 'moderates' I keep hearing about ... there are none of these when it comes to women."

An official in the Sudan asserts, "You had better get used to it ... Islam is the future. You won't be able to stop it."

Some of her revelations include the following: President Hafez al-Assad of Syria has been on the Saudi payroll since the mid-1960s; the CIA saved Libya's Muammar Khadafi on several occasions by tipping him off to coup attempts; and Iran's President Rafsanjani personally approved several of Tehran's murderous terrorist assaults abroad.

She also indicates that the World Trade Centre bombing in 1993 in New York City was the work of Mujahideen whose arms were supplied by the United States when they were resisting the Soviets in Afghanistan.

For the most part, the author's conclusions are pessimistic. She wonders: How can fragmented and beleaguered governments deliver on their promises for a better future for their citizens? How viable are Islamic movements for change if they are not propelled by the ideas of tolerance and democratic values? How can a state compete in an increasingly ferocious global market if it denies women and non-Muslim minorities legal and constitutional equality with the Muslim male citizens? If fundamentalist ideology is so uncompromising, what are chances for Arab-Israeli reconciliation? What happens to the dream of a "New Middle East" — a region of economic and political cooperation?

Israel is fortunate that Islamic groups fighting for attention and power are unbelievably numerous and diverse. There are 175 of these in the region, 45 in Egypt alone. These internal divisions and rivalries prevent the emergence of a unified Arab voting block that has a potential of 17 seats in the Knesset. Given current demographic trends, Israel's population would reach eight million by the year 2025 — six million Jews and two million Arabs. One out of every four Israeli citizens would be Arab. Today the ratio is one in five. "In 1992, the most popular name for a baby boy born in Israel was Muhammad."

The author concludes "This book contains very few predictions, but of this I am sure: there will not be a single, unified Islamic community ... even in the unlikely event that Islamic rebels topple every quasi-secular government in the Middle East."

This is a challenging, eye-opening, insider's account of what is happening in one of the most volatile and strategically vital portions of the globe.

Some real 'athletic' events

By JORDAN MAX

Guest Voices

It's hard not to get excited about the Olympics. The pageantry, the excitement, the commercials — even a little bit of nationalism thrown in for good measure.

So it seems only appropriate to write about Jews and athletics. There is a widespread myth that Jews are not naturally athletic. The best example I can recall is one of those coffee table books I received as a bar mitzvah gift. It had a section on Jews in Sports, starting with a picture of Bobby Fisher studying a chess board. Hardly surprising. In fact, as I will demonstrate, we Jews are among the most athletic of all peoples. It's just a recognition thing. If the Olympics can have Ballroom Dancing and Beach Volleyball (check it if you don't believe me), how about:

The Passover Marathon. (Family and empty-nesters' divisions.) Never mind the wimpy 26-mile, two-hour "marathon." This is the real McCoy, a month long ultramarathon with a looming deadline. Equipped only with a vacuum cleaner and an endless supply of shmattes, contestants would be assigned a house two weeks before the Olympics started. The contest would culminate on the last day of the Olympics before the Closing Ceremonies at nightfall with a microscopic *chametz* inspection. Then, for bonus, the contestants would try to serve dinner to 20 people and remain awake during a three-hour seder.

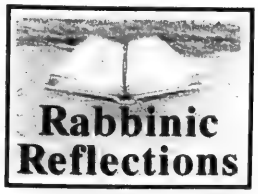
The Hagbah competition. (Right- and left-handed divisions.) Those Olympic weightlifters have it easy, with evenly balanced weights and lots of training time. How about the true athlete, a Hagbah-designate, who has only two minutes to prepare, is in herring/shnapps withdrawal, has to deal with an unevenly balanced Torah, the social consequences of dropping it, and to boot, has a "trick back" from last weekend's tennis game with the teenager?

The Two-minutes-to-Shabbat Obstacle Course. Decathlon, shmecathlon. So they get to throw this and run that over a two day period. Big deal. They don't have to do it all at the same time, do they? Consider instead the two-minutes-to-candlelighting-finish-those-Shabbat preparations. Adjust the stove, pick up things off the floor, ice the cake, set light switches, make that one last phone call, set the table, all while holding the baby and avoiding tripping over the dog, in only two minutes. Now that's what I call athletics.

The Speed Davening competition. (Mumbling and non-mumbling divisions.) Equivalent to the 100-metre hurdles, except performed early in the morning *before* eating or coffee, with the occasional Aramaic thrown in for maximum tongue-twisting potential.

The D'Var Torah/Shul Announcements competition. (Rabbis, shul presidents and wannabees divisions.) Compared to those "other" gymnastics, these individuals employ the same mental backflips, somersaults and tumbling lines in order to make their point or keep their audiences awake. It's far more taxing and frustrating when nobody seems to remember the next day what you spent an hour discussing.

So, while you sit like a couch potato watching all of those supposed athletes competing for fame, national pride and shampoo endorsements, take some pride in your own innate talents. Maybe, just maybe, the next Olympics will add a few more of these real athletic events.



By RABBI RONALD WEISS

In English, the world "you" is ambigious when referring to the singular or plural grammatical form. However in Hebrew, as in Yiddish, French, Spanish and many other languages, the word "you" takes on a different form for singular or plural. In Hebrew one says *atah* when addressing one person and *atem* when addressing many. This short grammatical example raises a most interesting question with respect to this week's Torah reading, Parshah Reeh.

The opening words of the Torah reading are: "See (you, the individual Jew), I am placing before you (plural) this day a blessing and a curse." Ambiguity in English as to the intended audience is one thing, but combining singular and plural grammatical forms in one sentence is another. Why should the Torah make such a seemingly unnatural connection?

Years ago I heard an answer to this question attributed to Rabbi Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik. Rabbi Soloveitchik was one of our generation's greatest Torah scholars, and was known simply as the Rav, indicative of his pre-eminence in all areas of Torah learning and his leadership of an entire generation of Jews.

Citing several other sources where the question could also be raised, the Rav stated that the Torah emphasizes here the responsibility and obligations of the individual and how his actions can affect society as a whole.

Never mind what other people are doing. The Torah tells each individual Jew: You must be mindful of your obligations, you must always be aware of your responsibilities to your fellow men. You, the individual, are not allowed to forget that our tradition demands a specific standard of personal and moral behavior.

Seen from this perspective "See (you, the individual Jew), I am placing before you (plural) this day a blessing and a curse" takes on a new meaning.

How often does a person become discouraged thinking of what value is it that I make an effort, of what meaning or consequence will it be if I work for this or that particular organization? After all, if there is no one else who comes, no one else to help and share the burden, how will the work be carried on?

The Rav said let one person see, let one Jew care, and the result will be contagious. One person's energy and enthusiasm will influence others and ultimately the result will be to involve the many.

Parshah Reeh is the last Shabbat before the beginning of the last month of the year. Rosh Chodesh Elul is traditionally the formal start of our preparation for Rosh Hashanah. As we begin to spiritually ready ourselves to stand before the Almighty, let us always remember the impact our individual efforts can have to strengthen the community.

Rabbi Weiss is the director of Chaplaincy Services for Jewish Family and Child Service in Toronto.

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Last month, had Paul Revere been alive and well, he might have jumped on his horse and galloped through Boston shouting, "The Yiddish are coming! The Yiddish are coming!"

The occasion was the 15th annual Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, which drew nearly 650 participants to a Boston hotel from six continents. With representatives from Russia, Australia, South Africa, Israel, Europe, Brazil, Great Britain, the United States and Canada, the conference was a sort of cerebral Jewish Olympics, abuzz with news of innovative projects, sources and discoveries.

As at previous seminars, the Boston gathering featured several days of lectures, seminars, birds-of-a-feather discussion groups, excursions to libraries and archives, and touristic side trips. Besides a thick seminar binder, each participant received a copy of the large hardcover *Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area*, by Warren Blatt, an indispensible aid for doing local research.

Similar guides have been produced in association with previous seminars. The classic is *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area*, edited by Estelle Guzik, which the Jewish Genealogical Society of New York published in 1989. Another major work of the genre is *A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel*, by Sallyann Amdur Sack and the Israel Genealogical Society, revised in 1995. Smaller guidebooks were published for Toronto in 1993 and Washington D.C. in 1995.

Tapes of most lectures are available from seminar organizers at nominal fees. Titles include *Alexander Beider on Jewish Surnames, Peter Lande on Holocaust Research, Richard Paychyk on Marriage and Migration in 19th-century Austria-Hungary, Gabriel Braunstein on Jewish Immigration to Argentina*, and *Jeff Cymbler on Cemeteries and Synagogues in Poland.*

Marking an important seachange, the Boston gathering reflected the indisputable fact that the Jewish genealogical community has reached a significant critical mass and energy level worldwide.

"There's been an astonishing growth of interest in the field," Bob Weiss, president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, told me. "We have more than 60 societies now, growing up in places like Australia, Azerbeijan, Brazil, Sweden, Moscow and Hamburg. It's a farflung community but many of us are using the new electronic tools to communicate, organize and get information."

The Russian-Era Indexing of Poland Project (REIPP), is the brainchild of Steven Zedeck of New Hampshire and Michael Tobias of Scotland. Working with an international team of volunteers, they established a database of indices of Jewish vital records from 19th-century Poland. So far, it contains citations for about 100,000 Polish-Jewish births, marriages and deaths, most from 1868 to 1900, but it may list some two million records within a few years. Accessible through e-mail, REIPP can lead researchers to family documents or at least provide clues as to where their families once lived.

JewishGen, a site on the World Wide Web, has been visited by thousands of people from more than 50 countries in the last six months alone, says its president, Susan King of Houston. Sitting at computers in their own homes, users may consult a cornucopia of information files and databases such as the Family Finder, an index of surnames and ancestral towns being researched by more than 2,500 people worldwide. Users may participate in special-interest group discussions, receive instruction in elementary topics, even get short documents translated free into or from 16 languages. A non-profit venture, JewishGen's electronic address is [http://www.jewishgen.org/].

ShtetLinks, another new project, offers detailed online information about an expanding list of *shtetls*, while a separate volunteer effort has established a growing online library of Yizkor or memorial books in translation. As well, renowned genealogist Miriam Weiner announced the forthcoming publication of a lavishly illustrated and detailed travel-and-genealogy guidebook for Poland that promises to simplify the needle-in-the-haystack-type search presently required for many scattered Polish-Jewish records.

Although he did not travel to Boston, Lawrence Tapper, an archivist at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, sparked a lively discussion there. His article, *A Call to Arms*, which appeared last year in the journal *Avotaynu*, castigated the Jewish community at large for its neglect of genealogy and family history, and was the basis for a panel debate.

The debates, projects and discoveries are bound to continue throughout the year and no doubt will enliven next year's conference, scheduled for Paris, France, from July 14 to 17, 1997. For details, contact the Cercle de Généalogue Juive, 14 rue St-Lazare, 75009 Paris, France, or the Jewish genealogical society nearest you.

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Sixty years later, he married her all over again

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO —You might think that after 60 years of marriage, a wife would know everything about her husband.

But 82-year-old Ella Gilbert insists that her 84-year-old husband Danny is still full of surprises.

Seated at a bridge table in their Terrace apartment during an interview, Ella points to a potted arrangement of silk flowers.

"He made these and just brought them up for me. I wasn't expecting a thing," she said, smiling.

But the surprise was on both husband and wife recently, when six employees at the Baycrest Centre made the couple a second wedding in honor of their 60th anniversary.

"They said they were going to try and make us a little party, but I never thought they would make a wedding!" Ella said.

It was a wedding right out of a fairy tale. The women had prepared a veil for Ella and arranged for a bouquet of silk flowers; Danny had a black top hat. There was also a chupah. Not to mention all the guests.

"I came downstairs," Ella said, "and I saw the reporters and T.V. stations. I said, 'How come all these people came?' It was like a real big wedding."

Sixty years ago, in the midst of the Depression, extravagant weddings were practically unheard of.

"The times were pretty tough then," Ella explained. "We had a house wedding with maybe 50 or 60 people."

They didn't even have wedding pictures.

"When I saw the proofs, I said, 'If you can't do better than that, then I don't want them.' "

Regardless of the difficult times, Ella prefers to remember the good. "They were lovely parts of our life," she said.

The couple met at a mutual friend's Halloween party.

"I was very shy and he was the life of the party," Ella recalled.

Danny knew it was *bashert* after he first met her. "He told my girlfriend he was going to marry me."

"We're different"

And he was persistent. When Ella tragically lost her brother to a drowning two years after they had met, Danny was very supportive to her family.

"He came and stayed with us," she said. "He really helped us through that terrible time."

Originally from Montreal, the Gilberts moved to Toronto just 12 years ago. Danny was a shipper in a dress factory for 40 years, including the Depression era. Ella was a store clerk who eventually worked her way up to become a buyer.

"I love working with people," she said. "Being with people, that's what's important."

Still active in many Baycrest activities, the Gilberts appear to have always been on the go.

"When I was 65, I tried to retire," Danny said. "I tried it for six weeks and said this is not for me. So I went out to look for a job. Everyone said, 'Who's going to hire you at 65?'

"I said, 'They can't arrest me, or put me in jail. All they can do is say no.' "

The Gilberts came to Toronto when their son moved his business here. Their daughter reacted by saying, "I know a lot of children move away from their parents, but why should parents move away from their kids?"

Ella replied, "We're different."

Danny worked for his son until two years ago when he was 82, and the business went under. The Gilberts then decided to move into Baycrest.

"I was worried about who would look after him if something were to happen to me," Ella explained.

Danny gave her a devilish smile, "I told her not to worry. I'd pick up a couple of dames at Baycrest."

Ella laughed. "He's got the best sense of humor."

When asked what the key to a successful marriage is, Ella was insistent. "Communication. You have to talk to one another. Don't go to bed angry. It's all right to argue, but always make up. Most important is communication."

With that same smile, Danny responded, "Not necessarily."

A bit of humor doesn't seem to hurt either.

Ella and Danny Gilbert as they were 60 years ago (top) and renewing their nuptials. [Bottom photo courtesy of Baycrest]

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Greater Toronto Area

Young bridge players win junior world title

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – David Halasi is quick to point out that bridge is not just for bubbies and zaydes.

The 17-year-old Northern Secondary student, and bridge partner 22-year-old Ben Zeidenberg, were recently crowned junior world champions at the Alcatel Worldwide Bridge Contest.

Their score qualified them as North American over all champions, sixth in the world, and gave them the designation of life master.

"There are different designations, depending on your experience level," Halasi explained. "If you place high enough [in the competitions], then you acquire master points. You have to win against high ranking opponents ... It took us two years to get our life masters. For some people it takes quite a while."

The partners played at the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio, along with 44 other pairs. Simultaneously, around the world, hundreds of thousands of other pairs played the same hand. Twenty-one thousand people played in North America alone.

"Our game was so big, it happens once in a lifetime," Halasi said.

Each of the two came to the game on his own.

"I started playing my first year at the University of Waterloo," said Zeidenberg, who is now studying at York University. "I met someone who ran a bridge club and was involved with Junior Bridge in Canada. He took me under his wing."

Halasi's parents are both bridge players. "When I was 15, I went down with them to a tournament to watch. They were offering free lessons. I took a couple and I was hooked."

The pair met a year and a half ago at a competition, where they played together for the first time.

"We did well," said Zeidenberg, "considering we were playing for the first time."

Then, the two decided they would play together for the 1996 Junior Trials held in Miami, Fla., the first week in August. Along with teammates Mike and Daniel Nadler, Colin Lee and Barry Piafsky, the men hope to represent Canada at the 1997 World Championships in Hamilton.

Last summer, Zeidenberg and Halasi were invited to attend the first World Junior Pairs Championship in Belgium. They also attended the World Junior Bridge Camp. It was the first time North Americans were invited.

Zeidenberg is planning to hold bridge classes at the Jewish Students Federation at York for anyone wanting to learn. He's also hoping to start up a bridge club on campus.

Regardless of the professional competitions and successful placements, both Zeidenberg and Halasi maintain that their bridge involvement is just for fun.

"It's great for solving problems and spending time with the people you like," Halasi said.

"Bridge is considered the chess of cards," Zeidenberg added.

Neither plans to turn his bridge talent into a professional career. Zeidenberg is studying pure math, with the intention of going into financial math. Halasi is going into his OAC year and is interested in medicine.

For more information about the campus bridge club or lessons, call Zeidenberg at 416-512-7308.

Shabbat Celebration for psychologists

TORONTO – A Shabbat Celebration will be held here Aug. 9 for Jewish psychologists participating in the annual convention of the American Psychological Association. Toronto residents are invited to join in.

The celebration will include Jewish song, dance and storytelling. Candles will be lit and a kiddush will be recited with the traditional wine and challah.

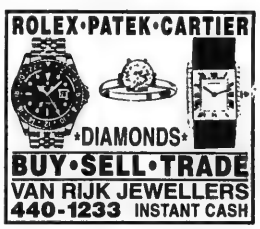
The event will be held in the Spin Drift/Spring Song suites of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, West Queen Street (4th floor) from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., said Dr. Michael Bernet of Brooklyn, who is sponsoring the event.

"I was attending another convention in Massachusetts last month," says Bernet, "and felt that I needed to do something special to mark the Shabbat.

"So I asked the conference management to announce a Kabbalat Shabbat and then scoured around among the little New England towns, to come up with kosher grape juice, hearth-baked bread, sea salt, candles and white tablecloths."

The celebration was a great success and gave Bernet the impetus to organize a similar celebration in Toronto – but on a much larger scale.

The celebration will be "non-denominational," with men and women invited to join the dancing circles and the singing.



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ברנארד שואו היה אדם חכם, שנון ובעל חוש הומור מפותח מאוד. פעם ניסתה לפתות אותו כוכבנית יפיפיה ואמרה לו: "יתאר לך איזה ילד נפלא יכול היה להוולד לנו - הוא יהיה יפה כמוני וחכם כמוך" ענה לה שואו ישר מהמותן: "תארי לעצמך, בובָּלה! מה יקרה אבל אם הוא יצא מכוער כמוני וטיפש כָּמוך!"

משהוא אישי:

ביקור בוקר במחלקת ילדים. ילדה בת שנתיים ולידה אמא, שהיא ילדה בת עשרים וארבע. אמא מחייכת, היא נותנת אימון בצוות הרפואי. עוד דקה אצטרך לומר לה במילים רכות שלביתָה יש סרטן מפושט ושהסיכוי להחלמה הוא אפס. אחר כך היא לא תחייך שנים רבות.

כשערתתי כרופא במילואים, קראו לי יום אחד להתלוות לקצין העיר בערב שבת להודיע למשפחתו של חייל בן תשע-עשרה שבנם נהרג בשעת אימונים. עמדנו ליד הדלת, בפנים שמעתי צחוק של איש וצחוק של אישה, הם ישבו לשולחן השבת עם חלה ונרות. עוד דקה יאמרו במילים רכות הדברים הכי איומים שאפשר להגיד להם, ואחר כך הם לא יצחקו שנים רבות. איזו בשורה טובה יכולה לצמוח מסיפורים כאלה? אולי שאנחנו מאוד קטנוניים, ושרוב הזמן אנחנו מתעסקים בשטויות ונעלבים משטויות. אולי שאנחנו לא אומרים לאנשים קרובים דברים טובים אך זוכרים תמיד להגיד להם דברים רעים. ואולי שכדאי לרכל קצת פחות, להשמיץ קצת פחות! ואולי באמת על שנאת חינם חרב בית המקדש. תחשבו על זה.

רק ישראלי יבין:

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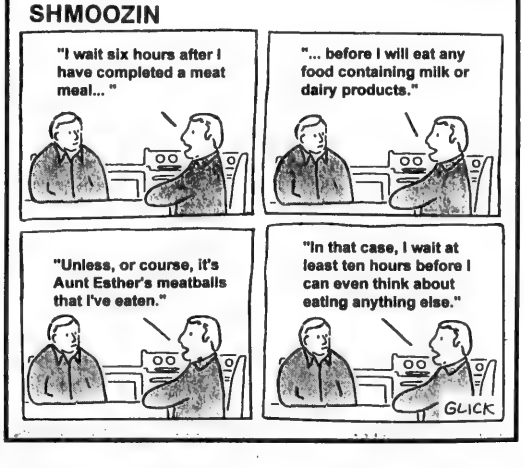

Sharing Torah's beauty

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A new learning experience has come to the Toronto area.

Torah Umesorah, the umbrella organization for Orthodox education in the United States and Canada, in conjunction with Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill, has sent seven yeshivah students, two rabbis and their wives, for the first SEED learning program to be held in Canada.

For over two weeks, they have been holding classes and lectures, some for both men and women, and some for either men or women. For those who wished it, there was also *chavrusa* (one-on-one) learning.

Some of the topics covered have included Tisha b'Av, prayer, peace, Talmud, and the weekly Torah portion.

Rabbi Yehoshua Berinstein of Torah Umesorah told *The CJN* that the SEED program was started 23 years ago by Rabbi Gavriel Ginsburgh, now rosh yeshivah of Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva, and well-known educator and speaker Avi Shulman.

"The idea was to send young men and couples to communities in North America and all over the world for several weeks at a time. They learn with the communities, teach, and develop programs."

All the participants are volunteers, Rabbi Berinstein noted. "They want to share the beauty of Torah, that is so precious to them."

Hundreds of communities and thousands of people have benefitted from SEED, said the rabbi.

Programs are targetted at whatever level the community wants, from very basic, to advanced yeshiva-style learning, he said. "You find some at all levels sitting and studying in the same beit midrash," the rabbi said.

The contingent that came to Toronto, which included yeshivah students from Toronto and Montreal, were billeted in local homes. They were supervised by Rabbis Shmuel and Shimon Taub and their wives, from the Lakewood Yeshiva in New Jersey, who also gave classes.

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Passover in Russia

TORONTO — When Torontonians Jessica Feldman and Leah Silber came to the one-year program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students, they didn't anticipate that they would wind up spending Passover in Russia.

But that is exactly what happened.

Feldman, 20, and Silber, 21, described how moved they were when they found themselves singing songs from the Passover Haggadah in front of a group of elderly Yiddish-speaking Jews in Moscow.

For some of the Russian Jews, this was the first seder they were celebrating since childhood.

"For 70 years you couldn't be Jewish, and now Jews are starting to be Jewish again," said Silber. "There's a regeneration."

The two Canadians, who have been spending the year at the Hebrew University, flew from Jerusalem to Moscow in April together with four other North American students. They participated in three seders, one for local students and two for the elderly.

The North Americans were a last-minute addition to a project organized and funded this year for the first time by Hillel — the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Schusterman Family Foundation to reintroduce Passover to Jewish communities around Russia and Ukraine.

The project involved some 60 Jewish students, who fanned out over the week of Passover, some travelling in vans laden with matzah, kosher wine and haggadahs. The teams reached as far as Omsk in Siberia and Ekaterinburg deep in the Ural Mountains.

"It was an incredible experience because we were able to integrate into the Jewish community and go into people's houses and see how they live," said Silber.

Jessica Feldman and Leah Silber spent Passover in Russia in a program to reintroduce Passover to the former Soviet Union.

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By Miriam Herman

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, Aug. 8, is deadline for Aug. 22 issue, and Thursday, Aug. 15, is deadline for Aug. 29 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Aug. 8

ENDOMETRIOSIS NETWORK

Endometriosis Network of Toronto monthly support group meetings in Toronto, York region and Burlington/Oakville area. No charge. 591-3963.

Saturday, Aug. 10

ISRAELI DANCING

Israeli Folk Dance Marathon, presented by **Marco Ben-Shimon**, 9 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Guest choreographer is **Moshe Eskayo**, director of Hora Keff dance camp. Program includes teaching for all levels and requests, door prizes, refreshments. $12. 905-771-0363.

Sunday, Aug. 11

SUMMER BARBECUE

Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva hosts its fourth annual barbecue, 6 p.m., 154 Colvin Cres., Thornhill, to present new initiatives and ongoing activities of Givat Haviva Institute in Israel, and the support group here in Canada. RSVP/information 736-9655.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Beth Tikvah Summer Music Five's second concert, entitled Stella Walker in Concert, features mezzo-soprano **Stella Walker** accompanied by pianist **Brahm Goldhamer**, in a program of Yiddish folksongs, music from Yiddish theatre, art songs on Jewish themes and operatic highlights, 8 p.m. $5 at door. 221-3433.

And What Else Is New...

IS MY CHILD STUBBORN?

Is My Child Stubborn Or Is It Me?, a five-part series for women only, sponsored by Kol Torah-The Sephardic Centre of Thornhill, Promenade Mall, 1 Promenade Circle, Suite 303. With **Sarah Chana Radcliffe**, Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45 p.m., Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11. $50 per person for all five parts. A minimum of 15 women must register for this program to take place. Deadline Aug. 9. 905-707-9510.

SOCIAL CARD AFTERNOON

Magen David Adom social card afternoon in aid of CMDA/Toronto chapter funds, Monday, Aug. 19, 2-6 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St., with bridge, kalookie, rummy, mah jong, plus tea/coffee, door prizes. $5. **Helen Katz** 398-1887 or **Sylvia Walt** 905-761-1637.

JEWISH HOSPICE

Jewish Hospice program is seeking volunteers to provide practical assistance and support to Jewish persons and their families during the final stages of a terminal illness. Training will be provided. **Renee Montpellier**, volunteer coordinator, 635-2900, ext. 419.

TEFILLIN CLUB

Boys between the ages of two months before bar mitzvah to 14 years can take part in a Sunday morning Tefillin Club at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham. Sunday morning educational minyan followed by bagels, lox and cream cheese breakfast, then a one-hour Jewish heritage class and concluding with an hour of sports, 8:30-11:50 a.m. No charge. Open to entire community. Tefillin not necessary to join. Call **Michael** 905-764-0421 or come to 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill.

INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM

B'nai Brith Canada 40th Institute of Judaism Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre, Maple Lake, Ont. Guest

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What's New

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faculty **Prof. Martin Lockshin**, topic—Jews: Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going. Special Saturday night concert, An Odyssey Through Jewish Music with **Faye Kellerstein**. Coordinator **Ruth Elias** 226-2050, chair **Debbie Cowitz** 633-0115.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for craft and gift sale at Bayview Village Mall, Sheppard and Bayview, Monday, Oct. 14, Thanksgiving Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., under the auspices of Club Beersheba, Na'amat Canada. Proceeds to charity. Na'amat office 636-5425 days or **Ruth Jacobson** 493-1089 evenings.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Beth Meyer Synagogue announces High Holy Day services at 3100 Keele St., conducted by **Rabbi Aaron Zimmerman** and **Cantor Marshall E. Reiss**. For information **Brenda** 633-8155.

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55 plus 10-pin mixed singles bowling invites you to join the funtastic bowling and social club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Bathurst and Glencairn. **Lenore** 499-3306.

JEWISH SINGLES HOTLINE

For Jewish singles event information call the new Jewish Singles Hotline sponsored by Jewish Information Service, 635-5605, after business hours, Mondays-Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.; weekends, Fridays from 4 p.m. to Mondays at 9 a.m.

SINGERS WANTED

Bathurst Jewish Centre Choir is looking for senior singers. All voices welcome, particularly tenors. To read music is not a prerequisite. **Dolly Brown** 636-9468.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist in Baycrest Centre Therapeutic Recreational Swim program Thursday afternoons. General comfort in water. Not necessary to know how to swim. Training provided. Six-month commitment required. Call Volunteer Services Department 785-2500, ext. 2576.

CALL A NEWCOMER!

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. **Luba Yanko**, at the BJC, CIP 636-1880, ext. 261.

KOFFLER DANCE SCHOOL

Koffler Centre School of Dance is expanding its programs. New for 1996/97 are modern and creative dance classes. Jacque Foesier, school director, has announced the addition of professional modern dancer/choreographer and dance educator **Colleen Friedman** to the faculty. For information and a free copy of the new Course Guide, 636-1880, ext. 359.

FAMILY LIFE GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service family life groups: Young Widows/Widowers Group, begins Sept. 4; Separation and Divorce Group, begins Sept. 19; Only For Women, begins Sept. 17. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Puppet Programs with a Purpose teach children about disability awareness or social issues. Volunteers must be 18 and over and available during weekday mornings from September to June. Volunteers should enjoy working with children, have a dramatic flair, a clear speaking voice and be able to memorize the script. Volunteer Centre-North York 631-6117.

Volunteers are needed for the non-profit integrated with special needs nursery school, Yes I Can Nursery, 171 Delhi Ave. **Janet** 638-5191.

For Seniors

For individuals 55 and over, with good communication skills and committed to the concept of volunteering, a 60-hour training program begins on Wednesdays in September, focusing on personal growth, communication skills and the aging process. Includes volunteer placement. Information and orientation Aug. 20. 638-7800, ext. 799. Sponsored by Baycrest Centre, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care and supported by Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

LZA Seniors Club will be taking registration at 10 a.m. for the 1997 Miami trip at the next luncheon meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 11:30 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Ladies Folkdancing Thursday, 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group, Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Thursday, Aug. 8, evening with guitarist **Yitzchak Argaman** in a program of Israeli song and melodies, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 13, picnic, Earl Bales Park, 11 a.m. (weather permitting); Thursday, Aug. 15, bingo and other social games, 7 p.m. **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka** 630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Thursday, Aug. 8, Sherway Gardens; Thursday, Aug. 15, Unico Foods; Sunday, Aug. 18, barbecue and entertainment, members $5, non-members $6; Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls; Monday, Sept. 9, Thornhill Square Mall, bingo and prizes, free refreshments, special discounts for seniors in most stores, members $2, non-members $3. Membership still open, $12 per year. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club second orientation for the Israel trip (Nov. 4-25) on Monday, Aug. 19, 1 p.m. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Central Eglinton Community Centre trip to Hamilton Farmer's Market and African Lion Safari, Thursday, Aug. 22, $49 members, $54 non-members. Pre-register by Aug. $3. 392-0511.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Annual Open House, Families: The Circle Continues, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2-8 p.m. Official opening ceremonies with **Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman**, 2 p.m. Other highlights include entertainment, displays, programs, special guest speakers, book and craft sales, Creative Cafe, door prizes and more. Free admission.

Lifelong Learning Institute Music Club presents the video *Jumpin Night at the Garden of Eden*, profiles of two contemporary klezmer folk bands, Monday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Open House Aug. 14. **Anna**.

Movie, Sunday, Aug. 11, *When Harry Met Sally*, 2:30 p.m.

at the JCC/BJC

Summer Art Bash, the BJC's members art exhibition open to all BJC members, both athletic and non-athletic, is an exhibition of artwork in all media by non-professional artists of all ages, Aug. 25-Sept. 8, Leah Posluns Theatre lobby. Deadline for entries is Aug. 8. Also volunteers who have an interest in the arts are needed to help in the preparation of this exhibition. **John Massier** or **Deborah Stotland** at the Koffler Gallery, 636-1880, ext. 269.

BJC toddler day care spaces are available in September. Limited half-day spaces for nursery, junior and senior kindergarten. 636-1880, ext. 248.

BIALIK DAY SCHOOL GRADS

Bialik Hebrew Day School celebrated Jerusalem 3000 with a cantata in song, dance and narration by the 54 graduates of Grade 8 in the four languages taught at Bialik, Hebrew, Yiddish, English and French. The graduation took place in Burton Hall at York University. Bialik teachers responsible for this student production were Rivka Atzmony for choreography, Doron Ophir for music, and Ziona Hagler for coordination. [Mollie Rothman photo]

A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

Angela Stern Iannuzziello (left), incoming chair of Reena's board of directors, presents a token of appreciation to Rob Berkovitz, outgoing chair, at the recent Reena annual general meeting. Berkovitz was honored for his tireless efforts and astute leadership on behalf of the organization and for his support of people with developmental disability. Flowers were also presented to his wife Marlene (right). [Barry Shainbaum photo].

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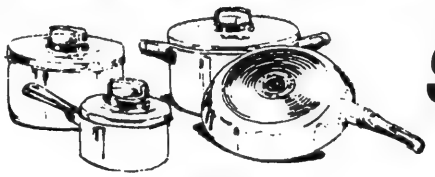

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Envoy returning to Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Eli Yerushalmi

TORONTO — You might say that generations of rabbinic ancestors helped prepare Eli Yerushalmi for his job in the Israeli foreign service.

After all, it takes a certain degree of diplomacy and tact to ride herd over a congregation of opinionated Jews. In his family's case, they've been doing it for 500 years. One of his ancestors, his great-great-great grandfather, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Riminov, Poland, served as a quasi-diplomat for the Jewish community when he negotiated on their behalf with the French Emperor Napoleon.

So it wasn't a complete break with tradition when Yerushalmi decided to become a diplomat instead of a rabbi.

Yerushalmi, who came to Canada in 1993 as a counsellor at the embassy in Ottawa, is returning to Israel after serving as chargé d'affaires for the past year.

He is planning to attend the Israeli National Defence College as another step in his development as a career diplomat. The move is considered a promotion and a step towards further diplomatic postings, he said.

Yerushalmi took over as temporary head of the embassy last August when Ambassador Itzhak Shelef returned to Israel.

For the 42-year-old envoy, serving in the foreign ministry has been the fulfillment of a boyhood dream. He's always had an interest in politics and he began his career as a parliamentary assistant to the National Religious Party.

From there he moved on to a position as head of the deputy foreign minister's bureau, explaining Israel's position to North Americans during the 1982 Lebanon War.

Not only was his family not too upset by his career choice, but his father was heartend by the fact his son was representing the State of Israel. After all, it never occurred to him as a youth in Poland trying to avoid anti-Semitic thugs, that his son would one day represent the independent state of the Jews.

During Yerushalmi's one-year tenure as chargé d'affaires, he has presided over a dynamic time in Canada/Israeli relations. In that span, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated, the Oslo II Agreement was signed, Israel launched Operation Grapes of Wrath against terrorists in Lebanon and the Benjamin Netanyahu was elected prime minister.

On the Canadian front, the Canada Israel Research and Development Fund was launched to help bring together entrepreneurs from both countries.

Canada/Israel relations, which have always been cordial, were made even warmer by the negotiation and execution of a free trade agreement that is bound to heighten business ties between the two countries, Yerushalmi said.

All in all it's been a pretty eventful year and one that he has enjoyed immensely. He, his wife Shuli and their three daughters have developed a strong attachment to Canada and to the warmth and strong Zionist affiliation of its Jewish population, he said.

Canadian Jews, he points out, are more strongly committed to Zionism and seem to have a stronger Jewish identity than their neighbors to the south.

As part of the itinerant life of a diplomat, Yerushalmi has held posts in Alexandria, Egypt and Houston, Texas. He spent seven of his formative years growing up in New York City, so when he was posted as consul to Houston in 1987, he was familiar with the U.S. scene.

For the subsequent three years, he and his staff presented the Israeli case to the people and leaders of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

During that time, he met then-governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, who, thanks to guidance from his pastor, was already a strong supporter of Israel. In fact, many people in the U.S. south were supportive of Israel because of their faith in the Bible, Yerushalmi said.

Houston marked a major departure from his previous posting (1985-87) as vice-consul in Alexandria. His assignment in Alexandria was not his first visit to Egypt. As an artillery soldier during the Yom Kippur War, Yerushalmi "visited" Egypt as part of the Israeli forces that crossed the Suez Canal to cut off a large Egyptian army on its West Bank.

In Egypt, Israeli diplomats always faced a "cold peace" and spent much of their time trying to build the relationship between Israel and Egypt, he said.

After Alexandria and Houston, Yerushalmi spent three years in Israel as assistant director of the church's division of the foreign ministry. His task was to foster good relations with religious groups — particularly Christian ones — and he played a role in the negotiations that led to Israel's formal relations with the Vatican.

In 1993 he was sent to Ottawa as counsellor and in '95 he took over as chargé d'affaires.

He is satisfied with his role in enhancing Canada/Israel ties. "During the last three years, the relations went from a warm and friendly, though lacking in substance, to one that has more substance, more economic ties and trade," he said.

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From coast to coast

Peace is irreversible, monarch's Jewish advisor says

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — André Azoulay, economic affairs and communications advisor to King Hassan II of Morocco, is convinced that the Israeli-Arab peace process is irreversible.

"Everything has been tried in this conflict that has lasted 50 years: wars, terrorism, exclusion, hatred ... The only scenario which has not been exhaustively explored is that of the establishment of an equitable peace ... Even those who question this, have no other sensible alternative to propose," Azoulay said.

He was speaking to an audience of some 250 people, including political personalities, diplomats, community leaders and members of the Montreal Sephardi community.

A renowned financier, Azoulay is the only Jew in any Arab country to have such an important position. He stressed the exemplary contribution of King Hassan II to Israeli-Arab rapprochement.

"That victory of reason owes a great deal to Morocco and to the remarkable vision of His Majesty King Hassan II, who, since 1958, has not hesitated to choose the path of peace and dialogue. His approach to peace was supported almost unamimously by the Moroccan people," Azoulay said.

That peace, added Azoulay, founder of Identity and Dialogue, an organization of Moroccan Jewish and Muslim intellectuals working towards Israeli-Arab reconciliation, is beginning to take shape, thanks to the determination of Moroccan Jews.

"We provided a unique example to the world. We never gave way to fatalism or despair. We were able to fiercely resist a certain number of disastrous upheavals. Our spirit of reconciliation and of openness enabled us to resist the fatality of hatred and exclusion."

For a Jew, Azoulay said, to be the personal advisor of an Arab head of state is a challenge to do one's best.

"I am not a token Jew," he said. "I was appointed to this position with the king because I believe I have the knowledge and expertise necessary to do the job. To be a Jewish minister in Canada or in France is not such an unusual occurrence. But in the Arab world of today, it is a challenge because a Jewish advisor in an Islamic country is required to perform his role flawlessly."

This article appeared in full in French in the Montreal edition of CJN *(June 17). Translation by Carolan Halpern.*

Yachad Shabbaton a hit with kids

MONTREAL — On a recent weekend, some 60 young adults from Montreal and Toronto converged upon the Cote St. Luc Jewish community for the third annual Yachad Shabbaton, designed to integrate kids with developmental disabilities with their non-disabled peers.

Yachad, Hebrew for together, is an organization affiliated with the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. It offers programs in which developmentally disabled young adults participate with high school and university students in a Jewish setting.

"For those in attendance and those observing this event, a great feeling of warmth and satisfaction was evident as special bonds were formed between the participants," said coordinator Nina Glick. "For some of the local students, their participation was with slight trepidation as they were not sure of how they would be able to handle this experience.

"The overwhelming feeling at the end of the Shabbaton was amazement at how much they had received from attending. They had planned to give of themselves and found out that they were being rewarded by the specialness of the occasion."

Yachad is currently recruiting new members with developmental disabilities as well as high school and university age students to act as volunteers for its ongoing programs. Yachad's regular programs serve young adults aged 16 to 35. As well Yachad will be starting a junior division this fall for individuals aged 9 to 15 years.

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Windsurfer's bronze gives Israel its third-ever medal

Special to The CJN

ATLANTA — Israeli athletes came to Atlanta with dreams of Olympic gold, but in the final week of competition, they were elated over bronze.

Last week, windsurfer Gal Friedman became the country's third athlete ever to win an Olympic medal.

"We feel he deserved that," said Miri Navo, Israel Olympic Committee spokesperson. "The delegation is very proud."

For Friedman, winning the bronze was the culmination of a "four-year dream."

The usually cocksure and self-confident Friedman seemed dazed in the aftermath of his accomplishment. "There are no words to describe this, but I feel very good. It's been a very hard road."

Friedman, two months short of his 21st birthday, won his ninth and final race last Monday, finishing the competition with 21 negative points, behind gold medalist Nikos Kaklamanakis of Greece, who had 17 points, and Argentina's Carlos Espinola, with 19.

Of the 11 scheduled races, two were cancelled due to the unpredictable weather in Savannah, Ga., which ranged from gale-force to calm.

Friedman began the last day's races in third place, but slipped to fourth after he suffered muscle cramps during the eighth sail.

"The effort was obviously too much and I strained my arm," Friedman said in an interview on Israel Television. "But I managed to relax completely before the last sail. I really wanted to pass Espinola and could have if I'd felt better, but I'm very satisfied."

In the last sail, Friedman needed to finish at least two places ahead of New Zealand's Aaron McIntosh to be certain of clinching a medal. "The pressure on me was tremendous. I felt the whole of Israel was watching me," Friedman said.

Friedman got off to an excellent start and maintained his lead throughout the race to take first place, while McIntosh finished way back in seventh place.

"I was worried only about my equipment failing, because I knew nobody could beat me in the last race," said Friedman, his trademark cockiness returning.

A resident of Karkur, Friedman began windsurfing at the age of five with the encouragement of his father and uncle. At 13, he took first place at the 13th Maccabiah Games and he has been Israeli champion for the last four years. In 1995, he was runner-up in the European championships and this year he finished second behind Kaklamanakis in the world championships in Haifa.

Olympic final

Friedman's medal comes on the heels of Israel's first two Olympic medals. At the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Yael Arad won the silver and Oren Smadja, the bronze, both in judo. Both came in fifth this time around.

Until the windsurfing win, Israeli athletes were disappointed by their overall performance in Atlanta. The only bright spot until then came when Israel's 4 x 100 relay team made it to the finals in swimming. The team finished last, in eighth place, but was still overjoyed by the achievement.

"We're proud to be the first Israeli team to be in an Olympic final," said swimmer Yoav Bruck. "It means a lot to us. When we touched the wall and saw the results, we said we could die happy."

Reaching the finals is no small feat, said Yehoshua Dekel, director general of the Israel Sports Authority, the country's governing athletic body. "They are one of the eight best in the world and that's impossible to forget."

Like Bruck, most of the athletes — some of whom came within points, inches or seconds of being medalists — remained optimistic.

One athlete who has enjoyed her lofty spot in Israel's athletic world is Yael Arad.

"I did my best," she said of her recent match. "I gave it everything I could. Even though I did not win this medal, I'm very proud of my career."

Arad, 29, is retiring after 20 years in athletics and she said she was hoping to end it with a bang.

Shooter Guy Starik made a similar analysis of his 13th place finish. "I shot well, but not well enough, I guess," he said. "I came close to the finals, only two points away. I had the feeling I could really do it."

Among the other standouts in the Israeli delegation was Gotcha Tzitzuashvili, who came in fifth in Greco-Roman wrestling. He had advanced to the semifinals, but fell out of the running for a medal after losing two matches.

The Israeli women's fencing team — Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman, Ayelet Ohayon and Lilach Parisky — defeated the United States to secure a ninth-place finish.

In other events, pole-vaulter Danny Krasnov made it to the finals after finishing among the top 14 with a jump of 5.60 metres. Krasnov finished eighth at the Barcelona Olympics.

Lior Carmel, competing in the 500-m kayak event for women, reached the semifinal by finishing in the top eight.

Boris Polak finished 32nd in the men's 10-m air rifle competition to go with a 20th place result in the 50-m free rifle event. Teammate Guy Starik was 26th in the same competition.

Back on the high seas, the pair of Ran Shental and Nir Shental finished in 20th place in the men's 470 yachting competition while Anat Fabrikant and Shany Kedmy finished in 12th place in the women's 470 event.

Weightlifter Vacislav Ivanovsky finished 26th, tied for last, in the 99-kilogram class, while boxer Vladislav Neiman was eliminated in the flyweight (51-kg) division.

Meanwhile, Oleg Ladik of Montreal was eliminated from medal contention in wrestling's 100-kg heavyweight class when he lost a third round repechage match.

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Rabbi says prayer for U.S. gymnast Strug

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

ATLANTA — At services last week, Rabbi Arthur Oleisky said a *misheberach*, a healing prayer, for his most famous congregant — U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug.

Strug, 18, tore two ligaments in her ankle while leading the American gymnastics team to a first-ever gold medal at the Atlanta Games.

Strug was the youngest Olympian in Barcelona in 1992.

The rabbi said he was moved by Strug's allusions to spirituality. "I saw her on the morning talk shows after her event and she said she prayed to God for strength," said Rabbi Oleisky, the head rabbi at the Conservative Anshei Israel Congregation in Tucson, Ariz., where the Strugs have been members since 1988.

Strug, who weighs only 80 pounds, landed her second vault and winced as she stuck a painful landing that took her out of the all-round finals but assured a gold medal to the U.S. team.

Strug plans to attend college at UCLA next year — on a gymnastics scholarship, of course.

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MiAs believed to be dead

Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM – Yehuda Katz, Zvi Feldman and Zacharia Baumel, the three soldiers who went missing in the 1982 battle of Sultan Ya'acoub in south Lebanon, are believed to be buried in Syria, security sources said last week.

The three soldiers, members of a tank crew, were previously believed to have been killed and buried somewhere in Lebanon.

"All the information available to Israel indicates that the three are buried in Syria," one security source said. He did not elaborate.

Israel Radio quoted a senior Palestinian source as saying that their bodies had been taken by ambulance from Sultan Ya'acoub to a Palestinian cemetery in Syria. The source, who quoted three Fatah activists who claimed to have taken the bodies, said the Syrians were not aware that the dead were Israeli soldiers.

A spokesperson for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was checking the report.

Labor party leader Shimon Peres told Israel Radio that the information was neither new nor definite.

"We are speaking in essence of a place on the Syrian border, within Syrian territory, so in the end a lot depends on the Syrians," Peres said. "Look, there is a distance between an assessment and definitive information."

The radio quoted the Palestinian source as saying that the information came from three former gunmen, now living in Jordan, who had said they buried the three soldiers under Palestinian names without letting the Syrians know.

The report said U.S. efforts to secure the return of the bodies were undermined by Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Family members of the MiAs met recently with OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Shefer. They expressed disappointment after the meeting, saying that they had not received any new information, and that they had apparently been called to the meeting because of media reports.

"There was nothing specific. They told us they are working on things, but we have been hearing that for a long time," said Yona Baumel, Zacharia's father.

Feldman's sister, Anat Cohen, said their expectations had been aroused because of the haste with which they were called to the meeting.

"For the past 14 years, there have been reports. Some say there are bodies and others that the boys are alive ... We have differences of opinion with the establishment, which believes that they must look for bodies, while we believe our boys are alive," she said.

How the soldiers were lost

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – On June 11, 1982, the fifth day of the Lebanon War, Israeli tanks engaged the Syrians at Sultan Ya'acoub, a Christian-Druze town in the Bekaa Valley. It turned out to be a death trap.

Lacking updated intelligence and exhausted from 24 hours of constant battle, an armored battalion made up of hesder yeshivah students found themselves scattered in the valley, as Syrian gunners and the 1st Division, freshly arrived from Damascus, began picking them off one by one from the ridges.

Feeling abandoned, the commander ordered his troops to hunker down and make a mad dash out of the valley.

Seven tanks were left behind and one disappeared. At least two soldiers from one tank were captured. Sgt. Hezi Shai was held by the PFLO-GC and returned in May 1985 and Sgt. Ariel Lieberman was held by the Syrians and returned on June 28, 1984.

Two other crew members, Staff-Sgt. Zvi Feldman and Staff-Sgt. Zacharia Baumel were never heard from again and declared missing in action.

A second tank was under the command of Capt. Zohar Lipshitz, who was killed in the battle and buried on July 4, 1982 in the Jewish cemetery of Damascus. His remains were returned here two years later.

Cpl. Yehuda Katz and two other soldiers were also in the tank. The two made it back safely to Israeli forces, but Katz went missing.

Since then, the Baumel, Feldman and Katz families have been searching for their sons. They have met with U.S. presidents and other world leaders and even travelled to Arab countries seeking information. Two years ago, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat gave Israel half of Baumel's dog tag, promising more information.

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Arafat's nightmare

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The ascendancy of a right-wing government in Israel has demoralized the Palestinians.

Mideast Analysis

Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO and president of the Palestine Authority, was aware that Israel's May 29 election would be close. But he assumed that Shimon Peres and the Labor party — which forged Israel's historic rapprochement with the PLO nearly three years ago — would be re-elected.

The Palestinians counted on a Labor party victory because it was a known quantity, favoring territorial compromise and not averse to a Palestinian state.

True, Arafat's relationship with the former Israeli government was less than cordial at times, particularly after a gruesome suicide bombing, the bane of the Oslo peace process.

But for Arafat, the Labor party promised a measure of continuity, while the Likud, with Benjamin Netantanyu at its helm, offered uncertainty at best.

With Netanyahu's ascension to power, Arafat's worst nightmare has materialized. He faces a government which rejects the land-for-peace formula, which is profoundly uncomfortable with the Oslo framework, which is adamantly opposed to a Palestinian state, which intends to expand Jewish settlements and build new roads in the territories, and which threatens to pursue terrorists into Palestinian self-rule areas.

Furthermore, Netanyahu has declared that he will not press ahead with peace unless the Palestine Authority succeeds in curbing terrorism. "It's either terrorism or peace," Netanyahu has said.

By contrast, Peres and his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, pushed Arafat hard to crack down on terrorism, perpetrated in the main by Islamic fundamentalist groups. Nevertheless, they believed that the peace process — which is supported by a considerable majority of Israelis — should not be held hostage by terrorism.

While Rabin and Peres established working relations with Arafat, Netanyahu has avoided him like the plague.

In the wake of the election, Netanyahu personally called King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, but snubbed Arafat, whom he considers a terrorist. And in his first post-election speech, Netanyahu compounded the insult by not even mentioning Arafat, much less the PLO.

In keeping with his pledge to negotiate with the Palestine Authority, Netanyahu has delegated Dore Gold, his foreign affairs advisor, to open channels of communication with the Palestinian leadership. And more recently, Netanyahu acquiesced to a meeting between Foreign Affairs Minister David Levy and Arafat.

Netanyahu himself, however, remains resistant to a face-to-face encounter with Arafat, saying he will reassess his position only if it is in Israel's national interest. Netanyahu's attitude is anything but universally popular within the Likud. Ronni Milo, the Likud mayor of Tel Aviv, has warned that if Netanyahu is serious about making peace with the Palestinians, he must meet with Arafat sooner or later.

But Netanyahu's personal aversion to Arafat is probably the least of the Palestinians' problems with the new government.

To the Palestine Authority, the first acid test of Netanyahu's sincerity to honor solemn commitments is Hebron, from which Israel is obliged to withdraw. Netanyahu is still "studying" the issue.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians are waiting to see if Netanyahu makes good on his campaign pledges to remove Jerusalem from final status talks and to close Orient House, the PLO's unofficial headquarters in Jerusalem. The PLO's senior official in Jerusalem, Faisal Husseini, has warned that such moves will be viewed as a "declaration of war" and as a sign that peace negotiations are at an end.

With respect to Jerusalem, the Palestinians are also concerned by Netanyahu's statements about the Temple Mount. In contravention of Israeli policy since the Six Day War, he has said that Jews should be allowed to pray there. Yet he claims that he has no intention of changing the status quo on the Temple Mount.

Further tension is caused by Netanyahu's claim that the PLO has not really amended its national covenant and by the Palestinians' belief that Israel has reneged on agreements to release more prisoners and to implement an accord on a safe passage between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Be that as it may, the situation is not entirely gloomy. Netanyahu has eased the blockade of the territories by allowing more Palestinian day workers to enter Israel. And he is skeptical about the idea of "separation," championed by his predecessors to combat terrorism.

Just as significantly, Netanyahu appears favorably disposed to a continuation of U.S. aid to the Palestine Authority, provided the Palestinians comply fully with the provisions of the Oslo accords.

He realizes that economic misery can only inflame Palestinian grievances and encourage terrorism.

July 30

• Israeli security forces, aided by information from the Palestinians, uncovered in southern Israel what they believe are the remains of an Israeli soldier kidnapped and killed by Hamas terrorists in 1989. Palestinian security forces had travelled to Arab states, located the two terrorists who murdered Ilan Saadon and obtained information on the whereabouts of his body, Israel Radio reported.

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met on Monday with leaders of the Council of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, *Ha'aretz* reported. Following the meeting, Netanyahu said, "Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza must be allowed to develop like any Israeli settlement, without discrimination."

July 31

• Thousands of travellers were stranded for hours, as Ben-Gurion Airport workers called a strike to protest privatization. The employees returned to work after Histadrut chair Amir Peretz spoke to Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy, and was assured that no structural or organizational changes would be made without consulting workers.

Aug. 1

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Ezer Weizman have agreed in principle to extend presidential terms from five to seven years, Israel Radio, Kol Yisrael, reported. The amendment would go into effect beginning with Weizman's current tenure. If approved, the proposal would extend Weizman's tenure from 1998 until 2000.

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Zundel, Priebke get favorable court rulings

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SIRC clearly warned Canada of their great potential for harmful activity."

In light of those statements, the judge went on, "there is a reasonable apprehension of bias of SIRC towards Zundel ... [and] a prejudgment of issues before SIRC."

Heald emphasized that his decision did not focus on the question of whether Zundel was indeed a security risk to Canada. "I freely acknowledge that, as a consequence of this decision, the legislative scheme envisaged by the Citizenship Act and the CSIS Act will have been thwarted with respect to Zundel's citizenship application. Perhaps ... the question of an effective remedy can only be addressed through creative legislative action."

Zundel's latest encounter with the Canadian legal system began after he applied for Canadian citizenship in 1993.The Ministry of Citizenship referred his case to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), which reported that Zundel was a security risk. Zundel challenged that finding, and the review of CSIS' finding was taken to SIRC. Zundel's lawyer, Doug Christie, challenged that procedure, alleging bias and he asked the Federal Court to prohibit the SIRC review.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesperson Bernie Farber urged the federal government "to look at all the options available as expediently as possible to get this matter dealt with."

Farber, who had testified as a witness against Zundel at the SIRC hearings, called the court decision "a minor legalistic setback." The government's decision to withhold citizenship from Zundel still stands and the court decision only dealt with the ability of SIRC to hear the case, he said.

John Oliver, a spokesperson for Immigration Minister Lucienne Robillard, said the ministry is considering an appeal or perhaps amending the legislation.

Zundel, who has lived in Canada since 1958 and has become one of the world's pre-eminent distributors of Holocaust-denial literature, said he would reapply for Canadian citizenship.

B'nai Brith Canada called on federal authorities to appeal the court decision and to withhold citizenship. "His teachings are cancerous to the multicultural fabric of Canada," it said in a news release.

Meanwhile in Italy, cries of "fascist" and "shame" erupted in the courtroom in the wake of the decision freeing Priebke. Judge Agostino Quistelli ruled that Priebke was just following orders in participating in the country's worst wartime massacre.

Sol Littman, spokesperson for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he has asked Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy to "exert every effort to persuade the Italian government to extradite Priebke back to Germany."

In condemning "the sadness of the courts," Littman said Priebke "was the officer in charge of all the executions. He checked the names off a board as they went through. He even showed his men how to do it."

The Italian military court that heard the case was "reluctant to punish anyone who said they were just following orders," Littman said, and he speculated it might still be influenced by the old fascist ideology.

He discounted the defence claim that Priebke would have been shot for disobeying orders, saying no one was shot for refusing to participate in massacres. He also pointed out that the Nuremberg tribunals dismissed the defence of following orders.

Students learn outside the ruined Steinsaltz Yeshiva in Moscow (left) even though the blaze destroyed thousands of books, the city's largest kosher commissary and hundreds of religious items.

Yeshiva destroyed

MOSCOW – One of the city's leading Jewish facilities, the Mekor Chayim, or Source of Life Yeshiva, was completely destroyed last month by a fire on July 12.

The fire was believed to have been caused by an electrical short circuit.

Destroyed in the blaze were 5,000 volumes of Russia's largest open Jewish library, the largest kosher commissary in Moscow, hundred of religious items, classrooms and offices. As long as weather permits, students are continuing their learning in the open air outside the ruined premises.

"It's a tragic day for Russian Jews," said Moscow Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt. The Jewish community "has lost the biggest open Judaica library" in the former Soviet Union, he added.

The centre is popularly known as the Steinsaltz Yeshiva after its head, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, Talmudic scholar and translator who has served as Russia's spiritual leader since 1995.

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The CJN announces its second annual Rosh Hashanah photo contest. We are asking readers to submit photographs either of Israel or of any Jewish theme in their communities. They must be original photos "shot" by the reader.

Who can enter: Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter: A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please write your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You may mail or deliver your photos to: CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners." We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified: Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before Shabbat on Aug. 30, 1996.

When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Quebec.

IAF information disclosed

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and LIAT COLLINS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Retired generals blasted the London publication *Jane's World Airforces* for disclosing revelations about the Israel Air Force (IAF), saying the information would help Arab armies.

The latest edition of the publication details the number of aircraft, names and locations of squadrons and inventories of weapons.

"This is unbelievable," former OC Air Force Avihu Bin-Nun said. "The bottom line is that this causes very grave damage."

According to the report, Israel has at least 699 aircraft, including 243 F-16s and 72 F-15s. The IAF also has two squadrons of Jericho Intermediate Range Ballistic Missiles (IRBMs) located at the Sdot Micha air base near Lod. The report also listed the number, location, name and function of each IAF squadron at 11 air bases around the country.

Even though the report was published last March, it wasn't noticed in Israel until *Yediot Aharonot* military analyst Alex Fishman reported on it last week, sending shock waves through the military. Fishman said none of the senior commanders he spoke to had seen the report before.

Bin-Nun said that as far as he knows, there is no such comprehensive document in IAF hands. He said enemy states could use the information to fill in intelligence gaps.

"Another level on which harm has been caused involves a case in which a pilot is taken captive [and] this document can serve his captors and guide their interrogation," he told Israel Radio.

Retired brigadier-general Oded Erez told Israel Radio that not all of *Jane's* information is correct and that most of it has been published abroad before, "but there has never been such a concentration as this before.

"This information is the fruit of tedious work done over years and derived from many sources. It could very well be that the enemy intelligence ... can use this publication in order to justify gaining special funding for building forces, since we are posing this kind of threat," Erez said.

It would be naive to believe Israel is immune to this sort of exposure, Erez said, "but it is very important that field security was not diligent and we have to be more strict about this. There is a price for the public's right to know," he added.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee the details on the IAF revealed in the British journal "had caused harm, some of it even serious harm."

Mordechai told the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, "Any type of leak causes harm. I strongly protest the way some people allow themselves a loose tongue. I've ordered an investigation into the case, whether or not it stems from elements under our control. I will take the fullest action against any one of us who is found guilty. I wish we were less chatterboxes."

Mordechai also answered several questions about the discovery of the body believed to be that of kidnapped soldier Ilan Sa'adon and about other MiAs.

According to an official briefing, Mordechai said in the past month four searches have been made for the victims of the submarine Dakar, missing since 1968 and presumed sunk.

"We will continue the search," Mordechai reportedly said, adding, "we will also continue the search for the 18 MiAs from the Yom Kippur War on Egyptian soil."

According to Mordechai, the Palestinian Authority's (PA) intelligence service should be praised for its cooperation, but he qualified this, saying, "We are very concerned by the large-scale release of terrorists by the PA, some of whom return to terror activities."

Israel supports wording

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – American officials believe that Israel's support for the wording of a UN nuclear test ban treaty could help secure the backing of other Middle Eastern countries.

Foreign Minister David Levy last week informed John Holum, the visiting director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, that Israel had decided to support the text of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Holum said he believed that Israel's backing was "very important in securing regional support." He added he hopes that Egypt will also support the treaty.

Negotiations hammering out the final language of the treaty, which calls for a complete ban on all nuclear testing, took place this week in Geneva.

While Levy accepted the wording of the treaty, he asked that an appendix be added to prevent it from being exploited by some countries, causing them to demand international checks of Israel's nuclear facilities.

Israel, which refuses to confirm or deny its possession of nuclear weapons, has resisted pressure applied by a number of countries, including Egypt, to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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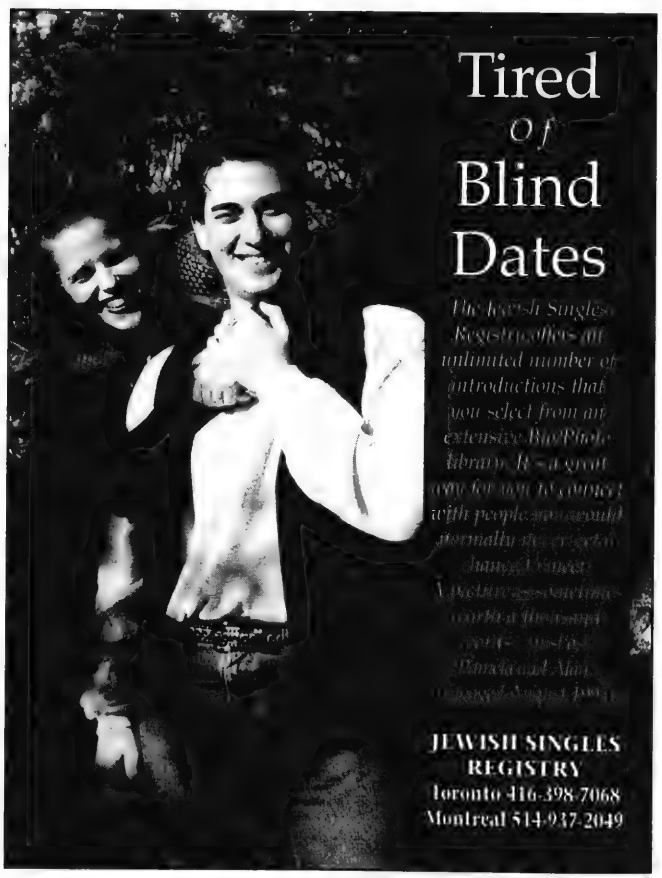

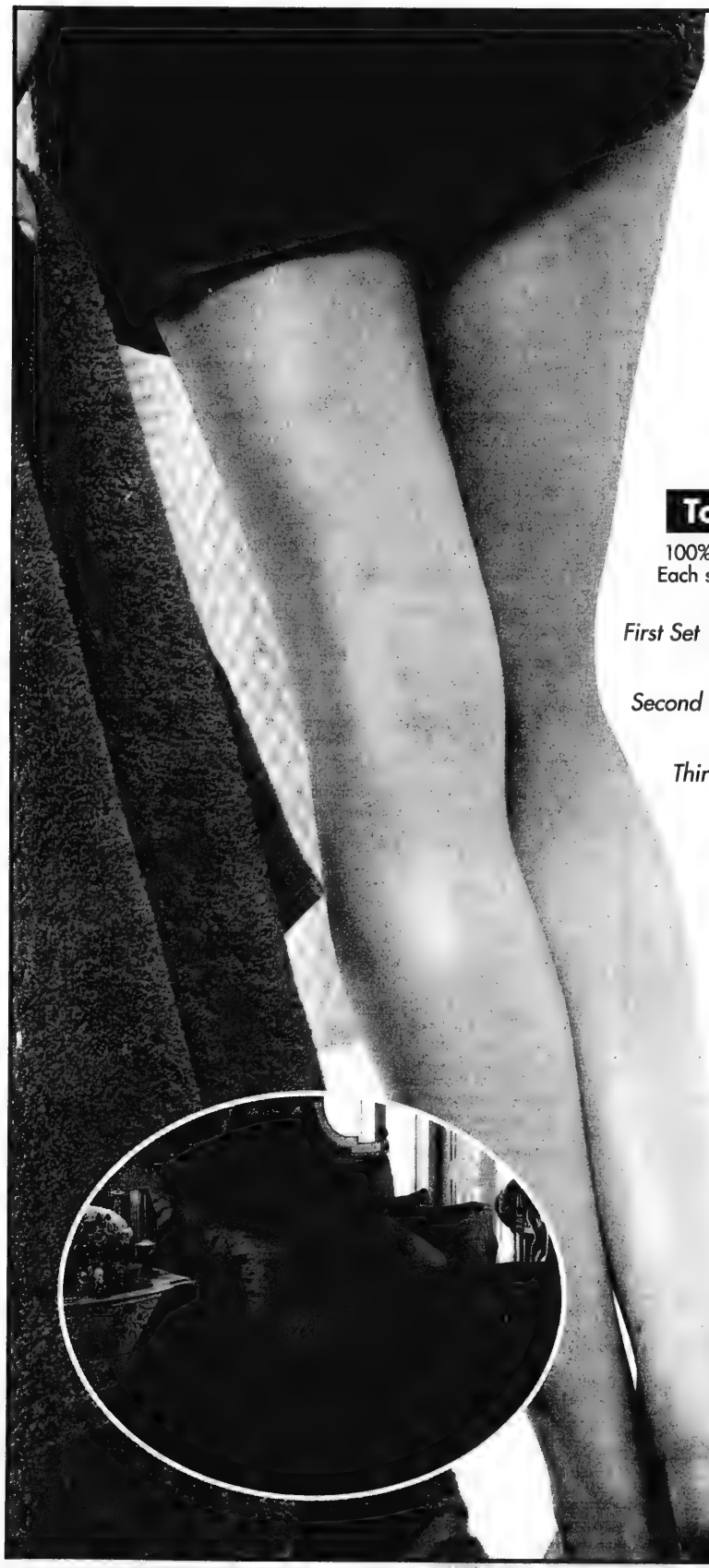

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Founders of A New Chance (from left) Juliet Wintrobe, Kira Khentov, Julie Krass. The group has two offices in Toronto. [Sidura Ludwig photo]

New Chance dating service targets young clientele

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

TORONTO – The managers of the dating service, A New Chance, want to give Jewish singles just that.

"We think it's important for Jews to marry Jews. Or at least have the opportunity," said Kira Khentov, 26, one of three women who run the service.

When she and her partners, Julie Krass and Juliet Wintrobe, both 25, graduated from post-secondary education, they saw a need for an outlet for Jewish singles to meet.

"We hear a lot of complaints from people out of university on how hard it is to meet Jews," Khentov said. "If you're in the workplace, you could be the only Jew in your company."

"We wanted to beat the recession," Wintrobe said. "This is a good cause, and it's something we have some knowledge about."

The three women had been pairing up their friends for years. And once they decided they wanted to start a service, they took the time to research other dating businesses.

"Other dating services are run by 40-year-olds, 35 at the youngest," said Khentov. "They don't have the connection with the youth. A woman at 50 is going to look for different qualities in a man than a woman in her 20s."

Wintrobe added, "We're young, we're single. We can identify with what young adults want."

A New Chance started about five months ago, and caters to Russian and Canadian Jews (both Khentov and Krass are fluent in Russian). It has two offices, one at Bathurst and Wilson, and one at Bathurst and Finch. Their clientele are mainly ages 20 to 40. The women, while maintaining that they serve all ages, would like to start targeting a younger audience.

Beyond matching their clients for one-to-one dates, the women plan social interactive functions. Their business is associated with Mark and Ari party services, and recently, the two services held a joint dance for members and non-members.

"Mark and Ari have a loyal and large clientele, with members mainly in their late 20s," said Khentov.

But the women don't want to limit their functions to dances.

"At dances, there's lots of music, it's dark, you're with your own friends. It's difficult to interact," said Wintrobe. "We want to try something with more opportunity for people to meet each other."

Soon, Wintrobe and Khentov will travel to Europe with the intention of starting up a Jewish singles' European tour.

"Everyone loves to travel," Khentov said. "There are a lot of shared experiences ... Europe is a social as well as a historical trip."

A New Chance guarantees a minimum of three introductions. After the first date, clients are requested to report back to the service.

Clients are asked to provide two current pictures, one head shot, one full body. As well, in an interview with two of the three partners, an extensive biography is put together.

"We want our clients to be specific with their interests," said Wintrobe. "Not just that they like music, sports and movies, but what kind."

Clients are also asked to bring in two pieces of ID, one with a picture and address.

The women have begun to expand their business and now have clients in Montreal and Ottawa. They are considering use of the Internet.

Cuban business may cost Israeli firm

By MATTHEW DORG
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON – Top executives and major shareholders in the Israeli agribusiness company BM may be barred from entering the U.S.

The firm is slated to be formally notified that it is in violation of the Helms-Burton Act, which imposes sanctions on foreign firms profiting from assets seized from U.S. citizens and companies after the 1959 Cuban revolution. U.S. officials claim BM is financing sugar crops on land formerly owned by Americans.

There is currently a reprieve on enforcement of the act until January 1997.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

BUSTLING, HISTORIC BOSTON

Twenty years ago, during the American bicentennial summer, the billowing white sails of a fleet of tall ships dominated Boston harbor, and an ambitious redevelopment project in that city's downtown captured the attention and applause of city planners around the world.

For the previous 150 years, Faneuil Hall Marketplace had consisted of three long rows of stalls and warehouses, which were home to a lively throng of merchants, fishermen, butchers and produce sellers. But the buildings, vacated a decade earlier with the departure of the food wholesalers, had become derelict.

The area has a rich colonial history. It was here that Samuel Adams had rallied Bostonians to the cause of independence from the British, and it was here that George Washington had toasted the nation on its first birthday. Thus, the revival of Faneuil Hall, amidst much hoopla and fireworks and flag-waving in 1976, was regarded as nothing less than the simultaneous restoration of both a neighborhood marketplace and a national icon.

Today the Faneuil Hall Marketplace, with its colorful mix of shops, restaurants, street performers and late-night pubs, is perhaps Boston's foremost attraction for visitors. The market is situated along Boston's famous Freedom Trail, which consists of 16 numbered historical sights. They include the Paul Revere House, the birthplace of Benjamin Franklin, and the Old Corner Bookstore, built in 1712, where such greats as Longfellow, Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau used to meet.

Easily accessible by public transport, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts is considered one of America's great museums. On display until Sept. 15 is a major exhibition of the works of the French impressionist Paul Gauguin. Also well worth seeing is the collection of about 200 photographic portraits by the renowned Ottawa photographer, Yousuf Karsh (until Oct. 20.)

A wonderful way to see the city, especially if you're short on time, is via one of the commercial tour buses such as Old Town Trolley Tours. Old Town's vehicles do a full circuit of 19 sites around town in two hours; sightseers may get on and off as they please, until they have returned to their starting point.

Dramatic exhibits

Visitors may also enjoy seeing the new museum at the John F. Kennedy Library. In a striking I.M. Pei building overlooking the waterfront, the museum re-creates the world of the JFK presidency in a series of 25 dramatic exhibits, three theaters and 20 video presentations.

In Boston, I stayed at the Bostonian Hotel, a small luxury hotel adjacent to Faneuil Hall, as a guest of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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Jewish Chautauqua: The Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band begins the Chautauqua Institution's theme week, "The Middle East: What Happens Now?" with a concert of traditional klezmer music and dance. The Cleveland-based band performs Aug. 19 at 8:15 p.m. at the Chautauqua Institution Amphitheatre in Chautauqua, N.Y.

Chautauqua lecturers throughout the week of Aug. 19 include John Wallach, executive director, Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity; Robert Pelletrau, assistant secretary of state for the Near East; Abdullah Toukan, advisor to King Hussein of Jordan; and Geoffrey Kemp, director of Regional Security Programs, Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom. For information on Chautauqua, phone 800-836-2787.

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Jewish Scandinavia: For the 50th anniversary of the rescue of the Jews of Denmark, Friends of Scandinavia Tours of New York is offering an autumn tour of Scandinavia. The itinerary includes the Great Synagogue and the Resistance Museum in Copenhagen, the medieval Old Town and the Adas Jeshurun Synagogue in Stockholm, much sightseeing in Denmark and Norway, two overnight cruises and a day trip to Helsinki. 212-751-4999.

Israel Bank lowers rate

Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM – The Bank of Israel trimmed its key lending rate by 70 basis points to 16.3 percent last week citing increasing indications of stabilizing money supply and reduced inflationary expectations.

The interest rate reduction, the first after eight months of a steadfast and highly contentious tight-money policy led by Governor Jacob Frenkel, was met with mixed feelings among Frenkel's rivals, and welcomed by Tel Aviv's financial markets.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said the cut reflected indications that the battle against inflation is bearing fruit. Netanyahu dismissed demands by various business circles that Frenkel's recently approved appointment for a second five-year term be reconsidered, and said he has "full faith" in Frenkel.

There is a good chance now that inflation for the remainder of this year will be lower than the 15 percent annual rate that prevailed so far this year.

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IN SUPPORT OF YIDDISH

A gala evening at the recently concluded Avi Hoffman show in Toronto *Too Jewish* kicked off a campaign to raise $50,000 to support four Yiddish courses at the University of Toronto. Pictured are (from left) Harvey Atkins, honorary chair committee for Yiddish Studies U. of T., Bayla Chaikoff, Avi Hoffman, Eda Zimler and Helen Zukerman.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

HATH NOT A JEW...

The excellent production of *The Merchant of Venice*, now in performance at the Stratford Festival, does not diminish the fact that this is one of Shakespeare's more problematic and star-crossed plays.

The most important thing to bear in mind when seeing this play is that Shakespeare had likely never seen a Jew when he wrote it about 1605. The Jews had been expelled from England in 1290 and were not officially permitted to return until 1648 or thereabouts.

Nonetheless, Britain's Bard had certainly heard of Rodrigo Lopez, the Sephardi Jew who served as Queen Elizabeth's personal physician. Several years before Shakespeare invented the rapacious and rancorous Shylock, Lopez – an Elizabethan Dreyfuss – was falsely convicted of treason and executed. Some years earlier, Shakespeare might also have heard of Joachim Gaunz, a mining expert from Prague who let slip a few words of Hebrew while working in Bristol, for which he was branded as a Jew and deported.

Henry Irving, as Shylock in 1879 gave the theatre its most famous and sympathetic portrayal of Shakespeare's infamous villain.

Shakespeare also knew of Christopher Marlowe, the contemporaneous playwright whose earlier caricature of a Jew in *The Jew of Malta*, according to literary critic A.M. Klein, was "a monster by the name of Barabbas (note the reprehensible reference) who incarnated all the vices then known to civilization." Like Barabbas, Shylock is malevolent and demonic, and seems to lack even a single redemptive quality.

While Shakespeare permits his odious money-lender to plead for sympathy with the famous "Hath not a Jew ..." soliloquy, it is largely ineffective. Shylock wants to extract a pound of flesh from the merchant Antonio, who has defaulted on a loan after his ships were lost at sea. In his single-minded mania for revenge, Shylock seems a vile economic counterpart to the Jews of the medieval stereotype whose recipe for matzah supposedly calls for the blood of Christian babies.

Just as Shakespeare had likely never encountered a Jew, he had never set foot in Italy and knew little of the ways of Venetian shipping merchants who had been insuring their cargoes for generations. But he well understood the popular prejudices of Elizabethan audiences and craftily exploited their endemic anti-Semitism to increase the box-office appeal of his plays. Evidently, it mattered not that usury was as commonplace in Italy then as it was in England, where the standard legal rate of interest was 10 per cent.

The Merchant of Venice was written hurriedly to meet popular demand, without a thought to posterity. Were it written by anyone else, Shylock would be as little known today as Marlowe's Jewish monster or the equally vile stereotypes invoked centuries earlier by Geoffrey Chaucer.

The current Stratford production alludes subtly through costume and mannerisms to fascist Italy in the 1930s, but otherwise allows playgoers to make of Shylock what they will. The program offers no preparatory comment or tempering advice: audience members are presumed to be wise enough to know anti-Semitism when they see it.

Is *The Merchant of Venice* a play best left on the shelf? Marti Maraden, director of the current production said this question has been debated at length at Stratford, with some concluding that the play is inherently anti-Semitic and others that it merely attempts to deal, rather ineptly, with the issue of anti-Semitism.

"My reading of the play was that it contained virulent anti-Semitism but that it needn't be anti-Semitic if we went about it the right way," she said.

"Since Shylock is the most sensitive role, I thought that the best thing I could do was to cast the best actor I know in the part, so it went to Douglas Rain. I knew that he would bring out the humanity of Shylock, the good as well as the bad."

Did Rain succeed in doing so? Methinks not, but the fault lies less in any member of the fine cast than in the poisoned inkwell in which Shakespeare dipped his otherwise benevolent and mighty pen.

If you've a mind to do so, go judge for yourself. *The Merchant of Venice*, with Susan Coyne as Portia, continues at Stratford's Avon Theatre until Nov. 3.

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New medical technique counters male infertility

By WENDY ELLIMAN
Jerusalem Dateline

JERUSALEM, Israel — Around 10 percent of all couples who want children in the Western world are infertile. In almost half of them, this is because of problems associated with the production or delivery of sperm.

"Despite this, almost all infertility research has focused on women," says Prof. Neri Laufer, head of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Centre on Mount Scopus, and chair of the Israel Fertility Society. "Knowledge about male infertility is still rudimentary, which makes the techniques we've introduced in Israel very important."

Nature is so extravagantly excessive in producing sperm (there are as many as 300 million of them in the teaspoon of ejaculate expelled during each sexual climax), that there would seem to be little problem in at least some getting through to the egg. But even in fertile men, no more than 50 of the hundreds of millions of sperm in each ejaculate ever reach the egg. Very large quantities of perfectly formed sperm are thus essential.

Sperm, however, can become non-viable for a wide range of reasons. "Environmental conditions can damage sperm production: overcrowding, stress, alcoholism, smoking, chemical pollution, radiation and poor nutrition are some of them," says Laufer. "Congenital abnormalities also damage male fertility. Cystic fibrosis is among these: one of its non-pulmonary aspects is lack of exit vessels from the man's testicles. And infection can be a third cause: infections of the sexual organs, venereal disease, prostatitis, epididymitis and, of course, mumps."

The harm done to male fertility by all this, however, can now be countered by a technique developed three years ago in Belgium and extended and developed at Hadassah.

"The technique is known as Intra Cytoplasm Sperm Injection (ICSI)," says Laufer. "It involves drawing sperm cells out of the ejaculate and injecting them directly into the ovum or egg, sparing them the long difficult journey up into the fallopian tube. All we need to succeed are a few normal sperm cells, which need not even be mobile."

To this Belgian method, Laufer and his team had added their own expertise in in vitro fertilization. "Since 1988, we've been working on micromanipulative techniques of uniting sperm with egg," he says. "Together with Prof. Aaron Lewis of Hadassah's Laser Department, we've created a laser that can drill a microscopic hole into an ovum — the ovum itself, remember, is no bigger than a grain of sand — without damaging any of the surrounding structures. In doing this, we not only spare the sperm cell the trouble of breaking through the egg's 'shell,' but also significantly improve chances of the embryo hatching."

Some 20 couples have become pregnant at Hadassah with ICSI followed by micromanipulation, among them several for whom religion and culture ruled out donor insemination as an option.

Laufer and his team are also using ICSI in men who have no sperm at all in their ejaculate. These patients fail to ejaculate sperm because of a blockage somewhere along the line, in or around the epididymis which stores mature sperm, or in the vas deferens, the duct through which the sperm exit.

"First we perform microsurgery on the epididymis, under very high magnification," says Laufer. "The epididymis resembles a 20-foot strand of human hair, coiled at the side of the testicle, and it's here the sperm cells flow from the testis to mature. Our aim is to find the obstruction along its coils, get the sperm clustered behind the blockage, and extract them."

Two of seven couples in whom there were no apparent sperm production have become pregnant following this procedure. In one, the husband is a cystic fibrosis carrier and has no exit tubes for his sperm. He lay anesthetized in one operating room during his epididymal aspiration. His wife was prepared in another. When viable sperm cells were found, Laufer extracted her ova for in vitro fertilization. A normal pregnancy followed this unconventional start, and the couple are now the happy parents of a little girl.

Even patients who appear to have no sperm production at all now have a chance of biologically fathering children. "We've found that in a majority of such patients, we're able to find an essential few sperm cells," says Laufer. "We biopsy the testicle, remove a tiny slice of testis and extract any sperm we find there. Fertilization is then performed by ICSI."

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Garnish Options
1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans
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In a medium bowl, combine the shredded cabbage and apple chunks. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, oil, honey, cinnamon, and marjoram. Pour over the cabbage and apples and toss well. Garnish with the pecans and parsley. Chill until ready to serve. Makes 4-6 servings.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

Labor dispute launched

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Histadrut declared a labor dispute last week that encompasses 250,000 workers in the public sector, as prelude to a general strike against the government's privatization plans.

The labor dispute includes the Finance, Defence, Health, Housing, Agriculture and Communications ministries, local authorities, hospitals, Airports Authority, Ports and Railways Authority, Postal Authority, Israel Industries, Israel Electric Corporation, Bezeq, Mekorot and others.

The labor dispute enables any or all of these workplaces to impose sanctions, hold protest meetings and take other measures, including a full strike, after 14 days.

Such measures will be implemented immediately if any minister announces his intention to privatize or make structural economic changes without consulting and coordinating with the Histadrut, said Histadrut chair Amir Peretz.

"In two weeks, all the workers in the government ministries, corporations and authorities will be organized and legally prepared to take any steps including a strike," Peretz said.

"If a minister announces his intention to privatize, if the Knesset decides to do so, or if the cabinet decides to pass legislation in the Knesset to this effect; if the government makes any decision about changing the structure of the economic bodies — the workers will spring into action."

The hospital nurses intend to go on strike immediately after the two-week cooling-off period, their union leader Ilana Cohen said yesterday, unless Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi cancels his plans to privatize three state hospitals.

The labor dispute at El Al was postponed by two weeks

About Seniors

Dear Jesse,

I'm a senior who offers my time as a volunteer driver for the community agency in my city. I accompany frail seniors to their doctor's appointments. I find that it is not uncommon for patients to wait an hour or even two for their appointment. I think that this is unacceptable, but am not sure what to do about it. Do you have any suggestions?

Godot (As in "Waiting For")

Dear Waiting for Godot,

You are quite right, waiting for one to two hours is disrespectful and unacceptable. Your time is as valuable as theirs and it's important that your grievance be voiced and heard. If people make enough of an issue about extended waiting periods, the system will have to respond. The way you go about being heard is important, for example blowing your top at the medical receptionist is unlikely to better the situation. Depending on the setting, this is what I suggest:

If you have been made to wait at a clinic, I suggest you speak to the doctor and to the administerator of the clinic. If they do not give you a satisfactory response, you might want to speak to a senior manager in the organization.

If you have been made to wait at a doctor's personal office, I suggest you speak first to the doctor. If you decide to change doctors for this reason be sure to let it be known that this switch was made because of intolerable waiting periods.

A preventative approach to waiting would be to call a half hour before going to your appointment to ask if appointments are on schedule. If they are running behind, you needn't rush to the waiting room!

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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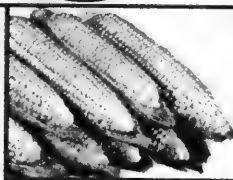

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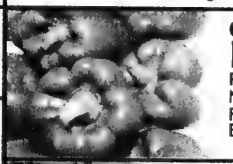

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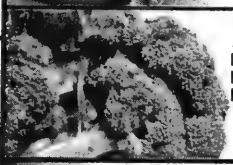

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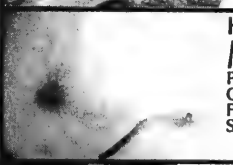

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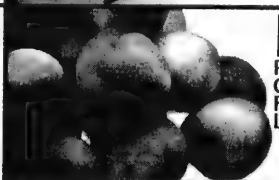

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Israel will close PA offices in Jerusalem: Netanyahu

By Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last week that he would not move forward in the peace talks unless the Palestinian Authority (PA) shut down its offices in Jerusalem.

"We cannot make progress in negotiations with the Palestinian Authority as long as there are violations [of the Oslo accords] in Jerusalem, and in every instance we will act to close down offices operating illegally in Jerusalem," Netanyahu told the cabinet.

Faisal Husseini, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said that closing down Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in the city, would be a setback for Palestinians and Israelis alike.

The international Arabic newspaper *Asharq al-Awsat* quoted Husseini as saying: "For Palestinians, [Orient House] is a symbol of Jerusalem, which means that its closure would symbolize the exclusion of Jerusalem from the peace process and a loss of hope."

Netanyahu also criticized Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani for the compromise he made last week with PA Council member Hattem Abdel Khader.

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SIPPING COFFEE BEDOUIN STYLE
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sarah receive coffee from their Bedouin host during their recent visit to the ancient city of Petra. Their stay at Petra was part of an official visit to Jordan. ***[Reuters/RNS photo]***

Arab missiles still a threat

CANADIAN STUDENTS VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL
Last week a group of young Canadians concluded a two month volunteer program in Israel working with the national ambulance and blood transfusion service of *Magen David Adom.* Seen in this photo are (l-r) Arie Fisher, Mitch Rodier, Moishe Leiberman, Jay Wohlgelernter, Rebeccah McArton, Shoshana Colodny, Aviva Dimant and Orit Freedman. ***[Isranet photo]***

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Since the 1991 Gulf war, Arab states have heavily stockpiled surface-to-surface missiles and the threat to Israel is much worse today than when Iraqi Scuds slammed into Tel Aviv, said an IDF official.

Despite this, one in every three Israelis does not have adequate shelter protection from missiles and some 400,000 people are without gas masks.

Nevertheless, OC Home Front Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad said the IDF is capable of protecting the population against air or missile attack.

"We can't totally prevent them, there is no total security," Arad said. "There is no other nation which faces threats like the State of Israel but the response given to the citizens today is the best and no other country in the world, including much wealthier ones, knows

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CJC Commends Expulsions

TORONTO – CJC commended the Canadian Armed Forces for dismissing two soldiers from the Petawawa base.

The two soldiers are to be dismissed from the army for neo-Nazi activity. Disciplinary action is being considered against three others for similar offences.

CJC Rep on Committee

VANCOUVER – Noemi Gal-Or, a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region executive, has been named to the 12-person Chief Constable's Diversity Advisory Committee..

ISRAEL

Minister Drops Bombshell

JERUSALEM – Israel's newly appointed Minister of Religious Affairs Eli Suissa dropped a bombshell this week, immediately after receiving the much-contested portfolio.

Suissa, who is also the interior minister, told reporters that the Religious Affairs Ministry should be dismantled.

"The subject needs to be investigated, though it will arouse opposition from some political parties and rabbis, and so it must be done with great sensitivity," he said.

He proposed placing local religious councils under the auspices of the Interior Ministry, with other religious matters being handled by the ministries of Education and Justice.

Exorcising *Dybbuks*

JERUSALEM – A Group of kabbalists was to gather this week to conduct a mass public prayer to exorcise *dybbuks* from people suffering from mental and emotional problems. This will be the first time such prayers are held in public.

The prayers will be conducted on Monday in Yeshivat Hashalom in Jerusalem. The rabbis, who will be fasting that day, will blow shofars in the ears of the sick, a traditional kabbalistic method for exorcising bad spirits. They will also say special prayers.

Jerusalem 3000 Awards

JERUSALEM – Larry King, host of CNN's *Larry King Live*, and Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz were among the nine honorees to receive the Jerusalem 3000 Award for their commitment to Israel and the Jewish people.

, King was one of the prime movers behind the just-concluded Jerusalem 3000 Summer Solidarity Mission which brought more than 40 media trendsetters and business leaders to Israel.

Concert Uproar

JERUSALEM – Hundreds of angry Jewish concert-goers walked out of a gospel music concert here when the event assumed the trappings of an evangelical prayer service.

The Aug. 1 concert, billed as a "Celebration of Gospel Music" by the Jerusalem municipality and the Jerusalem 3000 organizing committee, caused a stir when it took on definite missionary overtones.

While Jewish members of the audience were well aware that gospel music is Christian in content, many appeared shocked when Max Lucado, the event's master of ceremonies, repeatedly urged the audience to give prayerful thanks to "the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior."

WORLD

Bar Mitzvah In Zagreb

ZAGREB, Croatia – The Zagreb Jewish community recently celebrated its first bar mitzvah in over 12 years.

Ozren Tabakovic prepared for this special day by studying Torah and Jewish tradition with Moshe Meshulum, the JDC-supported Jewish outreach worker currently in Zagreb.

Summit In Jeopardy?

CAIRO – The regional economic summit planned for Cairo in November could be in jeopardy if peace talks do not resume by next month, Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny said last week.

He said in an interview that he believed the summit will be linked to the restarting of talks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians.

There had been speculation recently that Egypt might cancel the summit unless Israel showed signs of resuming talks. No such ultimatum has been officially issued, but according to Bassiouny, "the idea of the summit is to show the fruits of peace. How can there be economic cooperation without peace?"

Priebke's Release Criticized

ROME – Jewish leaders here and abroad have joined an international chorus of criticism after a Rome military court freed former SS Capt. Erich Priebke while at the same time declaring him guilty of taking part in Italy's worst World War II atrocity.

The Aug. 1 ruling, which embarrassed the Italian nation, sent local officials scrambling to find legal solutions to ensure that Priebke, 83, was punished for crimes he admitted committing.

In The CJN, 25 Years Ago...

Friday August 13, 1971

BORMANN ALIVE IN PARAGUAY

The world's most wanted war criminal Martin Bormann, Hitler's former private secretary, is living in poor health on a ranch in the Parana River region of Paraguay near the Argentine border, according to Israeli journalist Zvi Aldouby.

Aldouby said Bormann's ranch is situated among 14 German "colonies" mainly inhabited by former Nazis or their sympathizers.

Bormann has bought off the Cuchileros, the local Mafia, who serve as a security screen. He recently underwent a successful cancer operation and his appearance has been changed by facial surgery.

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Jewish medical students and interns are not meeting with the anti-Semitic prejudice that existed so blatantly a few years ago.

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Top judge outlines importance of human rights

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Despite demands that governments slash their budgets, "we have many compelling reasons for protecting human rights," said Supreme Court of Canada Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé.

Speaking here at the recent 25th annual conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA), L'Heureux-Dubé said protection of human rights is a "weighty concern" of the Supreme Court of Canada, which agreed early on that human rights legislation is not to be treated as another ordinary law of general application, but must be recognized for what it is — a fundamental law.

"The special nature of human rights legislation has remained axiomatic in the court's approach to human rights and to the interpretation of human rights legislation."

She said the protection of human rights is inextricably tied to human dignity. "We brought this point home in our first pronouncement of the equality provision of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, when we stated that the promotion of equality entails the promotion of a society in which all are secure in the knowledge that they are recognized at law as human beings deserving of concern, respect and consideration."

She observed that equality-seeking members of society "are not simply clamoring for more rights; fundamentally a person who seeks equality wants the dignity that comes from recognition as a full member of society, with the same rights and responsibilities as everyone else."

She said in the short term, equality may come at some cost, especially for those who have benefited from discrimination.

"But the equal dignity of every member of the community is a value of the highest order, and I hope money is not a measure of that dignity."

L'Heureux-Dubé said even after it has been shown that non-discrimination is an essential precondition to a free and democratic society, some economists and accountants still ask how much it costs and whether we can afford it.

Another speaker at the conference, William Pentney, general counsel, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, analyzed some of the human rights decisions made by the Supreme Court.

He cited specifically the Malcolm Ross decision, in which the complainant filed against a school board in New Brunswick, for failure to take appropriate steps to provide educational services free from a "poisoned environment." The allegations stemmed from the off-duty conduct of teacher Malcom Ross.

Pentney said the court ultimately affirmed that teachers are inextricably linked to the integrity of the school system and that schools communicate the fundamental values of the society and must be premised on principles of tolerance and impartiality.

PURSUING PEACE

Chayim Levy takes peace seriously. The 71-year-old retired French teacher has spray-painted his 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo a rainbow of colors highlighted by doves and the word "peace" in Hebrew, Arabic, English, French, German, Latin, Spanish, Greek, and Italian. His idea stemmed from the 1993 Oslo peace accord. "The car is a protest against all these stupid wars in the Middle East. People in Canada only know of war's horrors from TV and newspapapers. It's far from their consciousness." Students at North York Board of Education schools, as well as at the United Synagogue Day School and the Bialik Hebrew Day School on Bathurst Street, where Levy does supply teaching have another word for it, he says. "All the kids know my car. They come out and say 'Cool.'" *[Gil Kezwer photo]*

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Browsing through the U.S. Jewish press

Each week, I receive a constant stream of interesting reading material. Indeed, that is one of the great privileges and pleasures of my work. As summertime tends to provide a few more hours than usual to pore over the material, I shall excerpt some brief but noteworthy selections from three American publications which came across my desk last week.

The publications selected represent a spectrum of thought. Two of them, *The New York Jewish Week*, and *The Forward* can be called Jewish publications. The third, *The New Republic* is not a Jewish publication per se, but its editor-in-chief and chairman, Martin Peretz, has ensured that the magazine is a bold, assertive advocate on behalf of Israel. They each appear weekly.

Gary Rosenblatt is the editor and publisher of *The New York Jewish Week*. In these pages previously, I have described him as the pre-eminent editor in the North American Anglo Jewish press. It is no exaggeration. He combines sharp, incisive insight, smooth, unpretentious writing, a blazingly fast wit, a hilarious, dry sense of humor, a love of and deep respect for the integrity of journalism with the finest of human qualities. In addition to the editorials in the newspaper, he writes a weekly column *Between The Lines.*

Seizing upon the occasion of the annual late summer conference of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE), he wrote in the issue of July 26 about the need to improve the working conditions for Jewish educators.

Describing CAJE as an organization that represents "much that is alive and creative about Jewish education these days," Rosenblatt urges local federations to assist teachers to attend the conference, which this year is being held in Jerusalem. He decries the lack of any concerted effort to assist Jewish educators from benefiting from the conference.

He sees this as further proof that Jewish educators are regarded as "the Rodney Dangerfields of our community...that they 'don't get no respect.' We pay them low wages and expect them to provide our offspring with the kind of knowledge of and love for Yiddishkeit that used to be the purview of parents and grandparents."

Despite the fact that "the organized Jewish community gnashes its teeth over the increase in intermarriage and assimilation and agrees that Jewish education is the most effective antidote, the community has not made the behavioral change necessary to improve the status and quality of our schools." Among the behavioral changes which Rosenblatt calls for is the recognition followed by the requisite action "to do our best to improve the lot" of the Jewish educators. He makes a compelling case.

The lead editorial of *The Forward* of July 26, Time for Retaliation, responds to the crash of TWA flight 800. The editorial writer urges the government of the United States to start thinking now about appropriate retaliatory measures should terrorism prove to have been the cause of the crash. The writer ridicules "at least two American administrations" for their weak, insignificant response to the Pan Am flight 10 Lockerbie crash. The explosion should not be treated by investigators as an act of criminality, but rather as an act of war.

"There is a danger, though, in treating the matter as a mere law enforcement problem. America is being targeted by a war in which foreign governments are complicit. Even without a conclusion in the TWA case, there has been more than enough aggression in this war to warrant any American administration going on the offensive."

In the Aug. 5 issue of *The New Republic*, Peretz contributed an article entitled Israel Bonds, Benjamin Netanyahu, superstar. Written after Netanyahu's appearance before the American Congress, the article, as its title suggests, is a ringing paean of tribute to Israel's new prime minister. It is also a stinging rebuke of former prime minister Shimon Peres, some of Israel's potential peace partners, U.S. secretary of state Warren Christopher and the middle east policy planners, including special envoy Dennis Ross and Ambassador Martin Indyk, whom Peretz derisively calls the "grey suits of the State Department".

Here is a sampling of Peretz's analysis. "Still, it is not hard to grasp why Israel's pluck — its self-reliant military (so much in contrast with wards like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), its entrepreneurship, its toughness of mind — appeals to Americans. You could almost touch that affinity when Netanyahu was in Washington in a way that you never did when Shimon Peres, the fussy poet of literary paradox, visited. For all his slickness, Netanyahu seems to Americans to incarnate his country's strength of character, not quite as much as the gruff soldier Yitzhak Rabin, but close..." *MBD*

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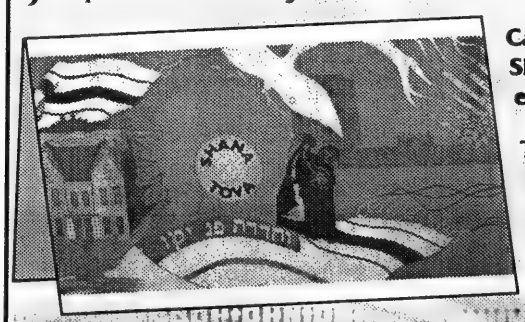

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Volunteers needed to address 'critical' issues: JWF president

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jill Reitman is hard pressed to single out her priorities as president of Jewish Women's Federation (JWF).

"They're all areas that are really important," she says, citing some of the issues being addressed by the Toronto umbrella organization, among them *agunot*, violence against women, women and poverty, continuity and women, women and leadership, and outreach to newcomers through the Shalom Toronto program, a joint project with UJA Women's Campaign.

The organization has some 50 local affiliate Jewish women's organizations, as well as an evolving "partnership" with UJA Women's Campaign. Among Reitman's priorities is working with the affiliates as well as with Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (UJA Federation) agencies to reach common goals for the benefit of women in the community.

Jill Reitman

Among JWF's main areas of involvement are social and political action, for which Violence Against Women will be this year's main focus; and the Community Response project on Jewish poverty, which was organized in response to government cutbacks and which ran a successful summer clothing drive earlier this year.

Reitman, 41, a longtime community volunteer who recently succeeded Glennie Lindenberg as JWF president, is undaunted by the amount of work needed on each issue.

"Each time, you make a little more of an inroad. Awareness is the first step ... the goal is to eliminate the need."

She is convinced that volunteers will make time, despite busy schedules, to deal with "critical" issues.

To ease the process, she believes in trying to minimize the number of meetings, keeping them short and communicating by phone and fax. "Modern technology is here, and we use it. We need it."

Although Reitman, a mother of two boys, is not averse to working late at night or early in the morning, sometimes her volunteer commitments cut into her family time. Missing one of her son's baseball games is "the most difficult compromise," she says.

In addition to JWF, Reitman has also been involved in fundraising for United Jewish Appeal for many years, and is active on the board of United Synagogue Day Schools as well as on the board and executive of UJA Federation.

Branson still seeking partner

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Still fighting for its life, North York Branson Hospital is looking for a partner or partners in hospital services to save dollars and still meet the needs of its elderly community.

"We're still open to negotiations," said senior vice-president Brian Fenton, noting that "months" of negotiations with Baycrest and Mt. Sinai hospitals had so far been unsuccessful. Other potential partners are being sought, he said, but Baycrest and Mt. Sinai have not been ruled out.

A report now before the provincial government calls for Branson to be merged with York-Finch and to become an ambulatory care centre.

But York-Finch has just proposed to the provincial restructuring commission that it merge with Humber Memorial and Northwestern.

Fenton said that in any Branson negotiations for a partner, the emergency cardiology needs of an elderly population subject to heart disease will be crucial.

He was non-commital on whether Branson would remain as a hospital with 258 in-patient beds. During the vacation period, 30 beds are closed.

It will be some weeks before the situation is clarified, Fenton said, because the commission has said it will not announce a decision until mid-fall.

Branson had to cope with a cut of $3.2 million in its 1996-97 budget resulting, among other things, in a staff reduction of 70 people, some of this to be achieved by voluntary retirement. However, it did not close down any beds.

The commission's decision to close two hospitals in Thunder Bay, leaving only one, and its rationale that no hospital needs to be closer than 20 kilometres to its patients would cause" concern" to any hospital, Fenton said.

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Chai Dancers celebrate 18 years of performances

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Chai Dancers, a troop of performers age 65 to 83, recently celebrated their chai year with dinner, dancing and reminiscing.

Some 30 current and former dancers gathered at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) for the 18th anniversary festivities.

The troop operates as part of the BJC's senior adult services department and is the braindhild of department supervisor Teme Kernerman. Kernerman said she wanted to create a seniors dance group with a high level of performance — they meet bi-weekly for two-hour sessions.

"I didn't want anyone thinking they're good for seniors," she said.

The reunion was "absolutely fabulous," but also "extremely emotional" when participants watched old videos of their performances, Kernerman said. "They enjoyed reliving their experiences through the video, as some of them can no longer dance."

The dance troop has been a "wonderful experience," said Saidie Sobel, one of two people to receive a red corsage that evening for being with Chai since the beginning. Sobel stressed that the close ties between group members have been especially important.

"We are going to be friends forever," she said. "We celebrate everything together."

"We go for birthdays but we don't count them," said Vy Wolf, president of the Chai dancers, who has been dancing with them for 16 years. One of Wolf's most memorable experiences was being filmed for the 1992 made-for-TV movie, *Last Wish*, starring Maureen Stapleton and Patti Duke. "They [the film crew] treated us royally," she recalled.

The dancers were part of a scene which was supposedly set at the 92nd Street Y in New York City, where Stapleton was taking a dance class, Kernerman explained. "They called me. They had heard of me. They wanted me to choreograph and bring seniors to be part of the scene."

The Chai Dancers have also appeared on many stages, including at Roy Thompson Hall, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Premier Dance Theatre, the Ontario Place Forum, Earl Bales Park and Leah Posluns Theatre.

Dora Green, the other 18-year member of the troop, said one of the highlights of Chai was participating at the awards ceremony at the Premier Dance Theatre in 1991, when Kernerman won the Ontario Arts Council Award for her contribution to folk dancing.

The Chai Dancers in a 1981 performance. From left, Basha Basman, Ann Talesnick and Margaret Davies.

Some members of the troop have particularly fond memories of their performances for children. "It's the most enjoyable feeling performing for children," said Kitty Cohen, a former Chai dancer. She was with the troop for seven years, but now concentrate on clogging (step-dancing).

"When we perform for schools, I've watched the faces of the children looking at this group of elderly people at the beginning with amusement. And then there is total disbelief and respect and enjoyment," Kernerman said. "They think this is going to be a joke. Then they applaud and cheer."

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Some locations will provide separate children's educational programs, where children will be grouped according to age.

The classes will be conducted during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at six Aish HaTorah locations in Thornhill, Richmond Hill, North York and Forest Hill, as well as at the five participating synagogues: Anshe Minsk Synagogue, Congregation Shaarei Tzedec, Beth Jacob Congregation, Magen David Sephardic Congregation and Sephardic Yerushalmi Minyan.

In most centres, classes will be conducted by some 20 volunteers, who, with their families, will attend the service where they are leading the educational sessions.

The volunteers are trained not only to offer instruction and insight into the High Holy Days, but also to help the synagogues reach out to their own communities. In some instances, they will train the shul members or staff to lead the classes.

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The aim, but not the method

Two weeks ago President Bill Clinton signed into law The Iran and Libya Sanctions Act. Cut from the same cloth as the Helms-Burton law, it extends the reach of American law to non-American companies by imposing sanctions on them for investing heavily in Iran or Libya.

The law requires the president to impose two sanctions from a list of a possible seven, against foreign corporations that make new investments worth more than $40 million (US) for the development of petroleum resources in Iran or Libya. It also imposes sanctions on foreign companies that violate existing United Nations prohibitions against trade with Libya in certain goods and services.

In truth, the law is more symbolic than substantive. Republican Senator Alphonse D'Amato of New York, its driving force, acknowledged as much when he said, "It was an important signal and first step."

The legislation applies only to new investments, but at the moment, none of the investments looming on the horizon appear to be in the required scale, namely $40 million. The list of sanctions is quite broad, some of them relatively minor, some more severe. But, in any case, the president can waive particular sanctions or delay them altogether for two successive 90-day periods.

After he signed the law, Clinton described Iran and Libya as "two of the most dangerous supporters of terrorism in the world." We agree with him. He called terrorism "the enemy of our generation." We agree with him. He went on to say: "You cannot do business with countries that practise commerce with you by day while funding or protecting the terrorists who kill you and your innocent civilians by night." We emphatically agree with him.

In this very space just two weeks ago, we urged Canada to take the lead in "a concerted, cooperative campaign among all countries whose highest striving is [the] affirmation of the sanctity and the importance of human life" to cast out from the arena of international commerce and multilateral relations, those nations which endorse, encourage, support, maintain, aid or abet terrorists in any way.

We also expressed the hope that American legislators would enact a bill of sanctions against the countries who shelter terrorists. But the American bill does not attack the countries which "export" terror. Rather, it purports to attack non-American corporations that deal with two of those countries.

While we are pleased by the law's intent, we are troubled by its method. Washington could have imposed a comprehensive blanket of direct, serious sanctions of its own against Iran and Libya and other countries – such as Syria and Iraq – which have been incontrovertibly proven to be exporters of terror. Or it could have used its substantial influence more vigorously to achieve a forceful multilateral, economic boycott of the two countries. Such steps would have been welcome, appropriate and even possibly, effective.

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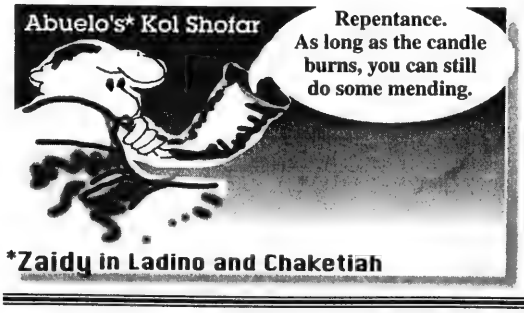

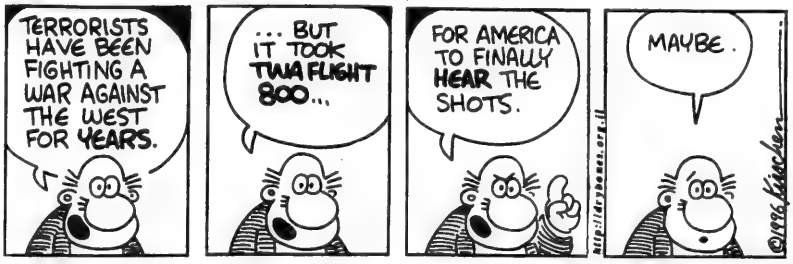
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This Week in Canadian Jewish History
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A maven pins us to mat

I read with interest the article "Book collector finds Yiddish typewriter." (*CJN*, July 18)

Having spent a good part of my life in the typewriter business, I was quite surprised by the fact that the typewriter used in the illustration accompanying the article — very clearly a Royal typewriter — was identified throughout as an Underwood.

I am a devoted reader of *The CJN*, and was disappointed to see such an obvious error get past the editor. But now I am quite curious about the identity of the typewriter that Goldenberg managed to find. Is it a Royal or an Underwood?

Solomon Getter
Montreal

Editor's note: This sharp-eyed reader is correct. Goldberg owns two Yiddish typewriters but the Royal (circa unknown) photographed better and was not mentioned in the story.

Protecting students with nut allergies

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His pension hangs in balance

At age 72 and in ill-health, I am searching for anybody who can testify that they knew me in 1944, when I was prisoner for one year at the Brunslau concentration camp in Silesia.

It may determine my right to receive a pension of $400 to $500 from Germany.

While I was at Brunslau, another prisoner and I, unbeknownst to each other, were by sheer accident tattooed with the same number, 49,000.

I was turned down for a pension because when authorities searched the records, they said the Brunslau prisoner with the same number had already died.

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Did Heinrich Heine predict future?

I see there is controversy about Goldhagen's book — whether the average German was anti-Semitic, for want of another word.

I recall once having seen an observation by Heinrich Heine that the Germans would one day take it out on the Jews.

I don't know whether Heine was a Jew, but he certainly was a respected German poet or author. If this statement is correct, it means that the anti-Jewish feeling was endemic in Germany during Heine's time — he died about 1850.

It also means that Hitler, 100 years later, was harnessing that feeling for his own purposes.

J. Freeman
Toronto

Lauds role of BBYO at camp

With great shock did I read the article by Ron Csillag "BBYO Canada closes" in your Aug. 1 issue.

For four years, our committee had the pleasure of working with members of BBYO, bringing a Jewish program to a summer camp of MTHA, North York Committee on Community, Race & Ethnic Relations in Camp Woodland Trails.

All our leaders who worked with these young people were deeply impressed by the high quality of leadership, knowledge of Jewish traditions and enthusiasm that made these programs so successful. We, as well as the North York Committee, hoped for and achieved a break-down of stereotyping and prejudices and a widening of the horizons of these youngsters.

It is hard for me to understand that one of the oldest and largest Jewish youth organizations is not receiving the utmost of support from our community.

There is nothing better to give our youth the necessary pride in being Jewish than a healthy experience in a youth movement. Just examine the role that members of youth movements have played during the darkest period of our history and in the establishment of the State of Israel.

Robert Engel
National Chair
Jewish Advisory Committee
on Scouting and Guiding

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Perspectives

The loneliness of the single Jew

By ELLA MORRISON

My paternal grandmother is an old world matchmaker. When I was 18 years old, she sent me a photograph of a 30-year-old Romanian dentist who was passing through Israel, paid her a visit, saw my schoolgirl photos on her wall, and expressed an interest. How convenient, she thought, that he should happen to be traveling through the United States soon. Perhaps he should make a stop in Toronto?

Fiddler on the Roof celebrated 30 years of "Tradition" this summer, and my rented video copy brought back this old memory with a smile, although I found it somewhat less than amusing at the time. My grandmother, like Yente, is a shrewd businesswoman who has supported herself for over 40 years by bringing people together. Her efforts to find a match for me in my teenage years were met with disdain, but I can't help but contemplate my destiny if I had lived in another time Certainly, to be unmarried at the age of 32 would be unheard of in any other generation. I would be pitied and stigmatized. Yet in our modern world, where the shtetl no longer exists, and Yente has retired herself to yesteryear, to be single and looking, and looking for a Jew, is not only a solitary concern, but an ideal shared by an unwavering many. And this ideal transcends age and time.

Just as it is not difficult to find Jews who have chosen to intermarry, on any given Saturday night in Toronto it is easy to find others with a similar quest as mine. On average, there are two singles events each week which cater to single Jews determined to find their match on a crowded dance floor. I know – that was me, last week, a silhouette in the corner against the flashing lights from the DJ's station, wiping the condensation off the Diet Coke I had been nursing for an hour (more a prop than a refreshment), listening to how my girlfriend didn't feel the event was effective enough to justify the $15.00 admission.

"Keep moving. We have to circulate," I advised.

I was Looking For Mr. Goodbar in all the right places. Was he here tonight? Not likely, is my conclusion. From a whole room of attractive singles aged 25-40, how many connections were made that night? Mingle, shmingle. My plight is beginning to sound like a Toronto Star 'Missed Connection':

"I saw you at the fundraiser. You were well groomed and nicely dressed, and carried yourself with an air of confidence. You also looked right through me when I smiled in your direction. It was obvious you were there for the same reason as I, yet when you found a group of acquaintances, you gravitated to them like a sinking man to a lifebuoy, grateful for the excuse not to have to look. It's a pity. I would have looked back."

Tevye the Milkman alluded to One Great Matchmaker, and I tend to share this romantic notion. After all, destiny threw a wonderful man in my path three years ago. It was totally unexpected, I was totally helpless to his charms, and he was blessedly Jewish. For a long time, I believed he was my *bashert*, but I was wrong. The idea, therefore, that Mr. Right might still be out there fills me with both hope and anticipated excitement. Lightning has been known to strike in the same place twice. And I am, after all, 32 years old. How can I help create a lightening storm? Should I be helping fate along? Or is it completely out of my hands? Tseitel meets the Woman of the 90's.

In her teens, "Eve" believed that love could conquer all, that two people of different cultures and faiths could plausibly find each other and make a life together. But as she grew older, she also heard the *Fiddler on the Roof* melody and heralded back to "Tradition."

A fundraising boat cruise on Lake Ontario introduced her to a friendly group of people. It was also an opportunity, through subsequent volunteer work with them, to enlarge her circle of acquaintances, both male and female, and was an unexpected source of blind dates.

"You talk to people over the phone, and they ask you out. It's a Jewish charity, so you know there are always Jews there. There's a singles division, so you had an opportunity right there and then to meet other singles and everyone you meet wants to set you up. I don't know what it is, but Jewish people, especially women, have this thing about them--they all want to be matchmakers. You meet one person and 'Oh, you're single?' And if you're somewhat attractive and half decent looking, they say 'I'll find you someone!' It's a mission for them."

Eve's personal mission filled her dance card every weekend for nearly a year. She greatly preferred the blind date over any other vehicle of introduction, as she found these men to be of purer motivation. Blind dating, she explained to me, required taking an enormous personal risk and effort. Anyone willing to stand on her doorstep and be peered at through the peephole already had something in common with her. The despondency when the evening turned out to be less than fruitful often made Eve examine and reaffirm her commitment to herself and her future: her *bashert* was still out there. And he was Jewish.

During a period of two years, the name "Adam" came up in conversation between Eve and friends from widely differing social circles no fewer than four times. Each time, Eve was reluctant to meet him. She was friends with his brother, to whom she had no physical attraction. She feared that Adam would resemble him. Eventually, her friends' reassurance wore her down. Four different people couldn't be wrong, could they?

They certainly weren't. Eve and Adam met in January 1993 and were married in August of the same year. "Who says miracles don't happen?" she beamed.

A Hollywood ending? Maybe. But certainly Eve's result was a combination of luck, persistence, and perhaps a strong ability to recognize good fortune when it appeared. Too many men, already in their late 30's, she complained, had a deep fear of commitment.

"When you're in high school, you could be dating someone for 2 or 3 years--it's nothing. You reach a certain point in your life where you spend 2 or 3 months with someone, and you may not know 100% if this is the man you want to marry, but you know for sure if you don't. You don't have to waste as much time."

I listened with complete understanding, reminded of my last relationship. It appeared that the generational phenomenon of indecision has seeped into the Jewish community too, in part attributed to the high divorce rate, with all of its emotional and financial ramifications. It's difficult to choose to marry when all around you, you observe your friends, and maybe even your parents, experiencing the pain of going it alone again.

As one gets older, time heaves more experience, not always positive, on one's shoulders and the load gets heavier with each passing year. Nowhere does the fear become more apparent or surface more readily than when one is faced with the prospect of meeting someone new, someone potentially interesting, someone with whom one could possibly fall in love, across that crowded room. It requires courage, confidence, and a willingness to not judge the opposite sex superficially. It also requires a faith that this one might be *the one*.

My eyes had scanned the room a thousand times before they met his in recognition. Too late. He'd seen me.

"Do you remember me?" he asked.

"Of course," I replied politely with a smile.

I'd seen him at every Jewish singles function I'd attended over the last several years. As usual, he began to talk about himself, about his efforts at meeting someone, the experimental approaches, the new side interests.

"I've started taking long walks. I find it clears the head. I meditate while I walk--it helps me put things in perspective..."

I was not able to inject a word sideways for three minutes as I listened sympathetically. My girlfriend had already looked the other way. I might have been trapped, but she could still escape.

Behind me, I heard a female voice whisper, "Look--he's talking to *her* now."

I felt sorry for him. And then he asked me, for the umpteenth time in several years, "I don't suppose you want to give me your phone number?"

I shook my head sadly.

"We can just go out for a coffee, and maybe you could tell me what's wrong with my approach, what I could be doing better..."

His voice trailed off as I apologized, still smiling.

"Well, thank you for smiling, thank you for the positive reinforcement."

"Good luck," I called to him sincerely as he walked away into the crowd, still buoyant, still positive. Forever hopeful.

My friend couldn't believe that he was still around, still coming to these events. He always will, I told her, until he finds someone. He won't let go of the dream. To his credit, he was the only man to have approached us all night, and for that, I admire and respect him. For that, I gave him the courtesy of at least listening.

Finding the perfect mate has never been easy. In a scene from *Fiddler on the Roof* which captures the difficulty, Tseitel and Motel the tailor struggle to convince Tevye that they have the right to "arrange" their own happiness.

My girlfriend has started writing to single Jewish men in New York City because she's tired of running into old dates at these functions. Of the dozen letters she has sent out in response to ads in New York magazine, only one has contemplated the possibilities of a long distance romance and replied. His letter was warm, funny, and unpretentious. His photo, a standard mug shot taken in business shirt and tie, shows a wide, friendly grin. Could a friendship, or maybe even more, develop over the miles? It's a hopeful start.

I haven't attempted a long distance romance in several years. Nor have I had the courage to try a matchmaking service, although with each passing day I am closer to embracing my Romanian legacy. My biological timeclock ticks quietly away, a perpetual reminder. My modern sensibilities dictate that I should manipulate this aspect of my life no differently than I do my career and social life if I am to obtain the results I desire. Soon I will have to seek alternative ways to meet single Jewish men. Like "Eve", I'll have to commit myself to more concentrated efforts if I am to make this part of my life's dream come true.

But until the day I decide to help destiny along, I'll be the one scanning the crowded room, Diet Coke in hand, glancing occasionally heavenward with Tevye-like earnestness: "Just once, could you give this nice Jewish girl a break?"

Opinions

Celebrating Shabbat in Venice

Because he was Jewish, Shylock, in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, suffered many misfortunes in Venice. But, in contrast to Shylock's experience, my Jewishness resulted in good fortune for me during my stay in Venice in mid-July.

By Vera Press

I arrived on a Friday morning and headed to Ostello Santa Fosca, the hostel I had chosen because of its proximity to the Jewish Ghetto. Although the ghetto was only a 10-minute walk from my hostel, I found myself lost in the labyrinth of Venice, and my map only compounded my confusion. Finally, after 25 minutes of crossing bridges, walking in circles and backtracking through a number of side streets and alley ways, I reached the ghetto.

The New Ghetto, which is in fact, the Old Ghetto (the misnomer results from an Italian mix-up) houses the German, French and Italian synagogue. The Spanish and Levantine synagogues are in what is now commonly termed the Old Ghetto.

On my way from the New Ghetto to the Old Ghetto, I passed a small store that had a sign inscribed in black letters, "Habad House." Inside, against the back wall there were bookshelves with Hebrew texts. The other walls were filled with shelves of kosher food imported from Israel. At a small table near the bookshelves sat a Lubavitcher and a hip teenager: Mendel Bellinov and Yaron Schechtman.

Mendel hailed from the Milan Lubavitch Community, and Yaron was from Ferrara. Both Mendel and Yaron were in Venice for the summer. Their job was to ensure that Jewish visitors feel welcome. And that was what I certainly felt in this Habad house in Venice. Very welcome.

Sephardi service

Before I had even crossed the threshold of the store, Yaron asked me what I was doing for Shabbat that night. He then proceeded to tell me that it is customary after Friday night services, which are held at the Spanish shul, for all the congregants to return to the Habad for a Shabbat meal. I thanked him for the invitation and said I would be happy to be one of the guests.

Families, couples and students made up the 80 or so congregants at this Sephardi service. The rabbi was away so the congregants took turns leading the prayers. The service which began at 7:30 p.m., lasted about an hour and a half.

We left the synagogue in a long procession, attracting the curious and amused attention of diners eating alfresco in neighboring restaurants. The short walk from the shul back to the Habad was both joyful and disquieting. It was the first time in the two months since I had left Toronto that I was with a large group of Jews. And that made me happy. But, we were very conscious that relative to the Jewish presence in the ghetto at its most populous, about 5,000 residents in the mid-17th century, we were in reality a very small group of people, and most of us were non-resident. Only five Jewish families still reside in this ghetto.

At the Habad dining room, across the piazza from the Habad house, the tables were set up in a square formation. Yehudit, a volunteer from Israel, greeted us warmly and begged us to sit down.

We sang *Shalom Aleichem* and made kiddush. Then it was time to play Jewish geography. It just so happened that the two Canadians sitting beside me were from Montreal. Although I had met the one the previous year in November when I was visiting a friend at McGill, we did not immediately recognize each other. In the meantime the other Montrealer and I soon established that we had a number of friends in common from my Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto graduating class (1993).

Throughout the whole meal, as we ate our way through the challah, chicken and veggies, we sang zemirot. Conversation in both Hebrew and English unfolded. And every so often Yehudit would shout out, "Eat, eat! There's lots of food. Eat!" It was truly a Shabbat meal in the best of traditions.

And, every Shabbat, Jewish travellers who are in Venice will have the same welcoming experience.

Shylock would be amazed.

91-year-old gets PhD

Some weeks ago, my cousin Walter Gumprich of Saskatoon visited us with his daughter Gail. They celebrated Shabbat with us and then continued their trek to Montreal where they had a very special celebration. It concerned an old friend of the family, Dagobert Broh, and it is his tale that I want to share with you.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Broh was born in Berlin in 1904 and later moved to Muenster, the city in which both Walter and I (and my late mother) were born.

When the Nazis came into power, German Jews who could get away fled to the four corners of the globe, and it so happened that Walter and his family and Broh ended up in Canada. The latter made his home in Montreal where he became a bookkeeper and later manager of an export company. A man of great energy, he spent his vacations hiking the Rocky Mountains no fewer than eight times (driving there by himself); he travelled much and above all, he kept his intellectual interests alive. His family had not been able to afford him a university education, and he had always felt that he had missed something essential.

So, when he retired from his job, he began to turn to education as his full-time occupation. He entered Concordia University and at age 76, obtained his BA in French. He went on to study and 10 years later was awarded an MA in history. All along he knew that there were still more goals to reach, and his studies led him to go for a PhD.

An interviewer for *Concordia University Magazine* reported Broh as saying that to continue one's education there must be the will to learn. "If that's not there, then there is no use to go to school again ... If people want to learn something, then they should go back to school."

It took him 7½ years to write his 460-page thesis, which focused on the German language newspaper *Aufbau*, founded in New York in 1934 for German-Jewish immigrants as a bridge between the old homeland and the new. The *Montreal Gazette* had this to say: *Aufbau*'s goal, as Broh puts it, was to help readers "become good Americans and self-assured Jews."

Broh studied the paper and its impact across the decades, and produced his meticulously researched thesis. He confessed that he did not expect it to take that long "but, with aging, nothing goes quite as fast as before."

He spent 10-hour days writing the thesis. At first he used his old typewriter, but at age 88, he learned to use a computer to finish it. Now that it is done and he has defended it and obtained the coveted title of PhD, he isn't sure what he will do next. "When I studied, I knew what I had to do all day," he says longingly. "I have to find a new routine."

I have no doubt that he will. Intellectual curiosity knows no bounds and age is no hindrance.

Heartiest congratulations to this newest candidate for the *Guinness Book of Records*, who sets an example for all of us.

Working in, and for, a community

I've been writing for as long as I can remember — I self-published my first book at the age of three.

And everyone used to say to me, "You have to go into journalism! You'd make such a good reporter," but I never thought I would be interested. Journalism did not seem creative and the writing looked so dry. I thought if I became a journalist I would lose all my drive to write short stories, novels and poetry. I would smile at all the encouraging people and say politely, "No, I really just want to write."

By Sidura Ludwig

This spring, I began looking for a summer job. I'm the first to admit I am idealistic. I didn't just want a 9 to 5 retail job. I wanted to work in my field; I wanted to gain the "good experience" that everyone says we all need to get a job once we graduate.

I started telephoning a long list of publishers, hoping to hook up with an internship. My theory: if I could work at a publishing house, I would make publishing contacts and then when ready to hand in my first manuscript, I would know the right people in the right places.

But no one called me back. After two or three phone calls to each publisher, plus an updated resume to add to their files, I got a few letters back. Mainly, "Thank you for your interest in our company. We'll keep your resume on file for six months. We have nothing available at this time, but we'll let you know."

Of course — my mazel — the one place which did show an interest in me was *The CJN*, a newspaper. All of the sudden as a young woman adamantly against journalism, I found myself putting together the most impressive portfolio I could and praying that they would offer the opportunity to intern with them.

And when the editor called back after the interview and offered me this position, the same girl who thought journalistic writing was dry, found herself telling her family and friends that this would be an excellent experience.

I come from Winnipeg, which, I admit is a small town compared to Toronto. I chose to stay here for the summer to take advantage of Toronto's abundant opportunities. At the same time, I've been secretly searching for the homey feeling of a close knit community.

As I come to the end of my 12 week internship, I realize what I've been able to accomplish.

I've copy edited, I've reported and I've written — all the experiences I needed to come out of this summer feeling that I'm one step ahead. More than that, though, I've found here a mini-community and a sense of home that I hadn't felt before in this gargantuan city.

Every person who makes up this paper's staff has varying interests and niches. Each reporter is like a representative of parts of the community at large. There is this feeling, then, that everyone knows everyone else.

When my dad called from Winnipeg to take out a subscription, the staff in circulation said, "Oh, you're Sidura's father!"

That's what happens to me at home while I'm grocery shopping, or downtown, or in the North End. Someone will know me or my family. I never feel like I'm lost, and I always feel grounded.

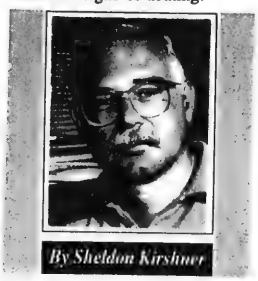
I'm not convinced that every journalistic experience I have will make me feel this way. I imagine that a lot of papers may be informal and cold, printing the news they believe the public wants to read.

At least here, I know the feeling of working for a community and working in one. I think rather than all the practical work experience I've received, I needed that more.

The Kirshner File

Controversy hits college's Jewish studies department

Queens College in New York City is at the centre of a controversy that shows no signs of abating.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Last month, Thomas Bird resigned as director of the Jewish studies program there, charging he had been hounded out of his newly appointed position by "primitive religious bigotry."

Bird, a Yiddishist and a former Soviet Jewry activist, is of the view that he was forced to resign because several of his colleagues were uneasy with his appointment.

One of Bird's chief critics, Samuel Heilman, a Queens College sociologist, suggested that Bird was unsuitable on two counts: he was neither academically qualified (Bird does not have a PhD) nor right as a "role model" for his Jewish students (he is a Catholic).

The Bird affair, which transcends New York's geographic boundaries, has polarized opinion in academia.

One of Heilman's staunchest defenders, Joseph Sungolowsky, a Queens College professor of French and Judaic studies, believes that only a Jew can be in tune with the Jewish students and members of the Jewish community taking Jewish-content courses.

Heilman heatedly denies that he is a racist. In a piece written for *The Jewish Week*, published in New York City, he praises Bird as "a man of integrity and honor, a fine teacher and a good friend of the Jewish people." And he maintains that non-Jews can and should teach in Jewish studies departments.

But having said that, Heilman argues that academic standards for Jewish studies should be no less rigorous than those of any other department. He adds that Jewish studies programs have a symbolic role, in that they provide "a legitimacy, stature and respect to Jewish studies on the campus, and underline the Jewish community's unique contribution to civilization and the academy." In this respect, Heilman notes, the head of a Jewish studies program serves as a "role model" for students and the Jewish community itself.

Allan Nadler, director of research at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, agrees with Heilman. Writing in *The Forward*, he states that accusations of racism hurled at Heilman debase the affair and preclude any serious exchange on the "real issue" — Bird's status as a scholar and his competence to lead a Jewish studies program.

Nadler writes that the most basic requirement for competence in the field is a mastery of Hebrew, the essential language of the Jewish experience.

"Bird is now being described as an accomplished Yiddishist who just happens not to have mastered Hebrew," Nadler observes. "But the very notion that one can be a serious scholar of Yiddish language, literature or culture without knowing Hebrew insults and demeans Yiddish more than it does Hebrew.

"Without access to ... Hebrew ... one can never master either the Yiddish language or truly comprehend Yiddish culture."

In concluding, Nadler says that Bird's appointment "reflects a disrespect for the seriousness" of Jewish studies on the part of Queen College's administration.

Lawrence Schiffman, a professor of Hebrew and Judaic studies at New York University and the author of *Reclaiming the Dead Sea Scrolls*, acknowledges that it is virtually impossible to properly pursue advanced research in the field without Hebrew.

Nevertheless, he has grave concerns. Bird, he charges in a piece in the *Jewish World* of Long Island, N.Y., was driven from office for "totally irrelevant reasons pertaining to his religious background, thus violating civil rights laws which the university is obligated by federal law to observe."

Jewish studies on the university level, he thinks, "cannot be confused with higher Jewish education given for Jewish communal purposes. They are just not the same thing."

Further on, he elaborates: "Only the misconception that Jewish studies is some form of Jewish parochial education within the university, or the notion that the Judaic studies professor is some kind of a clergyman, could lead anyone to think that only a Jew could head a Jewish studies department."

Henry Srebrnik, a political scientist affiliated with the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown, is of the same mind.

"In a secular institution," he writes in an e-mail letter, "there must never be an ethnic or religious means test for either students or faculty, in any discipline."

Srebrnik, who has taught modern Jewish history at the University of Calgary and Middle East politics at Gettysburg College, goes on to say: "After all, many Jews have headed departments of French, Italian, Spanish and so on. We would be the first ones to complain were such posts reserved only for those with the 'proper' ethnic background.

"Such 'essentialism' has no place in an institution of higher learning," writes Srebrnik, the author of *London Jews and British Communism 1935-1945*. "Jewish studies programs are not designed to produce rabbis but to introduce students to Jewish learning. I don't think 'being' Jewish, as opposed to 'knowing' things Jewish, ought to be a requirement."

In an editorial, *The Forward* concurs with this thinking. "Secular institutions should not be treated as the Hebrew schools that many parents failed to take advantage of when their children were young. Nor should our universities be a substitute for Jewish education in the home ... If the study of Jewish history and thought is to be taken seriously at the university level, it must be treated as an academic discipline — not a branch of Hillel."

Obviously, the Bird affair has evoked considerable passion. What do you think? Was Bird fairly or unfairly treated? Let us know.

Films that are worth seeing

Worth seeing ...

A Time to Kill, Joel Schumacher's film set in Mississippi, turns on a well-worn theme — the racial divide in America.

A black man (Samuel Jackson) kills two rednecks who've raped his 10-year-old daughter. He hires a relatively inexperienced, local white lawyer (Matthew McConaughey) to defend him. The local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan gets involved, and there is further turmoil and bloodshed.

A Time to Kill, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is manipulative, contrived and predictable at times. But on the whole, it works like a clock, exposing the racial animosities and inequities of American society and highlighting the crucial differences between law and justice in the legal system.

Courage Under Fire, starring Denzel Washington and Meg Ryan, is the first major Hollywood film about the 1991 Gulf War. It's not bad, but don't expect a film about Middle East politics or personalities.

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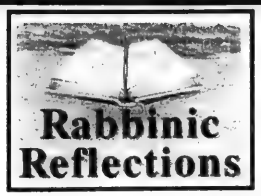

Attaining *kapparah*

By RABBI ARNOLD FINE

Instant communication, instant food, instant gratification, instant knowledge are often desired and seen as almost a right in today's society. At the same time, many of us know that something is missing and the "instants" do not really serve most of our needs.

The welcoming of the month of Elul this week reminds us that we, as Jews confronting a new year and its potential and responding to the difficulties and successes of the past, must begin the process of examining ourselves and getting ready for the experience and emotions of the coming *Yamim Nora'im*, the High Holy Days. This experience is not instant and cannot be called up on a computer or a CD-ROM. We require preparation if we are to understand and be moved by the power of this season.

Our tradition has taught that on the first day of Elul, Moses ascended to Mt. Sinai for the second time to receive the Tablets. He returned to the community on Yom Kippur, having attained *kapparah*, atonement for us. We therefore begin our own process of readiness at the beginning of Elul.

As the law codes emphasize, we blow the shofar from the first of Elul until the day before Rosh Hashanah, because the Torah refers to the sounding of the shofar in the Israelite camp as Moses climbed the mountain.

This tradition is a moral wake-up call to all of us, urging us to examine our lives and take the necessary steps to mend our souls. The sound of the Shofar shakes us from the moral and religious lethargy that we often encounter in our lives, and perhaps that is the reason it has such a central part of the prayer service in the Musaf of Rosh Hashanah. If we are awake to its message, it enters into the depths of our being. For most of us, that requires more than an "instant."

Also from the beginning of Elul until Shemini Atzeret at the end of Sukkot, in most communities, we recite Psalm 27, morning and evening. We do this to reflect an understanding of the midrash about the opening words of the Psalm: G-d is "my light" on Rosh Hashanah and "my salvation" on Yom Kippur and protects us "in His sukkah," during Sukkot. The midrash concludes with a hope that our trust in the Almighty will bring us strength and the ability to look after our religious, moral and emotional needs, which are so great during this season.

We all enter the synagogue during this season with the hope of experiencing the power of G-d. Too many of us, however, are like the fellow in a cartoon; he is on an escalator that has abruptly stopped and left him half way up. He calls to others to get a repairman, because he feels stranded and is going to wait for the mechanism to start again. Too many of us are stuck in a similar situation and must decide what we are to do. Shall we walk the distances, be they short or long, to attain the goals we have for the coming season, or are we going to wait until someone or something else takes us there?

With its traditions, Elul helps us get ready and reminds us that there are no short cuts, no satisfying "instants."

May we all be inscribed for a good and healthy new year!

Rabbi Fine is spiritual leader of the Agudath Israel Congregation in Ottawa.

Tribute to slain Israelis

TORONTO — Guests at a private dinner in Atlanta recently heard excerpts from a literary tribute penned by a Thornhill professor in honor of the 11 Israelis slain at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

The tribute, written by Manuel Linden, was read by Ankie Spitzer-Rekhess, widow of former fencing coach Andrei Spitzer and chief spokesperson for the families of the Israeli athletes.

She also discussed the tribute during an interview on *Dialogue*, a nation-wide Jewish radio program in the United States, said Cheryl Coco, spokesperson for the Israeli consulate general in Atlanta.

The tribute was originally shown at a commemorative service at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and it was displayed poster-size at the Ontario Provincial Parliament buildings in Toronto.

Here is the text of the tribute :

Lest we forget—the Munich Disaster 1972

Indeed, one recoils in horror and shock from all such acts of terrorism against society and, the issue becomes not one of Zionism but, Internationalism in the growing menace of violence in our life.

In tribute to the 'Olympic 11' whose hearts were once filled with dreams of a full life—future peace and prosperity — trees will be planted in the holy land—they will be full of sap and green—they will flourish and bear fruit and provide much needed shade to the arid land of the holy land. To the gentle winds of the Negev, the trees will bend in prayer to the brave 'Olympic 11'— indeed, bend to the higher tribunal of justice and chant the memorable 'Kaddush' to the fallen Maccabees, as it was in patriarchal times of the Arameans 16th century BCE as it is today:

"Yisgadal, v'iskadash schmay raboh" The trees will extend to form around the fallen heroes a temple whose pillars will be strong and remain, as a perpetual minyan to the pain of 4,000 years—softly melting the stones of the desert with tears that, gently caress the shores of the holiest of lands and tears, that flow softly to the sea.

Indeed, a solemn day walks within the shadows of the tall trees and, as the trees stoop in silent devotion to the fallen heroes they allegorically express a message to mankind:

"The taller man grows, the greater he should bend to societal needs."

There is no conclusion, the tragedy will be gently softened in the retrospect of time. The struggle for survival, peace and the 'Greatest Good' will remain, as an indefatigable symbol of the Israelis. In tribute to the brave 'Olympic 11' the world can say:

"They were ready to live or die nobly." (Maccabees 4.55)

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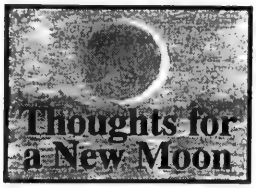

Confronting oneself

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

This month we begin our introspection and our spiritual preparations for the High Holy Days. The most frightening journey for anyone is a journey inward whose final destination is outward. Jews must travel into the very reaches of the soul with frightening honesty, to assess and confront themselves. They must then take these assessments and confrontations and present them outwardly to God with the same frightening honesty.

Yet is it fair to hold someone accountable to religious truths and moral practices they may not have learned? Although we believe ignorance is no defence for a crime, the "crimes" included in our self-evaluations are often committed from perspectives that are completely acceptable in the world around us.

We may not worship idols or be guilty of murder or robbery, but these are not the only actions which we review and resolve. If we have engaged in gossip, or have embarrassed anyone, then we are equally guilty of very serious "crimes." How can our culture demand a standard of behavior that may be unknown to many Jews who have not had the opportunity to learn the complex value system that is Judaism?

The Talmud recognizes this concern and answers it with a discussion of the activities of an infant while it develops within the mother. The Talmud begins by describing the physical positioning of the infant: it appears "folded in" upon itself in its tucked position. There is a light present which allows it to see to the ends of the world and the infant is taught the entire Torah from beginning to end while it is developing inside.

The image is a beautiful one; we see an infant at its most protected time, engaged in the highest spiritual pursuit "folded in" because its focus is inward. It can see the entire world and is being taught the tools it will need to function positively within that world. And yet, the Talmud concludes by saying that once it is born, an angel touches the child's upper lip and all the knowledge is forgotten.

This conclusion is perplexing. Why spend nine months mastering the secrets of the universe only to forget them when your life begins?

Possibly the answer lies within the problem itself. One can accept the image of an unborn child glimpsing wisdom that is hidden, for can we truly understand the status of the soul at this stage? The problem is in not the learning — it is in the forgetting. Yet this is the very message of the image. How can we be expected to live by standards we may not have learned? Why would we search inwardly for meaning we may not possess?

The Talmud tells us that in fact we do possess this knowledge. The information grew inside us as we were becoming human. It has been coded into us in the same way as were our eye color and our hair color. Yet why must we forget? Because the journey toward knowledge is as important as the knowledge itself.

e-mail lists build a community

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

There are few moments as moving as a first encounter at the Western Wall.

What is you want to talk about your experience at the Kotel but have no one to share it with? or if you are trying to trace your family roots but don't know where to turn? Or if you can't find someone with whom to discuss the role of women within Judaism? Or want to catch up with long-lost friends from your youth movement but have no idea what ever became of them?

All you have to do is write a letter. And mail it on the Jewish Highway.

Actually, your letter is a piece of e-mail and it isn't addressed to anyone in particular but to something called a List. A list is simply a record of people from around the world who share a common interest. When a message is posted to a list, everyone who has joined automatically gets a copy of that letter.

But unlike conventional letters you get in the mail, this electronic exchange of correspondence is immediate and free. When you join an e-mail list, you have an opportunity to build a true sense of community...even if that community stretches around the world and is made up of members who will probably never meet in person.

There are several different kinds of lists which you can join. Some are moderated. That means that one person acts as a kind of gatekeeper to ensure that all messages sent in are appropriate before they are mailed out to the subscribers. Other lists are unmoderated. As soon as you send a message in, it is immediately sent out to everyone on the list. Unmoderated lists can be quite wild because there is no quality control. Finally, there are some lists that don't solicit public input. These lists can be compared to a column in a newspaper or newsletter to which people subscribe in order to receive essays from a respected writer.

Virtual Jerusalem

Once you've found a list that interests you, you need to know some basic commands in order to subscribe. For example, if I wanted to subscribe to Shamash's list on Jewish Music, I would send off the following e-mail message: TO: **[listserv@shamash.nysernet.org]** SUBJECT: And the message would read: subscribe jewish-music mark mietkiewicz

Note that Subject is left blank and that I have used my real name in the message and not my e-mail address. Shortly after you send off your message, you will receive an automatic reply that you have joined the list.

There are many other important list commands which I don't have the space to go into such as how to remove your name from a list and how to find out who else is subscribed to the list. One of the clearest summaries of those commands can be found in Virtual Jerusalem's *Crash Course on Lists* **[http://www.virtual.co.il/city_services/lists/what.htm]**. A more detailed explanation of *Discussion Lists: Mail List Manager Commands* can be found at **[http://lawlib.slu.edu/training/mailser.htm]**.

A good place to start your hunt For Lists is using, what else, the *Liszt* search program **[http://www.liszt.com/]** which indexes over 50,000 Internet Lists. I found 62 matches for the word Israel and over 150 searching for Judaism, Jewish or Jews.

After the upcoming *chagim*, I'll devote a column to the best sites dedicated to Jewish and Israeli lists. And I'll explain how people with e-mail accounts can search out and participate in lists even if they don't have full Internet access.

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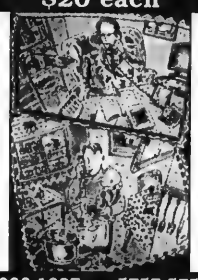
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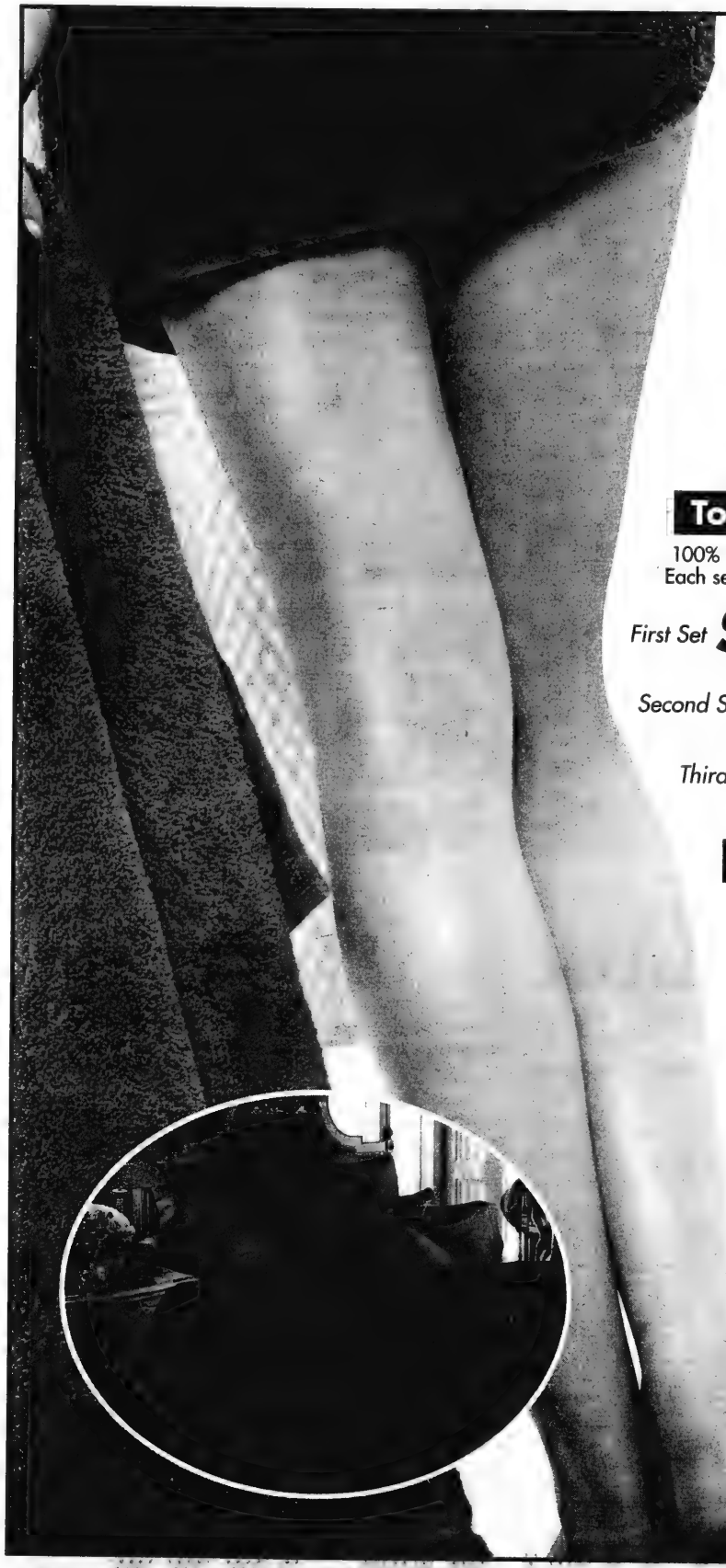

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Greater Toronto Area

Immigrants' stories told in fascinating new book

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When the Cowan (Cohen) family lived at 235 Maria St. in the Junction in the west end, the children ran over muddy roads and railroad tracks to school, and made their own footballs from the bladders of cows slaughtered in the nearby abbatoir.

One of them was Saul Cowan, now 85, former chair of the North York Board of Education. He was one of nine children, five brothers and four sisters. (Only four sisters, including Miriam Rose of Toronto, are still living.)

In his book *Images in My Mind*, a private publication, Cowan tells a fascinating story of the riches Jewish immigrants and their children brought to Toronto.

Cowan's father, Zvi Hirsh, was a gabbai at Knesseth Israel near their home, one of Toronto's oldest synagogues. His mother, Chana Leah (Gollom), he writes, once sent him next door to borrow a dollar because another neighbor needed it and there was no money in the Cohen house.

An older brother, Jack, was a longtime president of United Jewish Peoples Order; another, Norman, was active in promoting anti-discrimination legislation. A nephew, the late Bernard Cowan, was a well-known CBC announcer.

Saul himself worked as an accountant and found fulfilment as a volunteer.

A social reformer and NDP supporter, Cowan's unorthodox ideas are evident in his book. Instead of formal religious beliefs, he says his concept of God is closely linked to a community which helps its members in need.

As a man who helped lead North York schools through their biggest period of expansion, Cowan has lost none of the educator's zeal, but today's politics baffle him.

"People do not seem to be able to compromise, to make poverty a thing of the past and give hope to people in need."

He writes in personal and affectionate terms of his first wife, the former Lillian Rosenthal; of their two children, Michael, a physics teacher at Vanier Community College in Montreal, and Trudy, a community and Heritage activist in Calgary; and of his present wife, the former Libbie Aiken.

He says that after World War II, he and his brothers decided to change their name from Cohen because of prejudice against Jews.

He paid his way through the University of Toronto by working at the Jewish Boys Club after school ($25 a month) and at their summer camp ($125 for the season).

It was a long walk to their home from the university. But his brother Woolf did even better, he writes. A cutter at Tip Top Tailors by day, Woolf pased his senior matriculation (Grade 13) without even entering a classroom, studying at home or on the street car.

His oldest sister, Kate, now living in New York, went to work early to help support the family, a contribution Cowan says he will never forget. His other sisters, Rivka and Jeanne, live in Florida.

Saul and Lillian were married in 1932, but continued to live separately with their own parents, because only unmarried women could hold city social work jobs and they needed her salary. However, someone "snitched," she lost her job and they moved in together to two rooms.

In 1954, running for deputy reeve of North York, Cowan lost his first bid for public office by 400 votes. But he was elected as a trustee to the North York Board of Education two years later and then re-elected by ballot or by acclamation for the next 20 years.

Readers may be surprised to learn that Cowan, who spent nearly every waking moment on serious subjects, entertained at hospitals and nursing homes as a clown, with other members of B'nai Brith Manor Lodge.

One chapter of the book is devoted to Morris and Celia Rosenthal's Wapaska Lodge in Muskoka, which operated as a family holiday resort between 1948 and 1965. Financially, the project was no great shakes, Cowan writes, but it was a success in promoting friendships and family values, as its alumni (including this writer) will testify.

The interior of the Maria Street Shul (top). Saul Cowan (bottom) tells a fascinating story of the richness Jewish immigrants and their children brought to Toronto.

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Bob Rae to present first Lenkinski Memorial Lecture

Louis Lenkinski

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Former Ontario premier Bob Rae will give the first Louis Lenkinski Memorial Lecture on Human Rights in December to coincide with International Day for Human Rights.

Rae was a close friend of the doughty labor leader who died suddenly a year ago after a lifetime of fighting for the rights of the working class.

Lenkinski worked so tirelessly for human rights, including Jewish causes, that the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) set up the lecture series under the chairmanship of Rabbi Jordan Pearlson.

CJC is conducting a limited financial campaign to ensure success of the lecture series; charitable tax receipts will be issued.

In these days of budgetary cutbacks, donations are vital to keep up the work to which Louis Lenkinski devoted his life, Rabbi Pearlson said. Describing him as a "minuscule giant," Rabbi Pearlson said the diminutive unionist fought against injustice wherever he found it.

"It is entirely appropriate that the lecture series be devoted to furthering the causes for which he worked so hard," the rabbi said.

"Louis was guided by the dignity he believed was due everyone, Jew and non-Jew, white, black, male or female, all deserved to be treatd with kindness, equality, justice and respect," said Bernie Farber, CJC's national director of community relations.

Among his many other posts, Lenkinski was chair of the Ontario region's community relations committee at the time of his death.

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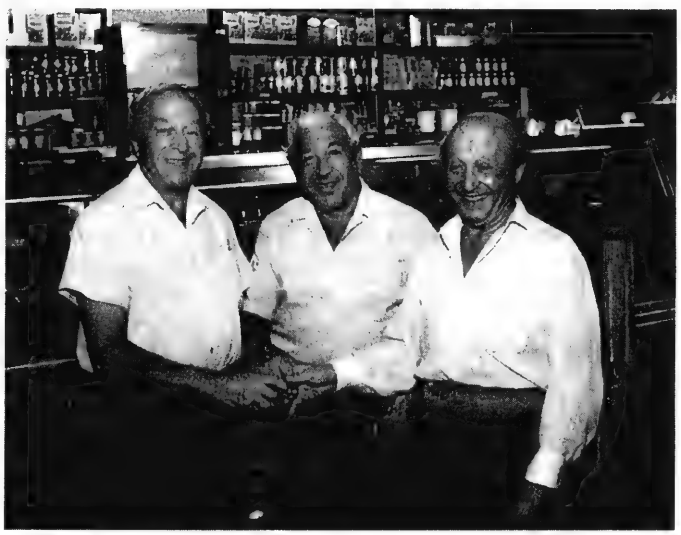

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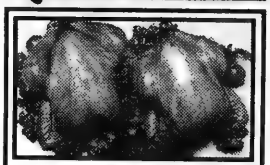

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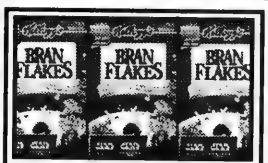

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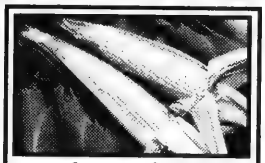

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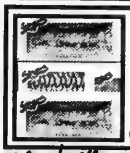

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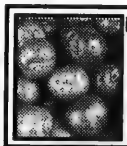

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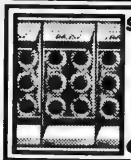

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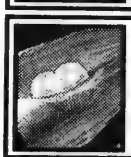

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CHABAD YOUTH CLUB

Chabad Youth Club offers trips to Dark Zone, Blue Jays game, canoe trip, yacht cruise, bonfire gettogether, trip to the Catskills, Shabbaton Friday night Shabbat experience, Sukkah sleepover, trip to Comedywood, chassidic mystical learning, and more. Open to Jewish teens of all Jewish backgrounds, Grades 6-8 and 9-OAC (must be entering these grades). **Michael** 905-764-2933.

DESIGNER CLOTHES

The weekend of Aug. 23, the Bloor JCC and Tom's Place host an inventory Warehouse Clearance Sale of designer men's and women's fashions at 50-80 per cent off. A portion of the proceeds will go to L'Chaim, the Bloor JCC capital campaign. Special preview Thursday, Aug. 22 for JCC members and regular customers of Tom's Place. For sale hours, 924-6211.

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The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program and help them discover their Jewish heritage. There are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. Call CIP at Bathurst Jewish Centre, 636-1880, ext. 261 or 636-2316.

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Do your kids have trouble making friends? Jewish Family & Child Service offers a peer socializing for kids who are shy, have difficulty making friends and asserting themselves with others. Group will improve your child's social skills and and enhance his or her self-esteem. Begins Oct. 17. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 214.

TZEDAKAH DISPLAY

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation is looking for tzedakah boxes, old and new, to exhibit at its upcoming tzedakah display. New Jewish communal and religious organizational boxes can be left at the synagogue office, 470 Glencairn Ave. If you have a tzedakah box of historical, artistic interest or an older Jewish organization, please leave your name and phone number with **Carol** at the synagogue, 789-3213. Displays are secure and insured.

For Seniors

For individuals 55 and over with good communication skills and committed to volunteering. A 60-hour training program begins Wednesdays in September, focusing on personal growth, communication skills, and the aging process. Includes volunteer placement. Information and orientation Tuesday, Aug. 20. Sponsored by Baycrest Centre, Bernard Betel Centre, Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care and supported by Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. 638-7800, ext. 799.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Thursday, Aug. 15, Unico Foods; Sunday, Aug. 18, barbecue and entertainment, members $5, non-members $6; Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls; Thursday, Sept. 5, trip to Peterborough, 9 a.m., members $25, non-members $30; Monday, Sept. 9, Thornhill Square Mall, members $2, non-members $3. Membership still open, $12 per year. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Thursday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., *The Ghost of Georgian Bay*, a commentary film about history and nature of Georgian Bay. Sunday, Aug. 25, trip to Midland-Georgian Bay including dinner and a cruise through the 30,000 Islands. Departure 8:45 a.m. Members $27. **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka 630-5771.**

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Monday, Aug. 19, 1 p.m., second orientation meeting for Israel trip (Nov. 4-25). **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for Miami trip 1997, Wednesdays 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Public affairs forum, Social Benefits: Will They Exist in the Year 2000?, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Institute's Schlesingers' Series, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. — **Prof. Ben Schlesinger**, Jewish Life in Foreign Outposts-New Zealand, Australia, Jamaica, India, Aug. 20, and Today's Realities, Tomorrow's Issues, Aug. 27; **Prof. Rachel Schlesinger**, Midlife Transitions, Sept. 3, and Grandparenthood: Transmission of Culture, Sept. 10.

Summer Evening Social, Thursday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., with dancing, entertainment, light supper. members $7, non-members $9. Tickets at Information Desk.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Aug. 21 is a concert with **Cantor Efram Sapir**. For information, **Anna**

Movie, *Carousel*, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to music of the Creative Band, Sunday, Aug. 18, 7:30-10:30 p.m. **Alla**.

at the JCC/BJC

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About People

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva welcomes **Barbara Waldman Tamir** as its new executive director. She recently served as executive director of Canadian Society of Yad Vashem for five years. A Montreal native, Tamir moved to Israel in 1974 where she worked for 10 years as an executive officer in the Trade Department of the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv. She and her family moved to Toronto in 1987.

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At the Acumed Medical successful first charitable Pain Symposium, over 40 therapists along with the Etobicoke Optimist Club volunteered their time and effort to raise money for Camp Trillium, a summer camp for children with cancer.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Shown at the sixth annual Shaare Zedek Hospital/Solursh Feldman & Partners golf tournament held at Kleinburg Golf and Country Club are, standing (from left) Dov Altman, chair, New Leadership Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, and Stephen Caffrey, golf tournament co-chair, with, seated (from left) Brad Fox and Evan Stone. Proceeds were directed to the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

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From coast to coast

Congregation Beth Tefilah

London JNF dinner honors survivors

By SUSAN MERSKEY
CJN Correspondent

LONDON, Ont. — Close to 350 people attended the recent 1996 Negev Dinner held in the Great Hall at the University of Western Ontario.

The event honored 43 Holocaust survivors, and silent tribute was paid to others no longer living, who had made their homes in London. It also celebrated Jerusalem 3000.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Dow Marmur, senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, who is himself a Holocaust survivor, paid tribute to London for the choice of honorees, and praised the work of the JNF.

Every Holocaust survivor who has rebuilt his or her life has demonstrated the enduring power of Judaism, he said. Through remembering the past and affirming the present, we are trying to safeguard the future.

Sue Barnes, MP for London West and Dianne Cunnigham, MPP for London North, brought greetings on behalf of the federal and provincial governments. Mayor Dianne Haskett, who, with her husband, took part in the recent Jewish National Fund (JNF) MegaTour to Israel, brought greetings from City Council and on her own behalf.

Musical interludes were provided by the Temple Israel Youth Choir, violinist Henry Krichker, and Cantor Joseph Freiman of Congregation Or Shalom, who was accompanied on the flute by Noam Chernick.

The funds raised at this year's dinner are being directed to Yad LaYeled, an education centre established in memory of the 1½ million Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust.

Gala to mark shul's 30th

LONDON, Ont. — Congregation Beth Tefilah is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a gala evening on Oct. 20.

In 1966, a small group met to discuss the formation of a minyan that would offer the London community an Orthodox alternative to the services then available.

The first service was held on Shabbat Chazon 5726 (July 23, 1966) at the home of Isaac Moskowitz.

The High Holy Days were celebrated that year in a rented hall and were conducted by Rabbi Harry Shapiro. About 50 people attended.

With the help of Rabbi Morton Green, who was consulted about the formation of a more permanent congregation, six members of the minyan provided the funds to purchase a piece of land with a small building that became the first home of the Beth Tefilah.

Under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Abraham Mandelbaum, the first rabbi of the synagogue, the congregation grew to the point where they decided to undertake the building of a sanctuary.

The synagogue's first members were older, many of them Holocaust survivors who did not believe that young people would be attracted to an Orthodox setting. They were wrong. A number of young people, mainly from the University of Western Ontario, were attracted to the more traditional service.

Beth Tefilah has maintained a regular schedule of traditional daily, Shabbat and holiday services, under the guidance of several spiritual leaders and boards of directors headed first by the late Isaac Moskowitz, and then by Ralph Waldman, Morris Friedman, Harry Tugender, Stanley Sober, Monte Caplan, Mervyn Sherebrin and Abraham Santopino.

As part of its 30th anniversary, the congregation is producing a souvenir brochure and would like to include greetings from as many former congregants as possible.

For more information, contact Adela Gorodzinsky, 10 Thirlmere Rd., London, N6G 4R1; or telephone 519-642-1962.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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From coast to coast

Hamilton Bonds to honor mother and daughter

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — For the second year in a row, Hamilton State of Israel Bonds Women's Division will honor a mother and daughter at its gala luncheon — Zelda Rostoker and Fay Schmerling.

The fifth of seven children born to Nachama and Moshe Nekrich in Starodorogi, Russia, Rostoker was 11 when she joined the Hashomer Hatzair Zionist youth group.

In 1928, at the age of 16, she came to Hamilton to join a sister already here, and before long was involved in a local Zionist group, a Jewish theatre group and Pioneer Women, now Na'amat. She also became one of the leading advocates for Jewish education for every Jewish child in the community.

In 1932, she married the late Morris Rostoker, who had spent several years in Palestine before immigrating to Canada in 1930. They had two sons and two daughters.

Rostoker is a past president of Lillian Shekter chapter, Pioneer Women, served as a representative on the Council of Jewish Organizations and as a captain for the United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. She is a volunteer with the sick and visiting committee of Beth Jacob sisterhood.

Fay Schmerling (left) and Zelda Rostoker are to be honored by Hamilton State of Israel Bonds Women's Division.

An avid and gifted craft worker, she donates much of her work to Anna Herscowitz chapter of Hadassah-WIZO and to Shalom Village, where she has been a volunteer for the past 13 years. Rostoker is a grandmother of 10 and this year became a great-grandmother.

A graduate of the Hamilton Teachers' College, Fay Schmerling taught public school for several years until the birth of the first of her two daughters in 1967.

But her interest in education was evident earlier. Still in her teens, she began working at the JCC on Sunday children's programs, at Camp Kadimah and at Beth Jacob Hebrew School, where she has been teaching for the past 22 years.

Active with Anna Herscowitz chapter, she organizes their annual bazaar crafts booth.

Schmerling is also involved in Beth Jacob sisterhood and State of Israel Bonds and is a past chair of United Jewish Appeal Women's Division.

The luncheon takes place Sept. 5 at noon at Adas Israel Synagogue. The guest speaker will be Polish-born survivor and author of *All But My Life*, Gerda Weissman Klein. The story of her rescue from the Germans by a U.S. intelligence officer whom she subsequently married was made into a documentary entitled *You Are Free*, which received an Academy award in 1996.

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From coast to coast

Winnipeg doctor hoping to establish new yeshivah

By MYRON LOVE
Special to the CJN

WINNIPEG – Dr. Gerald Minuk, one of Canada's leading liver specialists, is tackling a matter of the soul rather than the body in his current efforts to establish a yeshivah here.

Although Minuk is working in conjunction with the Chabad movement, the yeshivah would be open to the whole Jewish community.

Minuk sees the yeshivah as a step forward in re-establishing Winnipeg's reputation as a centre for Jewish religious learning. Both he and Rabbi Avraham Altein, spiritual leader of the Ashkenazi Synagogue (where Minuk is a regular attender) and head of the Lubavitch Centre, envisage a yeshivah program that would attract students from across western Canada.

Locations being scouted

The fundraising vehicle for the Yeshivah project is the Max Minuk Yeshiva Fund which was established last spring by the Minuk Family in honor of the 75th birthday of Gerry Minuk's father. (The elder Minuk passed away last Pesach after a lengthy illness.) The Minuk Family have long been supporters of the Ashkenazi Synagogue (the last of the old North Winnipeg shuls) and Chabad. The fund was initially intended to provide scholarships for Winnipeg students wishing to attend a yeshivah elsewhere. It has evolved into a fund to raise money for a yeshivah in Winnipeg as well. Several thousand dollars have already been raised, Minuk reports.

He has already been in contact with interested people in Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver and he visited a yeshivah in Ottawa to learn about its program. Locations for a site for the yeshivah are being scouted.

Within the next month or so, a committee is being established to determine short and long term funding prospects.

One source of funding will be Mayer Zev Enterprises (Mayer Zev was Max Minuk's Yiddish name), founded by Gerry Minuk last year originally to market a computer program for liver diseases which he developed with a British colleague. The program, whose aim is to help general practitioners identify and monitor some forms of liver disease, is being marketed worldwide.

The company has also taken on the marketing of several other medical software programs developed by scientists around the world. Minuk is pledging 10 per cent of the company's earnings to the yeshiva project.

Presently, according to Rabbi Altein, plans are underway for the development of a summer yeshivah program here next summer while fund raising continues for a full scale yeshivah - perhaps as early as the fall of 1998. The summer program would offer a combination study of Talmud, Shulchan Aruch and Jewish thought. Adult students, as well as teens would be welcomed. A full scale yeshivah would include a full range of English subjects.

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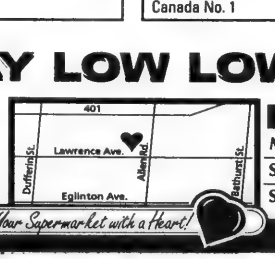

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MONTREAL – Jewish Information Referral Service (JIRS) has launched a guide to Jewish Montreal which lists many of the city's synagogues, kosher restaurants and popular Jewish and non-Jewish attractions.

Designed mainly for visitors to Montreal, the free guide will also prove useful to locals looking to learn more about the city's rich Jewish heritage.

"We didn't want to duplicate information that is already available in the city's tour books, so we put together something that focuses on Montreal's Jewish sites and caters to the particular needs of the Jewish traveller," said Iselott Gasman, chair of JIRS.

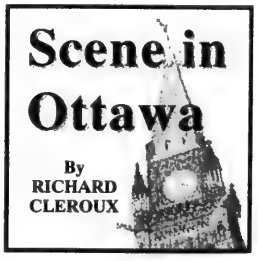
Gasman says the guide was prompted by the numerous calls JIRS volunteers receive each year from out-of-towners looking for information about the city.

The guide lists synagogues located near hotels so that observant Jews can attend services.

Also included are lists of kosher restaurants and bakeries, Jewish bookshops, stores that sell religious artifacts and even a pair of kosher bed-and-breakfasts. Jewish sites listed include the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, the YM-YWHA Jewish Community Centre and the 80-year-old Jewish Public Library.

Of particular interest to both out-of-town tourists and local Montrealers is a map of landmarks in the old Jewish neighborhood bounded by Park Avenue to the west, St. Denis Street to the east, St. Viateur Street to the north and Pine Avenue to the south.

The guide is available at the JIRS office on the ground floor of Cummings House, 5151 Cote Ste. Catherine Rd. Telephone orders are accepted Mondays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 514-737-2221 or toll-free, 1-888-CJA-JIRS.



Richard Cléroux is on holiday and will return in two weeks.

From coast to coast

Hunt is on for athletes for the 'Jewish Olympics'

TORONTO — With the Atlanta Olympics over, it's time to start thinking about the Jewish Olympics, or the Maccabiah Games as it is more commonly known.

Maccabi Canada is on the hunt for top Jewish athletes for the team it expects to send to the 15th Maccabiah Games in Israel next summer, July 14 to 24.

Tryouts for a variety of sports are just around the corner, with the month of September action-filled for young Jewish athletes.

Many will try out under the watchful eyes of nationally and internationally-known coaches, a fact that Bob Luxenberg, captain of the '97 team, points to with pride. "We went all-out to recruit the best coaches," he says.

The hockey team will be coached by Jacques Demers, former coach of the Detroit Red Wings and Montreal Canadiens and winner of a Stanley Cup ring with the '93 Habs.

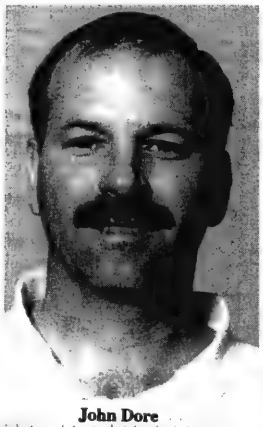
Victor Zilberman, a former Canadian Olympic coach, will lead the wrestling team while the basketball team will be coached by John Dore, head basketball man at Concordia University and coach of the national team at the 1995 World University Games.

Other top-ranked coaches include: Daniel Berthelette, winner of national championships in waterpolo; Joseph Hulka, who coached the women's gymnastics team at the 1987 Pan American Games; and Bill Gate, co-head coach of the Pointe Claire Swim Club.

Hockey tryouts are first up with hockey regional tryouts beginning on Sept. 2. in Toronto and Montreal. Cote St. Luc Arena is the venue for the Montreal tryouts while a location has yet to be announced for Toronto.

For skaters in Quebec and points east, the contact person is David Lisbona, at 514-875-2100 ext. 239 or 514-487-3283; for Ontario and the West, contact Gideon Lee at 416-512-6660 or 416-259-6655.

National tryouts for golf are set for Sept. 9 and 10 at the Rideau View Golf & Country Club in Ottawa. Contacts are John Holzman at 613-226-3311 and Luxenberg at 514-733-6636 in Quebec.



John Dore

Male golfers should have at least a six handicap, women an eight handicap.

National tryouts for softball (regionals were held earlier this summer) will be held in Toronto on Sept. 7 and 8 at Clanton Park. Contact person is head coach Brian Revin at 416-251-2245 or 416-251-0776.

National rugby tryouts are scheduled for Oct. 6 in Toronto and in Vancouver on Dec. 1 at Connaught Park. Contacts are head coach Philip White in Ontario at 905-525-9140 or at 905-523-6011 and assistant coach Phil Vernon in British Columbia at 604-522-5711 or 604-597-8895.

Regional tryouts in mini-football are set for Montreal on Sept. 7 and 8 and in Toronto on Oct. 12 and 13. Contacts are head coach Joe Amar in Quebec at 514-956-6000 or assistant coach David Rumack in Ontario at 416-393-1789 or 416-424-2525.

National squash tryouts will be held in the fall of '96. Contact person is head coach Pat Richardson at 416-481-9545 or 416-487-4581, ext. 225.

Regional tryouts for 10 pin bowling will be held in Toronto in October and November '96 and January '97 and in Montreal during the same months. National tryouts will be held in Toronto in February and March 1997. Contacts are head coach Phil Sroka in Ontario at 416-665-9656 or in Quebec, contact assistant coach Steve Shulman at 514-748-0730 or 514-748-9483.

Jacques Demers

National tennis tryouts are scheduled for Rockland Sport in Montreal from Dec. 20 to 22. Contact person for Ontario is head coach Norm Katz at 514-369-8267 or 514-939-9794 or assistant coach Jaquie Fefer at 604-224-2423.

National wrestling tryouts will be held in Montreal on Feb. 15 and 16 at Vanier College. Contact person is assistant coach Robert Moore at 514-487-7487 or 514-931-9481.

National tryouts for water polo will be held at the Dollard des Ormeaux Civic Centre at a date yet to be set. Contact Morty Gordon at 514-683-8591.

National karate tryouts will be held in Montreal in March and April '97 at the Snowdon YM-YWHA. Contact in Quebec is head coach Manuel Manzon at 514-696-1803 and in Ontario, Michael Hirchberg at 416-631-0341.

Basketball tryouts will begin with regional tryouts on April 19 and 20 in Montreal and April 12 and 13 in Toronto. National tryouts are scheduled for May 3 and 4 in Montreal.

Contacts for basketball are head coach John Dore in Quebec at 514-848-3850 and assistant coach Sy Herling in Ontario at 905-731-0442.

More than 6,000 athletes from 58 countries are expected to compete in junior, open and master categories. The Canadian team will include 275 athletes, coaches and medical staff and will have former Montreal Canadien great Jean Beliveau as its chef de mission.

With the inclusion of hockey for the first time in the games, Maccabi Canada has been flooded with applications from young skaters across the country, Luxenberg said. In addition to Demers, the team will have Charlie Henry, general manager of the Hull Olympiques and Charles Thiffault, former assistant coach of the Canadiens, as the coaching braintrust.

Chris Broadhurst, head trainer of the Toronto Maple Leafs, along with eight other physiotherapists and trainers and two doctors will provide the Canadian team with medical support, Luxenberg added.

The Maccabi organization can be reached by mail at: Maccabi Canada, P.O. Box 42523, 5150 Queen Mary Rd., Montreal, Que., H3W 1X0.

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From coast to coast

Shul to honor longtime member

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Temple Anshe Sholom congregation will host a tribute dinner on Sept. 8 in honor of longtime shul member Al Berns.

Born and raised in an Orthodox home in Toronto, Berns and his wife, the former Ruby Yaffe of Hamilton, settled here in 1948. Ruby was a member of Temple Anshe Sholom and they joined as a couple. Before long. both were involved in every aspect of synagogue life.

As a building committee member when Anshe Sholom was planning its new building on Cline Avenue North, Berns has his name on the cornerstone, laid in 1951.

Ever since, he has looked after the temple as though it were his own. He knows every nook and cranny of the building, every pipe, duct and switch, sees to it that the boiler is kept in good repair year round and that the heating and air conditioning work. He looks after social hall rentals and wedding and bar mitzvah arrangements and other functions, makes sure the requisite number of tables and chairs are set up, that all necessary props, lighting and sound equipment are in place and in working order and looks after funerals and the cemetery.

And since he joined the *chevra kadisha* some 20 years ago, he is familiar with the plans of the other three Jewish cemeteries.

"I look after the living and the dead," Berns says.

He has taught Hebrew at the temple religious school and when necessary, taken a class for Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Rabbi Emeritus. On the High Holy Days, Berns is head usher and he has volunteered with UJA campaigns and helped on JNF Negev Dinners.

Long retired from his job as plant manager with Kent Steel, Berns will be 81 next January. It's time for someone younger to take over — preferably, he hopes, a volunteer, who, like himself, will do whatever he can "so that the temple doesn't have to pay for it."

Ruby has also served as a volunteer and worked as the Temple secretary for 18½ years.

Scholarship fund nearing $2 M mark

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Corresondent

VICTORIA — The Rabin Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Peace is nearing the $2 million mark, according to Stephen Lipper, national president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CHFU), which sponsors the fund.

Five major meetings have been held to date — in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria — to promote the fund, Lipper told *The CJN* at a press conference at the Empress Hotel. Gifts have been made by 3,000 contributors.

Leah Rabin was the principal speaker in Montreal and Toronto; a video of her talk was shown in Winnipeg; and Rabin's daughter, Dalia Pelosoff, was the special guest at the West Coast. Attendance in Montreal and Toronto was about 1,000 in each city, while 170 turned out in Vancouver and 125 in Victoria.

Lipper emphasized that the scholarship is strictly a Canadian project, conceived by the CFHU after lengthy discussions with the president of the Hebrew University. A $2-million fund earning an average of eight percent interest will provide about $150,000 per annnum for scholarships. Capital will be held in perpetuity.

The fund will not be used to set up another faculty. Scholarship winners from around the world will be able to study for a year at Hebrew University in their own disciplines, such as economics, law, environment and conservation.

At least one scholarship winner a year must be a Canadian, Lipper said. The scholarships will begin with the 1977-98 university term. One post-graduate student selected as especially outstanding will be termed the Rabin Scholar of the year.

Lipper said scholarships will be awarded to students of all nationalities and religions, anywhere in the world where the borders are open to Israelis.

Lipper said Hebrew University is currently welcoming students from Arab countries, a good number of them Palestinians. Two are from Jordan.

Lt.-Gov. visits Jewish camp

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Jim Kinley made a triumphant return to Camp Kadimah recently, after an absence of more than 53 years.

The last time Kinley used Lake William in Lunenburg County, N.S., where Camp Kadimah is located, was in 1942 when the area was a guides' camp. This time Kinley visited as lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, the first time a Nova Scotia vice-regal representative has come to the camp.

"He and Mrs. Kinley had a marvelous time. We couldn't get him to leave — not that we wanted to," said Jon Goldberg, executive director of Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC), who helped host the visit.

The Kinleys, who live in Government House in Halifax during their five-year term, but whose full-time home is in Lunenberg County, arrived in the late morning for a swim in Kadimah's pool. They had lunch with the campers and staff, who greeted them with *Heveinu Sholom Aleichem*, and visited various areas of Kadimah, including the cultural and arts and crafts centres.

מזל טוב Mazel Tov

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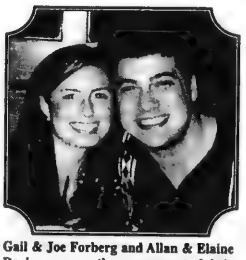

Gail & Joe Forberg and Allan & Elaine Davis announce the engagement of their children Eva Roslyn to Richard Ari. Grandparents are Simon & David Forberg, Bertha Handelman and Rose & Henry Davis.

Loren Freid graduated from Sheridan College with a diploma in classical animation. Congratulations from your wife Lisa.

Vic & Faiga Lewis and Howard Gelman announce the marriage of their children Andrea Jacqui & Jeffrey Martin on May 12.

Happy 90th birthday to Sandor Weiss. May you celebrate more in good health with Bubby. Love from Sophie, Joel, Robyn & Jeffrey.

Mazel tov to Rivka & Jack Springer and Lily & Leonard Rogovein of Montreal on the engagement of their children Barry & Franceen. Proud grandmother is Pearl Pivnick.

Dr. Ralph & Mrs. Pauline Rosen of White Plains, N.Y. celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in Toronto on June 28 with their son & daughter-in-law Carl & Ruth and grandchildren Gabrielle Rosen and Ilena & Mark Borinsky.

Mary & Joe Pallman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, June 28. Lots of love from Lil Yasny, Shirley Pallman, Diana & Sheldon Lofsky, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bea & Irving Salsberg celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. We wish them mazel tov.

Leah & Joe Shimmerman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 26 with children Joan Ross, Alan & Debby Shimmerman, Ryna & Jerry Miller, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mazel tov to our parents Louis & Ida Kafka on their 50th wedding anniversary from children Helen & Tom, Bernie & Brenda, Dorothy & Harry and Rachel & Haskell. and all your grandchildren.

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יעדער מענטש דאַרף לעבן מיט שכל, זיך ניט אויפרעגן, לעבן בשלום מיט זיך און מיט אַנדערע און שטרעבן צו פולער באַפרידיקונג מאַטעריעל און גייסטיק, געזעלשאַפטלעך און קולטורעל. דער מענטש דאַרף קענען זיך פרייען מיטן לעבן, וואָס איז געבויט אויף ליבע און גוטע מעשים פאַרן וואוילזיין פון דער געזעלשאַפט.

מיד, די עלטערע מענטשן דאָ אין קאַנאַדע געדענקען דעם שווערן לעבן אין דער אַלטער היים. דער גרעסטער טייל מענטשן זיינען געווען פאָלקס-מענטשן. פרנסה איז געווען בדוחק. אָבער מיד האָבן געלעבט מיט האָפנונג און בטחון. מיט דער צייט האָבן מענטשן אַנגעהויבן לייענען יידישע און וועלטלעכע ליטעראַטור. עס איז רייפער געוואָרן דער קלאַסן-באַוואוסטזיין צווישן די האָרעפאַשנע מאַסן, וואָס האָבן אָנגעהויבן קעמפן אי אויפן עקאָנאָמישן און אי אויפן פאָליטישן געביט.

מיד לעבן היינט אין אַ צייט, ווען דער לעבנס-שפּאַן פון מענטשן האָט זיך באַדייטנדיק פאַרלענגערט, אַ דאַנק דעם גוואַלדיקן פאָרשריט פון דער מעדיצינישער וויסנשאַפט און אַנדערע וויסנשאַפטלעכע און עקאָנאָמישע דערגרייכונגען. דאָס האָט געפירט צום וואוקס פון דער עלטערער באַפעלקערונג. עס זיינען אויפגעקומען צאָלרייכע קלובן און צענטערן, וואָס באַדינען הויפּטזעכלעך עלטערע מענטשן (סיניאָרס). די אינסטיטוציעס פירן אָן מיט קולטורעלע און געזעלשאַפטלעכע טעטיקייטן, וואָס באַרייכערן דאָס לעבן פון די מיטגלידער, און מאַכן אויך אַ בייטראָג צום גאַנצן יידישן ישוב.

די יידישע „סיניאָרס" קלובן קענען שפּילן אַ וויכטיקע ראָל אין געזעלשאַפטלעכן לעבן פון יידישן ישוב אין טאָראָנטאָ. אַ גרויסער טייל פון עלטערן יידישן דור האָט הינטער זיך אַ געשיכטע פון טעטיקייטן און דערפאַרונגען אין דער אַלטער היים און אויך דאָ, ביי אונדז אין לאַנד. די דערפאַרונגען קענען העלפן אין פלאַנירן די פראָגראַמען און טעטיקייטן פון די קלובן.

דער קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש ביי דער יידישער פעדעראַציע פון גרויס טאָראָנטאָ האָט שוין אַ סך אויפגעטאָן צו הויבן די חשיבות פון דער יידישער שפּראַך ביי אונדז אין שטאָט און וועט, אָן צווייפל, אויפנעמען ווענדונגען פון קלובן צו העלפן זיי באַזאָרגן מיט לעקטאָרן אָדער פאָרלייענער ביי זייערע צוזאַמענקונפטן.

עס איז וויכטיק, אַז מענטשן פון עלטערן דור זאָלן אַריינגעצויגן ווערן אין די אַקטיווע טעטיקייטן אויפן געזעלשאַפטלעך-קולטורעלן געביט. אַ סך פון די טעטיקייטן ווערן אָפּגעשפּיגלט אין „יידיש ווינקל" אין „קענעדיען דזשואיש ניוס", וואָס דערגרייכט טויזנטער יידישע היימען און העלפט דערוועקן דעם אינטערעס צו דער יידישער שפּראַך און קולטור. עס איז, אגב, וויכטיק, אַז דער „יידיש ווינקל" זאָל אויסגעברייטערט ווערן און דערשיינען כאָטש יעדע וואָך, אָנשטאָט יעדע צוויי וואָכן, ווי ביז איצט. איך האָף, אַז די רעדאַקציע פון דער צייטונג וועט דאָס נעמען אין אָנבאַטראַכט.

עס איז, לויט מיין מיינונג, וויכטיק, אַז די געראַטעוועטע פון חורבן זאָלן באַקענען דעם יינגערן דור מיט די שוידערלעכע איבערלעבונגען אין די געטאָס, שקלאַפן-לאַגערן, באַהעלטענישן און פאַרטיזאַנער אָטריאַדן בשעת דער הערשאַפט פון די היטלערישע באַנדיטן. דאָס וועט העלפן שטאַרקן אונדזער אַנטשלאָסנקייט אינעם קאַמף קעגן אונדזערע שונאים, קעגן אַנטיסעמיטיזם און נעאָ-נאַציזם, אומעטום וואו די טרעגער פון מענטשן-האָס פרובירן אויפהויבן זייער קאָפּ.

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From coast to coast

Professor's memoir regales with incredible tales

By MAURICE LUCOW
Special to The CJN

VICTORIA — A seance with Mussolini, a visit with Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, taking a convoy through Arab lines during the Israeli War of Independence. These were some of the adventures of retired University of Victoria (UVic) professor Shlomo Efrat.

Efrat has written about his experiences in his autobiographical book, *The Black Shofar*, whose name comes from the author's World War II visit to Aleppo, Syria, where the local rabbi asked him to take a 2,000-year-old shofar to Jerusalem.

The story was first included in an anthology prepared by members of a Jewish Community Centre creative writing class.

"The reaction to my piece on the shofar was an inducement to put in writing a number of other personal experiences and the book is the result," says Efrat.

Unusual things just seemed to happen when Efrat was on the scene. A corporal in the British army and later an officer in the newly formed Israeli army, Efrat was attending the University of Rome and acting as secretary with the delegation of the Jewish Agency to Italy in 1946.

He was staying at a guest house in Milan where one daughter, Maria, talked to spirits, especially her dead boy friend Willy who had been killed in World War II.

One night when she was speaking to Willy's spirit, Efrat was invited to watch. He joined in the conversation and says he was reasonably convinced after questioning Willy that Willy was indeed speaking truthfully and that this was no figment of the imagination.

Efrat asked Willy if Mussolini was available and when Il Duce spoke up, Efrat asked: "Is your friend Hitler there?"

"Don't you dare call him my friend," was the angry reply, Efrat reports. "My falling in with him was the greatest stupidity and mistake of my career. I engaged in ventures we couldn't afford and I turned against faithful Jewish Italians, many of whom died. Hitler is alive and in Argentina."

Maria served as the medium throughout, using a deep masculine voice, and she spoke well, despite the fact that she was uneducated and could barely speak Italian.

Efrat had asked Mussolini for some proof of their conversation and he was promised "a sign." This came shortly afterward, when an Italian newspaper headlined the news that "Hitler is alive and seen in Argentina."

The State of Israel was barely two weeks old when Efrat was assigned to organize a mission to Israel of Italian leaders. The mission he arranged included a senator, papal nobility and journalists. Efrat took them in a motor convoy, first to Haifa and then, armed with a letter from Moshe Sharett, the acting minister of foreign affairs, to Tel Aviv and then to Jerusalem, on a road blockaded by Arabs.

The senator's lead car carried the Italian flag. The convoy was stopped at Latrun, but Sharett's letter convinced an Arab official to let them through — he even invited them all in for coffee. Israeli troops at the entrance to Israel-occupied Jerusalem could scarcely believe the group had made it.

In 1964, Efrat was in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, and joined a crowd waiting to see Emperor Haile Selassie. Efrat had his camera ready and an official approached him. The photographer had not turned up to get a photo of the Emperor receiving flowers from a little blind girl. Although a very amateur photographer, Efrat agreed to take some pictures and was introduced to Haile Selassie.

"He invited me, in French, to walk with him, asked about Canada and spoke of his stay in Jerusalem when Ethiopia was occupied by the Italians," Efrat writes.

While still in the British army, in 1944, he was in Taranto, where he was introduced to the Bishop of Lucera to discuss Hebrew and to translate Hebrew tombstone inscriptions discovered by the church in a Jewish cemetery nearby.

The Bishop asked Efrat to take a letter to Pope Pius XII (Rome had just been liberated). When the Pope's secretary accepted the letter, Efrat could see him through an open door. Asked if he wanted to meet the Pope, Efrat declined because he felt he was not dressed properly — wearing khaki shorts, boots and putties. But the Pope blessed him from his office.

Efrat's book reads like an adventure novel, the story of a man who has led a fascinating life — truly a "wandering Jew."

He was born in Germany and joined his father in what was then Palestine in 1933. When World War II broke out, he enlisted in the Jewish Infantry Brigade of the British army. Demobilized in 1945, he soon after joined the IDF.

After completing service with the Israeli forces, he got his BA in political science and MA in government at American universities. He got his PhD at UVic in 1962, joined the faculty and taught there until 1989.

Just released, *The Black Shofar* retails at $11 (paperback) and can be ordered from Efrat's Publishing Co., Carmel Publishing, 4461 Arsens Place, Victoria, B.C. V8N 3T7. Phone or fax 604-477-8783.

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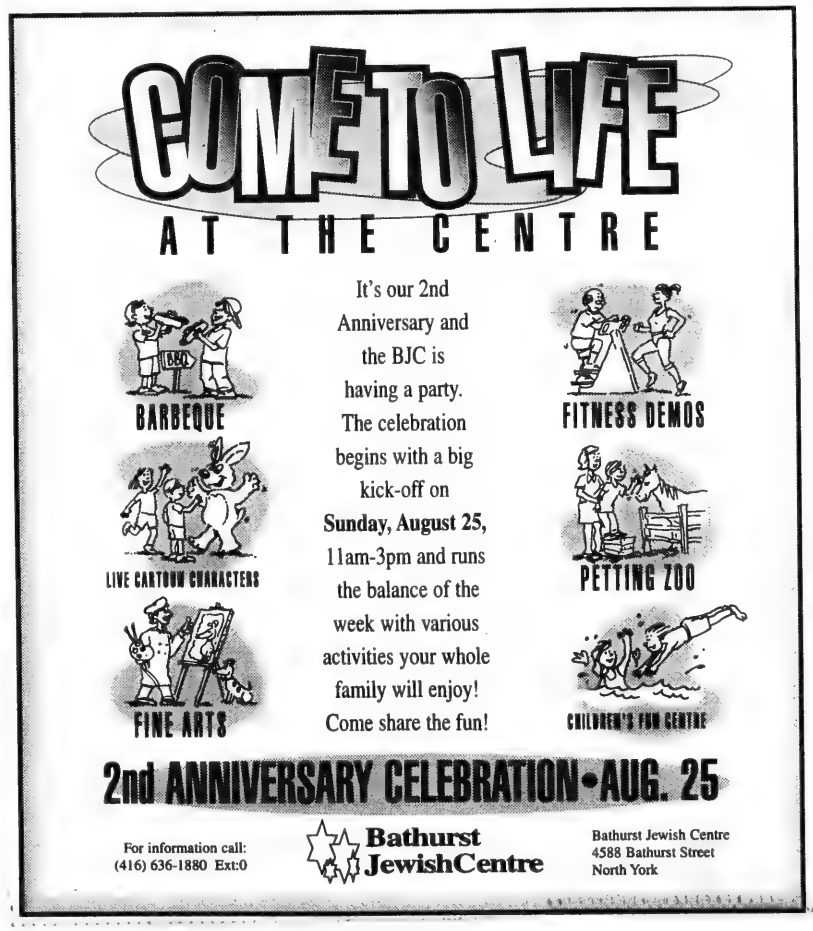
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Tribute for Beliveau

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Montreal Canadiens hockey legend Jean Beliveau treated his recent tribute dinner by the Maccabi Canada organization with much the same style that defined a dazzling and classy career.

With more than a little mist in the eyes, Beliveau deflected the honors with much the same finely-honed technique that he used to use to deftly redirect a pass.

"We are here not only for me, but to support a great cause," were the words chosen by an obviously moved Beliveau to summarize what made him decide to return to the Maccabi Games in Israel next summer as *chef de mission* of the Canadian team.

The first time was in 1985. And as Beliveau recalled both in his recent memoirs and to the over 400 tribute dinner guests at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, the glorious memories have remained firmly ingrained in his being, especially the march of athletes into Ramat Gan Stadium.

"To live that great experience was like no other," Beliveau remembered. "Let me assure you your money is being well spent."

The dinner was thrown not only to honor Beliveau for his strong support for the organization, but to act as a public relations and fund-raising springboard for Maccabi Canada's most ambitious participation at the games ever.

From coast to coast

Survivor family's story told in one-woman show

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — *The Waltonsteins*, a one-woman production about a family that became dysfunctional as a result of the Nazi persecutions, will be presented by local actor Frannie Sheridan at the Norman Rothstein Theatre in the Jewish Community Centre, from Aug. 25 to Sept. 5.

Sheridan, who also wrote the play, tells about her survivor parents who met and married in Canada and raised their children as Catholics because the father was convinced the next holocaust would be in Canada. She and her six brothers and sisters were warned repeatedly never to tell anyone they were Jewish and family members threatened her with legal action when they learned she was going to reveal the family secret in the theatre, she says.

"But I finally found my voice and I feel I've come home."

Sheridan was a daughter of Bernie Sigal and Leisel Zwienicki. In 1939, Sigal, a doctor born and raised in Austria, escaped to Switzerland after learning that his parents had been taken by the Nazis in a roundup of Austrian homes. He was interned for three years in Switzerland before emigrating to Canada.

Zwienicki, the mother, was at the family home in Bremen during Kristallnacht when her mother was murdered. She, too, managed to get to Canada, where she eventually met and married Sigal.

The young couple went to work in Saskatchewan after the war, but one evening local anti-Semites broke into Sigal's office and beat him up.

By the time Sheridan was born, the family lived in Ottawa where the father was a noted eye surgeon — they had changed their name to Sheridan. The parents had decided that to protect the children, no one must know they were Jewish. The kids were baptised and sent to a Catholic school.

Sheridan didn't learn about her identity until she was nine. Only one brother had admitted he was Jewish and he became a rabbi. None of the other siblings shared her return to their Jewish roots.

The mother, who died in 1988, came back to Judaism before her death and asked to be buried in a Jewish cemetery, with the rabbi son conducting the service. The father had moved back to Vienna in 1976, continuing to hide his Jewishness.

This sad story is told by Sheridan, who plans to expand it into a full-blown play.

The Waltonsteins is being produced by the Canadian Department of Heritage and the Vancouver Holocaust Centre.

'Shameful' policies documented

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — *Nothing To Be Written Here*, a 47-minute Holocaust video, written, directed and produced by Wendy Oberlander, recently premiered at the Pacific Cinematheque, before being shown daily at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

"*Nothing To Be Written Here* examines a chapter in the shameful wartime record of Canada's imigration policies," Oberlander told *The CJN* in a phone interview. "It marks a significant moment in the Jewish Diaspora in the 20th century."

Mixing personal narration and historical documentary, the video traces Oberlander's discovery of her father's wartime experiences. Exiled from Austria in 1938, interned in Britain and then transferred to Canada in 1940, her father was one of over 2,000 German and Austrian refugees held in internment camps near Montreal along with Nazi prisoners of war.

The camp was described by Canadian authorities as a place for "dangerous, enemy aliens" and internees were treated like PoWs, despite efforts of Canadian Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations to free them.

Oberlander says that "public and private silence surrounding the scandalous story compelled me to examine my inheritance, leading me to public archives, unpublished memoirs and former internees."

The result is a documentary that incorporates a historical narration, a personal narration and her father's memories, plus visits to former camp sites in Eastern Canada. A layering of film and video images — handwritten letters, fire, a boat and a suitcase, build on the stories that Oberlander has developed from her extensive research.

Oberlander is a producer of multimedia productions whose work has been shown in Canada, Iceland and the United States.

Nothing To Be Written Here was funded in part by the explorations program of the Canada Council, the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal and the National Film Board.

The video won first place in a Holocaust biography contest held by the Judah L. Magner Museum in Berkeley, Calif.

The video is showing in Vancouver as part of the art gallery's show, Aspects of B.C. Arts. It runs until Jan. 12, 1997.

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From coast to coast

Quebec patriarch's story no dry genealogical tract

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

About six years ago, Montrealer Anne Joseph spent two days researching and compiling a brief history and family tree of the illustrious Joseph family for her husband Bill and his five children, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

"I thought that would be the end of it, but instead it was only the beginning," says Joseph, whose family and a Quebec City publisher urged her to start a much larger study of the Joseph family.

The result is *Heritage Of A Patriarch*, a 562-page book that outlines the genealogy and history of this pioneering Jewish family that has lived for 10 generations in Montreal. The patriarch of the title is Henry Joseph (1775-1832), who settled in Montreal in 1790 and founded the merchandising firm Joseph & Co., which operated until 1956.

One of the earliest Jewish families in Montreal, the Josephs were entwined through marriage with other early Jewish families with surnames like David, de Sola, Franks, Hart, Hays, Judah, Pinto and Solomons. Oddly, although Joseph's book contributes substantially to our knowledge of early Canadian Jewry and its links to well-known personages in the United States and England, she says it has aroused more interest outside of Canada. In recent months, she has been invited to speak to groups in Tel Aviv and Boston.

A Sephardi Jew, Henry Joseph evidently came to Montreal from England, but the family's history before then is cloudy.

"We think they came from Spain and travelled through Portugal, France, Holland and England before coming to Canada, but we can't prove it," Joseph says.

Besides utilizing many archival documents from various sources, she used diaries, letters and four large boxes of private family papers that her husband had inherited.

Consequently, *Heritage Of A Patriarch* reads more like an intriguing historical account than a series of dry genealogical charts. The book contains dozens of illustrations.

As Joseph shows, various present-day members of Montreal's historic Shearith Israel Synagogue, including Bill Joseph, are direct descendents of the founding families of 1768. Another distinction is that the Josephs are one of few Jewish families with a family crest. The crest depicts numerous sheaves of wheat, evidently a symbol of the biblical tribe of Joseph, and bears a latin inscription which translates as "Both the Honor and the Reward of Integrity."

Pioneering Jewish family

The British-born Joseph, who has lived in Montreal for most of her adult life, laments the political changes that have reduced the city's Jewish community and notes that three of her five stepchildren have moved away permanently. Ironically, her publisher, Denis Vaugeois, is an ardent separatist who served as a cabinet minister in the PQ government of Rene Levesque.

"Our political views are diametrically opposed," says Joseph, "but we're still good friends and he's passionately interested in the Hart and Joseph families."

Now that *Heritage Of A Patriarch* is in print, Joseph has started her next project, a biography of Alan Rose, the former executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress who died in 1995. The project, says Joseph, has the blessing of Congress.

Published by Editions du Septentrion in Quebec City, *Heritage Of A Patriarch* is available in bookstores or from the author by phoning 514-487-1214.

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UJA Federation spreads community message

The upcoming UJA Federation annual campaign will be something to beleive in. Radio, billboards, print ads, and videos will feature Jewish Torontonions proclaiming their belief in community and what UJA Federation does to bring the community together.

"We've put together a really great marketing team this year devoting a lot of energy and creativity to the campaign," explains Campaign Chairman David Goldstein.

Vision Cabinet members like Carole Sterling will help deliver the Campaign message.

UJA Federation raises money to fund, among other services, financial assistance for the poor, Toronto's Jewish education system and rescue of Jews in distress anywhere in the world.

Deep government spending cuts and rising demand for social services have led to increased pressure on UJA Federation and its beneficiary agencies.

The *We Believe* marketing strategy is based on research showing how much people care about the Jewish community and want to belong. "UJA Federation offers that sense of belonging," explains Carole Sterling, a member of the Vision Cabinet whose leadership is a key element in getting the message across.

Other Vision Cabinet members include Michael Bregman, Lawrence Bloomberg, Jack Carr, Sherry S. Cooper, Dale Lastman, Michael Rosenberg, Lorraine Sandler, Gerry Schwartz, Larry Tanenbaum, and Elaine Todres.

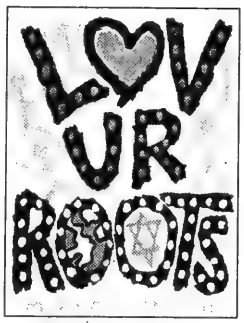
1997 Campaign launch rooted in community

By Elyse Adams

The entire Jewish community is invited to get back to their roots and express their belief in community as UJA Federation kicks off its 1997 campaign at a gala launch party on August 26.

This year's community campaign launch at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, will feature a multimedia presentation hosted by actor Al Waxman with live theatre and music from Israeli recording artists *Shorashim*, and the premiere of UJA Federation's new campaign video *Keep the Fire Burning...Chapter Two.*

"It's a contemporary 90's sort of thing that's high energy and perfect for the entire family," says Debbie Kimel, a veteran UJA Federation leader who is co-chairing the event along with Michael Budman and Don Green. Kimel says she "hopes to get those who are unaffiliated more involved."



"Most of us have always felt it has been our parents' responsibility. Now it's time for us to carry on to the next generation. By remembering our roots, we are going to take on that responsibility."

Roots are understandably important to Michael Budman and Don Green, co-founders of Roots Canada. The company has commissioned special T-shirts for the occasion that will be sold in selected stores across Metro Toronto. All proceeds from T-shirt sales will go to UJA Federation.

The 1997 UJA Federation Campaign Launch takes place Monday August 26 at 8:00 pm at the Ford Centre for Performing Arts, in the George Weston Recital Hall. Seating is limited and organizers have no doubt the event will sell out quickly. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door. For more information or to order tickets call (416) 631-5700.

Shorashim: (clockwise from top left); Irma Fisko, Shai Kaminsky, Shalom Soto, Meital Trabelsi, Yael Levy and Stephen Arnoff

David Goldstein,
UJA Federation 1997 Campaign Chairman

"While the need has always been great within the community, government budget cuts have made this year's campaign all about the survival of our community infrastructure. The threat is great and real. Losing these essential services and programs will tremendously weaken one of the most unique and recognized Jewish communities in the world.

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Community Matters

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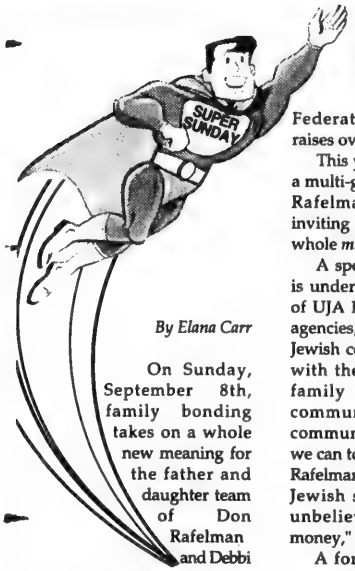

By Elana Carr

On Sunday, September 8th, family bonding takes on a whole new meaning for the father and daughter team of Don Rafelman and Debbi Stern. They're co-chairs of *Super Sunday* for UJA Federation's 1997 annual campaign.

Super Sunday is a one day telethon at which hundreds of volunteers call thousands of households on behalf of UJA Federation. It traditionally raises over $2 million.

This year's *Super Sunday* has a multi-generational theme and Rafelman and Stern are inviting volunteers to bring the whole *mishpacha*.

A special recruitment effort is underway to enlist the help of UJA Federation beneficiary agencies, synagogues and large Jewish corporations in keeping with the campaign theme of family and belief in community. "We, as a community, must do all that we can to help each other," says Rafelman. "Numerous essential Jewish services require and unbelievable amount of money," he adds.

A former UJA Federation Chairman, Rafelman, who has been involved with UJA Federation since the mid-1950's, has always stressed the importance of Jewish values to his children. "Our family believes that UJA Federation is the central important Jewish fundraising organization and we recognize the importance of demonstrating our commitment to Israel, as well as to our local Jewish community."

In 1988, Rafelman took his daughter Debbi on a UJA Federation mission to Israel. She became emotionally involved with the country and was extremely impressed with the many projects and services supported by the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency. Since then she has followed in her father's footsteps by taking on various leadership roles within UJA Federation.

As a full time mother, Stern is committed to serving the community and wants her children to understand the importance of her commitment. "I have grown up with a community-minded family, so when I started having children, I felt the importance of stressing Jewish values to them," she explains.

Debbi Stern and Don Rafelman

Rafelman says he is exceptionally proud to be co-chairing *Super Sunday* with his daughter and hopes that by joining forces they inspire other families to become connected to the community and UJA Federation. "People in my generation need to see other dedicated families and I truly hope that other families will follow our lead," says Stern.

More volunteers are needed to help staff the phones and perform other supportive tasks throughout the day. *Super Sunday* will be followed by a Super Week, September 9-12. Training sessions for telephone campaigners will be offered, as well as day-long prizes. For additional information on how to make your Sunday, September 8th a SUPER SUNDAY, please contact Elliot Halperin at (416) 631-5734.

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Community Matters

Mission shines spotlight on Israel

By Zameret Kleiman

The UJA Federation Arts & Entertainment Division will soon be showing Israel in a unique light. The division's upcoming *Spotlight on Israel* Mission, October 22-29, will provide both an Israel experience and an insider's look at the country's growing A&E industry.

The Mission, celebrating Jerusalem's 3000th anniversary, includes special briefings and a reception with Israeli arts and entertainment professionals. Mission participants will also be able to witness first hand the success of UJA Federation funded projects.

"Spotlight on Israel provides an opportunity for representatives from all sectors of the entertainment industry to get together," says Richard Sadowski, who co-chairs the A&E division with Howard Lichtman.

"Unlike the last A&E Mission to Israel in 1988," says Lichtman, "this year's *Spotlight* will be a national trip which will include participants from across Canada, broadening opportunities for networking."

Tour highlights include ice skating at Canada Centre in Metulla; meeting performers, painters and musicians who have recently immigrated to Israel; confronting key political issues with journalists and residents of the Golan and settlements in the territories; and deluxe accommodations.

To reflect the Mission's national scope a planning committee has been created composed of leading A&E figures: Howard Lichtman, Richard Sadowski, Irene Berkowitz, Paul Bronfman, Lawrie Fein, Michael Goldberg, Allen Karp, Allan Krasnick, Michael Levine, David Novek, Joel Reitman, Richard Ross, Leonard Schein, Maurice Tietolman and Ron Robins, Chair of CJA Federation's Communications Division in Montreal. According to Robins, "we have been receiving tremendous feedback about the mission and its cross country scope."

There is an optional excursion to Jordan from Oct. 29-30, featuring visits to Petra, Amman, Jerash, Madaba and Mt. Nebo.

For more information contact Paul Marcus at (416) 631-5729 or 1-888-635-2424.

Spotlight on Israel mission participants will be visiting UJA Federation funded Project Renewal sites such as this daycare facility in Eilat that Cheryl Wortzman toured earlier this year.

The right move

By Steve Sivan

Twelve year old Igor Saharov gingerly fiddles with his jacket as he tries to pull the sleeve over his limp right arm. It's been nearly two years since a bullet pierced his shoulder and neck as a result of civil war in his home town of Tiraspol, Moldova.

Igor and his parents, Alla and Valerie, were airlifted out of Moldova to Israel along with a group of other Jewish families by the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency in early March.

"We could simply no longer go on living in Moldova," Alla says. "We endured too much suffering since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Mafia-style gangs have taken control of the streets and the authorities are too weak to deal with them."

Igor and Alla Saharov

Igor fell victim to the chaos two years ago as he walked home after a football game. A stray bullet, fired in a gun duel between warring gangs, hit him where the shoulder and neck meet.

"He was completely paralyzed for months," recalls Alla, "but a combination of physiotherapy and surgery was able to bring back the use of most of his body except his right arm."

Alla admits that her primary motivation in immigrating to Israel was to provide her son with access to proper medical treatment. "But now that we are here, there is no going back to Moldova," she adds. "Igor's shooting was not an isolated incident. It could happen again. I was simply not relaxed in Tiraspol. I couldn't sleep at night."

"I cannot say that we feel completely at home yet," admits Alla, "but the natural beauty of the country and the warmth of the people make me feel very optimistic about the future."

Medical problems aside, Igor is looking forward to starting school in Haifa. "I've missed the best part of two years of schooling because of my injury," says this young man whose interests are mathematics and science. "I have a lot of catching up to do and I can't wait to get on with it."

The Saharovs are just one of hundreds of thousands of families rescued from turmoil by the Jewish Agency with funding from UJA Federation in Toronto and other Federations around the world.

Halleluya 1996

Halleluya 1996 song competition contestants. Top row (left to right) Tamar Danziger, Hillel Maresky, Jonathan Shapiro, Robert Adam, Yuval Hason, Darren R. Kagal, Jonathan Adam, Shneur M. Bielak. Bottom row (left to right) Sara Weisman, Jordana Talsky, Leora Raivich, Maytal Golan, Marina Olhavsky, Tamy Savion, contest organizer. Maytal Golan won for best vocalist, Yuval Hason for best lyricist and Darren R. Kagal, best composer. The competition was made possible through a continuity grant from UJA Federation to the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Canadian Zionist Federation. The contest winners will go to Israel for the Halleluya 1996 international competition this summer.

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Ashkenazi families sought in schizophrenia study

By MIRIAM RINN
The Jewish Standard

It's everyone's secret fear: You have a perfectly normal child until one day, lightning strikes. That lightning could take the form of a speeding car, a seductive drug, or a mysterious disease.

That disease could be schizophrenia. The child you had so many hopes for could become a stranger, paralyzed by irrational fears or otherwise out of touch with reality. And you can do little or nothing to help. In fact, you wonder if you are to blame

Scientists now know that parents' behavior has nothing to do with schizophrenia, which affects one percent of the population. There may, however, be a genetic link, and researchers at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHMI) in Baltimore have sent out a call for Ashkenazi Jews to participate in researching possible genetic roots of the disease.

Dr. Ann Pulver, an associate professor of psychiatry at the JHMI and the project's principal investigator, told the *Jewish Standard* that she is particularly interested in talking to Jews with large families in which there are several members who have the disease. The study involves five other institutions in the United States and Europe.

The scientists chose Jews not because there is a higher incidence of schizophrenia among them, but because Jews still tend to marry people of their own background.

"Ideally, I would like to study the more Orthodox community," Pulver explained, as they are the most likely to marry within a restricted group.

Pulver, an epidemiologist, has been studying schizophrenia since 1980. Her current study has been underwritten by the Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation, manufacturers of Clozaril, a relatively new drug for the disease.

Participants in the study will be interviewed and have blood samples taken for DNA analysis. Although psychotics are often suspicious and frightened of strangers, Pulver said she has had no trouble convincing schizophrenics themselves to take part in the study, explaining that "because schizophrenics have so little opportunity to participate in society, they are eager to help." Parents will also be interviewed and have blood samples taken.

"We are looking for a biological basis for the disease," Pulver said, adding that schizophrenia is probably more than one illness.

Symptoms of schizophrenia include hallucinations, paranoia, lack of motivation, an inability to connect to other people or form attachments, and an inability to experience pleasure.

Peaks and valleys

It is a chronic and recurrent illness of peaks, valleys, and plateaus, according to social worker Menorah Rotenberg, who runs a 20-session psycho-educational workshop for the families of young adult schizophrenics at the Englewood Centre of the Community Centres for Mental Health, at 93 West Palisade Ave. in that community.

Before the development of drugs, in the '50s and '60s, to control the more bizarre symptoms, schizophrenics were routinely confined in state mental asylums. Although everyone acknowledges that modern medicines have dramatically improved the care of schizophrenics, "they have not been as transforming as we had hoped," said Rotenberg.

Even with medication, most schizophrenics are unable to hold jobs or to get along by themselves in the world.

For parents of schizophrenic children, the pain never ends, according to Rotenberg. "It is an ongoing process of grieving, oscillating between denial and acceptance."

Although many schizophrenics don't exhibit symptoms until young adulthood, some show early signs of something being wrong. One British medical study, reported in the *New York Times* on May 28, found that there were indeed subtle differences in those children who later became schizophrenics, overlooked by parents at the time.

"She had a difficult time relating" right from the beginning, a Bergen County Jewish woman who will be called Mrs. X told the *Standard* about her mentally ill daughter. After the age of 10, she got worse. A hard time in school led to a diagnosis of perceptual impairment.

"She was not very logical. She didn't seem to know consequences," said Mrs. X.

Mrs. X's daughter continued to behave more and more bizarrely as she matured. When she went away to college, she announced that she was engaged to be married. Since there was no young man and no ring, Mrs. X was uncertain, but her daughter continued to insist that she was to be married soon.

"She got kicked out [of college] after one term" and then moved from job to job. The engagement was forgotten, and despite her daughter's frequent hospitalizations at Bergen Pines, Mrs. X became hopeful that she had found some stability when she managed to keep one job for 12 years. Then a grandparent died, and the young woman became more unstable. A physical attack upon her mother in their rabbi's office made treatment imperative. But, like many mentally ill people, she refused treatment.

"When you would say something to her, she would run out," her mother recalled. Mrs. X's daughter now lives in a state-run group residence in Morris County. Ironically, she was always the most religious member of the family. "What we really need is a kosher, Jewishly-oriented residence," said Mrs. X, who lobbied for just such a home.

Prospective study participants are invited to call, toll-free, 888-289-4095.

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Health news

New herpes drug unveiled

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Ben-Gurion University (BGU) researchers have developed a new anti-viral ointment, based on extracts from micro-algae, that has been shown to be highly effective in lab tests against various types of herpes.

Many millions of people around the world suffer from herpes. In its herpes simplex virus (HSV) form, it attacks the skin and nervous system and produces small,short-lasting, irritating, and sometimes painful, fluid-filled blisters on the skin and mucous membranes.

Another type of the virus (HSV2) causes genital herpes, which is usually transmitted by sexual contact. This virus affects both men and women. It may be passed on from the mother's blood to the fetus or to the newborn by direct contact during birth.

Until now, the accepted treatment for herpes has been the synthetic drug acyclovir, which is meant to prevent the copying of the viral DNA. However, this drug, which is expensive, can cause side effects, and there are increasing reports of viral resistance to it.

The BGU team, headed by Prof. Shoshana Arad, director of the university's institute for applied life sciences research, included Prof. Ya'acov Tal, director of the virology department at BGU's medical school, and Dr. Mahmoud Halihal. Arad has been working on the herpes drug for over two years.

The drug, as yet unnamed, has been shown very effective against herpes in hares and mice in the lab and successfully tested at the Pasteur Institute in Paris and Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem.

It will begin clinical trials soon. BGU's research and development branch has the patent and the Swiss pharmaceutical company Debiopharm has purchased the development and marketing rights.

According to the Swiss company, the ointment should be on the market within three years.

"Approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other authorities should not take too long," said Arad, "because [the oinment] is derived from a natural substance and it is used externally with no significant side effects even during long-term use."

'Dr. Fluency' aids stutterers

By SISSY BLOCK
Jerusalem Dateline

JERUSALEM, Israel — The Speech and Hearing Centre at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem offers a three-week intensive course for stutterers with a one year follow-up. In the course, a group of four to six participants work together to learn a new way to speak. This includes correct movement, proper breathing and use of vocal cords.

Arieh Friedman is one of many Israeli stutterers who have successfully completed this course. His experience led him to design a computer program that would be an enjoyable and interesting way for stutterers to practice what they have learned. Called "Dr. Fluency," the program is now an integral part of the hospital's stuttering therapy.

Its eye-catching graphics are highlighted by encouraging picture icons. The patients record themselves doing the exercises. Then they listen to themselves for self-evaluation and afterwards receive objective feedback from the computer. Each lesson is first taught to the group by the speech pathologist. Then the individual patients work at the computer for 20 to 40 minutes. Afterwards,they divide into pairs and practice.

Familial tendency

Why people stutter in the first place is still unclear. Stuttering is not genetic, however, there seems to be a general familial tendency to develop this impediment. It can also be an environmental reaction, which may or may not be associated with a traumatic event. Children commonly develop disfluency between the ages of two and four. In 90 percent of the cases stuttering stops naturally.

Hadassah's speech pathologists are more concerned with helping the patients live with disfluence rather than analyzing what caused it. They help stutterers learn how to work their new way of speaking into their lives, to be consistent and keep practicing. "It is important that our patients practice with each other, not only the computer, since the ultimate goal is to be able to talk comfortably with other people," says Cahtia Adelman, one of the centre's audiologist and speech pathologists.

Dr. Fluency is now being developed for home use as part of Hadassah's maintenance program. While it is too soon to determine how it will influence long term results in stutterers, there is nevertheless a relationship between how much a patient practices and how much his or her condition improves.

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Peace Watch slams PA's compliance with accords

By EVELYN GORDON
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Yasser Arafat's announcement in March that he was outlawing the military wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad was never implemented; no such decree was ever published or enforced, according to a Peace Watch report published last week.

The 103-page report is an assessment of the Palestinian Authority's (PA) anti-terror activity during its first two years of existence, from May 18, 1994 to May17, 1996. The report concludes that the PA's efforts in this direction were cursory and largely failed to fulfil its obligations under the Oslo accords.

As a result, the number of Israelis killed in terror attacks during the first two years of the PA's existence (161) was 39 percent higher than the number killed in the previous two years (116).

A major portion of the report is devoted to the PA's policy on disarming and disbanding terrorist groups and weakening their infrastructure. In this section, Peace Watch noted that Arafat's declaration that certain terrorist groups would be outlawed, which he issued on March 3, 1996 in response to the wave of suicide bombings, could have been an important turning point in the PA's previous policy of inaction against such groups.

"Since Arafat's announcement, however, an exhaustive search by Peace Watch has failed to turn up any decree banning such groups, either in the Palestinian written press or in the PA's digest of laws," the report stated. "Numerous requests for a text of the presidential decree or law formally banning Hamas and Islamic Jihad have gone unanswered...As far as Peace Watch has been able to determine, no such law or decree exists, and the announcement that there would be such a law was never followed by concrete action. Moreover, the pattern of Palestinian Police action in March, April and May of 1996 indicates that they were not enforcing any such law."

The report also noted that despite periodic announcements of a crackdown against unlicensed weapons, no such crackdown ever took place. During one campaign, in May 1995, the PA confiscated only a few dozen weapons; during a second, in March-April 1996, 70 weapons were confiscated. This constitutes only a tiny fraction of the total number of illegal firearms in the PA. In Gaza alone, the number of weapons is estimated to be anywhere from 1,500 to as many as 40,000, with Arafat's assessment being 26,000, the report noted.

Furthermore, while most Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists did not register their guns, those who requested to do so were given permits.

The report also said that though the PA has conducted 16 major sweeps of terror bases resulting in more than 1,500 arrests, most of those detained were political or religious activists rather than members of the military wings, and almost all were later released. Only this spring did the PA begin arresting top Hamas leaders, and so far these arrests have not been followed by trials.

Finally, the report said, the PA has prevented some terror attacks, but far fewer than it has claimed; and it "rarely, if ever" tried the individuals involved in the thwarted attacks.

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CROSSING THE BORDER

Israeli Brig.-Gen. David Tsur (left), commander of the army's liaison unit to foreign forces, and Foreign Ministry delegate Ophir Shiron prepare to cross the Lebanese border August 8. The men were attending the first meeting of the five-nation committee monitoring a truce between Israel and Hezbollah. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Missile stockpiles

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how to give an encompassing protection as we do."

Arad was speaking to mark the beginning of Home Front week. His comments came just a few weeks after the government decided that gas masks were not to be called in for maintenance next year.

Col. Arieh Ben-Shalom, head of the gas masks branch of the Home Front, said there are 5.5 million gas masks in the hands of the public and the remaining 400,000 citizens had not bothered to collect their masks. He said some 83 percent of his branch's work is devoted to maintaining gas masks already held by Israelis.

Batteries die, filters must be replaced and injections of antidotes expire. Halting this program would save about NIS120 million, Ben-Shalom said.

Arad came out in favor of the existing plan to maintain gas masks.

However, he was cautious not to get involved in a political argument, saying it was up to the government to decide the fate of the gas mask program.

Arad also said that a special project is underway to install complete safety features in Arab villages in the North. He said that during Operation Grapes of Wrath, Hezbollah broke its tradition of not shelling Israeli-Arab settlements and that every Arab village under Katyusha threat would be addressed in the coming year.

Arad said 35 percent of the population does not have access to bomb shelters or security rooms. However, he noted that this is an improvement and that the percentage is being reduced every year

Israel will close PA offices

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The PA legislator had opened an office in his east Jerusalem home earlier this month to serve his constituents.

Kahalani ordered the office closed, but then settled for a declaration by Khader that the office had no connection to the PA.

Netanyahu said he was not satisfied with the agreement.

"I gave an unequivocal directive to the internal security minister to close the office of Hattem Abdel Khader...and I request that these directives be carried out," Netanyahu told the cabinet.

Israel & the Jewish World

Canadian 'import' heads Chabad in Israel

By LEORA EREN-FRUCHT
CJN *Israel Correspondent*

KFAR CHABAD, ISRAEL – The red brick building, a replica of Lubavitch headquarters in Brooklyn, looks incongruous set amidst the orange groves outside Tel Aviv. But across the street from Israel's renowned "770" building, one finds another less-known import from North America: Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Aronov, the Toronto-born head of Chabad in Israel.

Unlike the brick structure, Rabbi Aronov looks right at home in Kfar Chabad, headquarters of the Lubavitch movement in Israel. The black-bearded, bespectacled man speaks English like a native Canadian, switches easily to Hebrew, but obviously feels most comfortable talking Yiddish.

The 42-year-old Canadian was enrolled at the Lubavitch yeshivah in Montreal before moving to New York to study at the movement's world headquarters — home of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. In 1977, the Rebbe sent Rabbi Aronov to Israel, where he met and married a Kfar Chabad woman and rose quickly in the Chabad hierarchy. At age 32, he became the executive director of Chabad in Israel.

From his office, he runs a network of 200 Chabad houses, organizes airlifts for sick children from Chernobyl and launches mitzvah campaigns and educational activities throughout Israel.

From this office, Rabbi Aronov also took an unprecedented step last spring: the mass mobilization of the movement on behalf of Likud leader Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu in the recent election campaign.

Politics. He bristles upon hearing the word. "Why do you call our activity political?" he asks, sounding genuinely perplexed.

During the campaign, thousands of Chabad activists plastered the streets with Bibi posters. Chabad rabbis instructed followers to vote for Netanyahu. And the movement was behind one of the more controversial slogans of the campaign: "Bibi Netanyahu: It's good for the Jews."

"I don't think we voiced any political opinion," Rabbi Aronov insists.

As incredible as that denial may sound, Rabbi Aronov explains: "We took our stand for the sake of *pikuach nefesh* (saving lives). The Lubavitcher Rebbe has said that every security expert who is not affiliated with a political party concurs about one thing: returning land endangers life. In supporting Netanyahu, we had one thing in mind: saving lives. We backed him because he said he would not return territory. But that doesn't mean we voiced an opinion about him or Peres. That doesn't mean we acted politically."

Asked about the "unaffiliated" security experts, Rabbi Aronov mutters the name of an American expert and insists that this view is a unanimous one. He denies that Chabad's belief in holding on to all territory is based on *kedushat ha'aretz* — the sanctity of the land of Israel.

"There are all kinds of opinions about that question, but it was not on our agenda," he says, again reverting to the security concern, saving lives and the apolitical nature of Chabad's position.

If Netanyahu is good for the Jews, is Peres bad for the Jews? It's a question that many critics posed when Chabad came out with their slogan days before the election. Others expressed surprise at the backing of a secular candidate.

Again Rabbi Aronov is evasive. "We weren't promoting anyone. Chabad has nothing against Peres. Let's say you're sitting in shul in Crown Heights or Williamsburg and you discuss which presidential candidate would be better for the Jews. Is there anything wrong with that?"

It soon becomes clear why Rabbi Aronov is so adamant about labelling the movement's election activity "apolitical." He notes that the Hebrew word for political party *(miflaga)* shares the same root as the word for split *(pilug)*.

"When I'm affiliated with one party, it means I'm split. I'm with them, not with you. And that's not what Chabad stands for. When Chabad walks into any country in the world, it reaches out to all Jews. In Israel, I can sit together with Yossi Sarid (the leader of the left-wing Meretz party). And I have sat with him. You know he visited Kfar Chabad," says Rabbi Aronov proudly. "Our goal is to reach all fellow Jews. We want to unite people. Politics stigmatizes us — it prevents unity."

Rabbi Aronov points to Chabad's newly-launched road accident prevention campaign, comparing it to the movement's stand in the elections: another effort to save lives. But if anything, the new project seems more like a balm meant to heal the divisiveness of the last campaign. There is nothing every Israeli can agree on more than the need to put an end to carnage on the roads. (The Chabad campaign urges drivers to keep charity boxes and prayer books in their cars in an effort to enlist the Almighty's protection, and calls for safe driving as a form of mitzvah or good deed.)

If there is one project that has won blanket support, uniting people as diverse as Steven Spielberg, scientists from the World Health Organization and Israel's Chief Rabbi, it is the Children of Chernobyl mission. The 6-year-old project, which has won international praise and a Knesset prize, provides medical relief to Jewish children suffering from the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Since 1990, Chabad has brought some 1,300 such children from Ukraine and Belarus to Israel in 23 airlifts. During their stay at Kfar Chabad, they receive specialized medical care (including daily diagnosis and treatment), psychological support, food, clothing and board, as well as a broad-based education. Usually parents join their children after several years and start new lives in Israel. The entire program is funded through donations.

As the initiator of the Chernobyl program, Rabbi Aronov has been involved in the entire rescue operation.

Tete à tete: Rabbi Aronov with Benjamin Netanyahu following the latter's election victory.

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The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners." We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

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Arab states adopt wait-and-see attitude

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Pan-Arabism, big in the 1950s and 1960s, is a concept whose time appears to have passed, a phenomenon torn asunder by the exigencies of divergent political disputes, the clash of personal agendas and, of course, Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Mideast Analysis

But since the election of Benjamin Netanyahu as Israel's prime minister, there has been a resurgence of Arab unity.

What Arab leaders and commentators describe as Netanyahu's "three nos" — no to a Palestinian state, no to an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and no to a division of Jerusalem — have revived the flickering flame of pan-Arabism.

Netanyahu's hard-line positions on core issues, which represent a fairly sharp departure from the policies of the previous Israeli government, have caused widespread anxiety but a wait-and-see attitude in the Arab world.

Since Netanyahu's electoral victory, the Arabs, under the leadership of Egypt, have convened two meetings and one summit in the name of peace, all held in an effort to convince Israel to hew to the land-for-peace formula enshrined in United Nations Resolution 242.

In light of past Arab resolutions hostile to Israel, the call by Arab states on Netanyahu to continue the quest for a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is ironic. It is a far cry from the defiant "three nos" of the 1967 Arab conference in Khartoum, which said no to negotiations with Israel, no to recognition of Israel and no to peace with Israel.

It is no secret that the Arabs were deeply disappointed by the Labor party's failure to win re-election. The Labor party had forged a rapprochement with the PLO, entered into talks with Syria, signed a peace treaty with Jordan, inaugurated low-level relations with Morocco, Tunisia, Qatar, Oman and Mauritania, and reached an understanding with the Palestinians on a blueprint for peace.

But with Likud's triumph at the polls, a new reality set in, one that the Arabs have been unable to digest.

In and of itself, Netanyahu's insistence on "peace with security" is not regarded as an insurmountable obstacle by the Arabs. They realize that Israel is as much entitled to security as they are, and they are cognizant of the fact that the Labor party ran on a similar platform — "security through peace."

What alarms Arab leaders is Netanyahu's apparent rejection of Resolution 242, his opposition to a Palestinian state and his refusal to give up the Golan or East Jerusalem. (Last week, however, Netanyahu said that he is willing to engage in talks with Syria "on all outstanding matters.")

The three principles which are at the heart of Netanyahu's policy — reciprocity, peace or terrorism and democratization of the Arab states — are widely viewed by Arabs as devices to derail the peace process. (Shimon Peres, the former prime minister, has said that these conditions "cannot be fulfilled" and are uniting the Arabs against Israel.)

Netanyahu has indeed agitated the Arab world.

•On June 5, less than a week after the Israeli election, the leaders of Egypt, Jordan and the PLO met in Cairo, and urged Netanyahu to honor commitments to the Palestinians and to accept the inevitability of a Palestinian state.

•On June 7, in Damascus, the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia warned Israel not to retreat from the peace process.

•On June 23, in a summit in Cairo, 21 Arab leaders issued a declaration proclaiming their desire for peace, calling on Israel to withdraw from the territories and to permit the Palestinians to establish a sovereign state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Responding to their communique, Netanyahu said that "one-sided demands that harm (Israel's) security are not reconcilable with peace talks."

Egypt, which signed the first Arab peace treaty with Israel and has taken the lead in exerting pressure on Netanyahu, does not believe that the Arabs are ganging up on Israel.

Last month, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt met with Netanyahu in Cairo and then voiced optimism that "the peace process will continue." The amiable outcome of their tete-a-tete suggested that Netanyahu may have been more forthcoming in private than he has been in public so far.

But Netanyahu's apparent success at damage control in Egypt has not worked elsewhere.

King Hassan of Morocco declined to take a telephone call from Netanyahu after he was elected. And Netanyahu's request to visit the Moroccan monarch on his way home from Washington was rebuffed.

Furthermore, despite a trip by Netanyahu's foreign affairs advisor to Qatar and Oman to bolster bilateral relations, Qatar has delayed the opening of a trade office in Tel Aviv.

And since Netanyahu's accession to power, Israeli diplomats in Tunis have not been received by Tunisian officials. Israel's relations with Jordan, though, remain on a solid footing.

The Week in Israel

Aug. 5

• More than 1,700 Jewish educators from 20 countries were in Israel to attend the 21st annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education.

Aug. 6

• One IDF soldier was killed and two were wounded today in the Security Zone in southern Lebanon when Hezbollah guerrillas attacked an IDF outpost with mortar fire, Kol Yisrael reported. Combat medic First Sgt. Hauho Aslan, 20, was killed rushing to tend to those wounded in the attack.

Aug. 7

• All telephone numbers in Jerusalem expanded to seven digits. The change is part of a plan to convert all telephone numbers in Israel to seven digits by the end of the year.

Aug. 8

• Israeli Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman resigned after the attorney general decided to order a police investigation into allegations against him. The investigation is to focus on allegations that Ne'eman had obstructed court proceedings in a case before he became a cabinet member.

Aug. 9

• The crisis between Foreign Minister David Levy and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was said to be worsening. The prime minister said he would not give in to Levy's demands that he be appointed head of the steering committee to the talks with the Palestinians. Netanyahu said: "I was elected prime minister to promote certain policies. The Palestinian problem is the heart of the political matter and I intend running it." Levy has been noticeably absent in recent days from his ministerial office and from cabinet meetings. It was hoped by government officials that the crisis atmosphere would abate somewhat however as a result of a trip by Levy and cabinet colleague Ariel Sharon to the United States to attend a private function.

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Aug. 18 to 23: 2,500 participants were expected to attend both the Ninth International Congress of Bacteriology and Applied Microbiology Division and the Eighth International Congress of Mycology Division.

Recruits less motivated: minister

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai met with new recruits last week and came face to face with something the IDF has not admitted publicly before: There is a growing drop in the motivation to serve in combat units and the army in general.

"I think it is the beginning of a phenomenon. I don't think it is widespread, but it is enough of an indication or symptom that we, the defence establishment, the IDF, the government, educators, parents and the public, will have to do something to strengthen the motivation and desire to serve in the IDF," Mordechai said, following a visit to the IDF induction centre at Tel Hashomer.

"We have recognized this phenomenon and it is better to deal with it, instead of saying it doesn't exist."

Mordechai said he had met the evening before with about a dozen reserve brigade and battalion commanders to discuss the decreasing motivation among reservists and the increasing decline in the IDF's image among the public.

"I think a part of the public thinks that we have reached the time to rest, and some think we don't have to contribute all our efforts toward defence. We will make all efforts to convince this public that they are living under a delusion," Mordechai said.

Asking a roomful of recruits where they and their classmates wanted to serve, Mordechai seemed shocked by the reply: "The rear."

When they were asked how many in the room of more than 100 wanted to serve in combat infantry units, only three soldiers raised their hands.

"There is a reduction in motivation. Maybe it's because peace is approaching and we don't feel the need to serve or the need for a strong army," said Assaf, from Jerusalem.

Oren, from Netanya, said a good many of his classmates sought to do their service as "jobnikim" (rear echelon troops) because "it is not too difficult physically."

Mordechai tried to explain to the new soldiers the importance of being the "defensive shield" of the nation.

"We are a nation which seeks peace. But there are many nations which have not accepted the existence of the State of Israel, and they have large and strong armies. There are fanatical fundamentalist terrorists who are fighting us and will continue to fight us. To our regret, Israel has not yet come to its time of rest. So for many more years we will need a strong army, and you, the youth, are obligated to give three years.

"After all, the generations before you spent many years performing all tasks, whatever had to be done, so we could get to this moment. And at this moment it is your turn to take up the mission. We have to build a force which we hope we'll never use. But we can never for one second close our eyes and dream or be deluded that there is no threat against us," he said, adding that only those prepared for war will be ready physically and spiritually for peace.

"The stronger we are, the more motivated we are, the more the enemy will be deterred."

Settlers not taking safety precautions

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – A top general said last week that settlers in Judea and Samaria are not agreeing to put in place some safety measures, such as fencing off their settlements, and that this could hamper an IDF withdrawal in Hebron.

"The safety packages, including solutions particular to Hebron, have been prepared.

"Some have been implemented, and some have run into ideological opposition from settlers," OC Home Front Maj.-Gen.Shmuel Arad said.

Noam Arnon, spokesperson for the Hebron Jewish residents, said the material protections the army is offering are no substitute for IDF troops. The residents emphatically want them to remain.

"We are not prepared to live in a ghetto and behind walls. They want us to put bullet-proof glass in our windows. But we want to live as the *Hatikva* says: 'A free people in our own land,'" Arnon said. "We want physical protection, not safety windows and walls around our homes."

A senior defence source told *Ma'ariv* this week that redeployment in Hebron would not likely take place until after the holiday period which ends on Oct. 5. The final decision will be made by the prime minister after he receives a redeployment plan from Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

The defence source said Mordechai would have to meet with Palestine Authority President Yasser Arafat before the decision is made regarding redeployment.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said last Sunday that the redeployment in Hebron would take place "very soon."

Arad, speaking to military reporters, said the Home Front has offered to subsidize the installations of "distress buttons" in the vehicles of residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

The Motorola-linked system includes a GPS, or global positioning system, that uses satellites to report the exact location of any vehicle. Hundreds have been installed already and residents reportedly received letters with details on how they can obtain one.

No diphteria anti-toxin in Israel

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Health Ministry has failed to keep even a single usable dose of diphtheria anti-toxin in the country since 1990, even though the disease claimed the life of an 8-year-old Bnei Brak boy in 1988, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

A 4-year-old Jerusalem girl who had not been inoculated as a baby died of the infectious disease two weeks ago.

Last Sunday, a supply of 15 to 20 doses arrived here from France, after a frantic worldwide search had been conducted by the Health Ministry.

The latest case was tentatively diagnosed by family practitioner Dr. Pesach Ostroy in his Mea She'arim clinic on July 31. He told the parents to take their daughter to Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem and informed the hospital, where she was treated by Dr. Dan Engelhardt, a Hadassah expert in pediatric infectious diseases. He inserted a pacemaker, but her heart failed.

Health Ministry public health department director Dr. Alex Levinthal claimed Hadassah doctors had requested a dose of the serum at midnight on Aug. 2, less than 24 hours before the Mea She'arim girl died of the disease.

However, a Hadassah spokesperson said that even though the diagnosis had not yet been confirmed in lab tests, its doctors had twice asked the ministry for the anti-toxin earlier and were told there was none.

They then called other Israeli hospitals and received the same answer. Engelhardt said he couldn't say whether the girl would have survived if she had received the anti-toxin in time, "but I'm happy it has now arrived in Israel."

The rate of vaccinations against childhood diseases is only 68 per cent in Mea She'arim, compared with nearly 90 per cent in the rest of the country.

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TAB news

High drama, tension punctuate Riot at Christie Pits

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The hour-long *Riot at Christie Pits* not only depicts the violent anti-Semitism in Toronto in 1933, but also makes an emphatic statement about the racism that still exists in the city. (Global, Aug. 15, 10 p.m.)

"Saying there is no racism in Toronto today is like believing in the tooth fairy," said veteran Toronto Star reporter Jocko Thomas, one of several witnesses interviewed about the events of that hot August night.

To underline this point, high school students invited to the filming of the riot's re-enactment said they believe racism and anti-immigrant feeling are rife in Toronto. A film postscript shows the actual May 5, 1992, riot on Yonge Street.

Ira Levy and Peter Williamson of Breakthrough Films, who fought 13 years to raise the funds to do *Riot at Christie Pits*, have produced a meticulously researched script based on the book by Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir, but their attempts to recreate the riot with well known actors is somewhat stagey.

Nevertheless, there is high drama and tension when actual witnesses come on camera, especially so when Irv Lasky, 81, catcher for the Harbord Playground softball team, tells the story of the game the night before the riot, which Harbord won against St. Peters. Though a Beaches resident unfurled a swastika flag behind the Harbord batter in the ninth inning, the batter got a winning hit. As Lasky recalls the scene, the excitement and pride in his voice are gut wrenching.

It was the next night's game, which St. Peters won, that saw a huge swastika banner unfurled high on a hill overlooking the game, which sparked the riot. Truckloads of Jewish men from the Spadina Avenue area rushed to the scene when word spread that Jews were being beaten by Nazi sympathizers. Many young Italians also joined in the fray to help their Jewish friends, the film says.

The riot at Christie Pits broke out during a baseball game.

In *Riot at Christie Pits*, reporter Thomas, then 22, reveals that during the long night, anti-Semites knocked on doors in the non-Jewish neighborhood asking for volunteers "to help beat up Jews."

With relish, photographer Joe Black, 71, a witness to the riot when he was eight, tells how one recruiter entered the family grocery store on Bloor Street and was threatened with a broken arm by his father.

At that very time, and for the critical years following, the film notes, Canada refused to admit Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler.

In the film, the joyous parading of a Torah into the Beaches Hebrew Institute on Kenilworth Avenue to mark the synagogue's 75th anniversary is noteworthy, not in that it signals the end of Toronto racism, but because it marks a bourgeoning pride in Jewish origin.

The haunting strains of klezmer music as background to the riot scenes and the efforts of east end toughs to keep the Beaches free of Jews adds an ironic touch.

It is of interest that in 1933 the Jewish population, about 7.3 percent of the total, was the largest immigrant group in the city, a far cry from today. In 1933, the Jewish population was more than twice as large as the Italian.

Others in the film are boxers Sammy Luftspring and Frank Genovese, Harry and Sol Bergstein, Edward Brickman, Henry Katz, CHIN owner Johnny Lombardi and Toby Ryan.

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Yiddish music celebration planned

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The woods around Petit Lac Long in the Laurentians will ring with the *freilich* sounds of Yiddish music and songs Aug. 22 to 25, when the first KlezKanada, a celebration of Eastern European Jewish culture, is held at Camp B'nai Brith (CBB).

The conference, open to anyone who loves Yiddishkeit, will feature performances by well-known musicians and singers and presentations by experts in Yiddish literature, folklore, drama, humor and film.

Knowlege of Yiddish is not a prerequisite; English will be used in the programming and Yiddish lessons are offered, at beginners or immediate levels.

The headliners are Brave Old World, the four-man klezmer band which recently record the album In the Fiddler's House, with violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Among the 20-odd faculty members are: Canadian singer Beth Ann Cole; Yiddish music authority Zalmen Mlotek; Hankus Netsky, founder of Boston's Klezmer Conservatory Band; folklorist Dov Noy of Hebrew University; Andy Nulman, CEO of Montreal's Just for Laughs festival; documentary filmmaker Josh Waletzky; and Bryna Wasserman, who recently became director of the Yiddish Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

Lifetime achievement awards will be presented to Arthur Lerner, Sara Rosenfeld and Dora Wasserman, three Montreal Yiddish stalwarts.

Workshops take the form of both lectures and practical instruction, so musicians such as violinists, clarinetists and guitarists, are invited to bring their instruments.

The programming emphasizes participation, and chair Dr. Hy Goldman says there'll be plenty of sing-alongs and jam sessions throughout.

One event, the KlezKanada Groyser Concert, will be open to the general public Aug. 24 at 8:45 p.m. On the bill are Brave Old World, Cole, Adrienne Cooper, Netsky and others. Tickets must be purchased.

The conference will end with an outdoor Klez Fete in Ste. Agathe des Monts, about six kilometres from the camp, open to the public free of charge.

KlezKanada is organized by the Yiddish committee of the Jewish Education Council and the Foundation for Yiddish Culture in Honor of Jacob Zipper and Shloime Wiseman.

CBB is a children's and senior citizens' summer camp, that offers a wide range of accommodation.

Participants have the choice of staying at the retreat centre, which has simple but comfortable double-occupancy rooms; cabins that can accommodate up to 12 persons (the largest has no washroom inside) and, for the truly adventurous, tents. Children, but not pets, are welcome.

The camp is kosher and meals are included. Shabbat will be observed in the public areas.

Participants may also stay off-site (an option suitable for those with cottages in the area), but they must register for the full program.

For further information, call the Yiddish committee, 514-345-2610.

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TAB news

IAI helps upgrade jets

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) has won part of a major contract to upgrade U.S. Air Force T-38 trainers. The deal is potentially worth $425 million (US).

IAI, teaming up with McDonnell Douglas, beat out five others who submitted bids, including Northrop Grumman, the original manufacturer of the 1950s-vintage supersonic trainer.

The upgrade is expected to extend the life of the T-38, a derivative of the F-5, for at least 15 to 20 years.

The initial contract involves $45.6 million, of which IAI will receive 45 percent, for the production of two prototypes.

IAI will be responsible for the avionics and their integration into the jet. McDonnell Douglas will deal with the airframe and engine and install the avionics "kit" IAI will send to its plant in Texas.

Prototype delivery is expected in 15 to 18 months. Following a year of testing, the U.S. Air Force may decide to upgrade a fleet of over 400 jets, a deal that would be worth about $425 million.

The deal marks the first time IAI has cooperated with a major American firm to upgrade an aircraft.

"This is a step upward to get into this kind of a program. Once you are into this program it means ... you are going to have work and you are going to, I hope, make a profit. It also allows us to market our product in other countries," said Menashe Broder, IAI's vice-president of marketing, who worked on the contract from early last year.

IAI general manager Moshe Keret said winning the contract would greatly enhance IAI's reputation and increase its chances of winning further tenders from other air forces.

The upgrading of the avionics package will be done by the IAI's Lahav division, which has already earned $225 million for upgrading Chile's fleet of F-5s. That was the first time anyone had upgraded the F-5.

IAI is currently competing to win upgrade contracts with two other nations, reportedly Brazil and Thailand.

"This is a very prestigious type of a program, because when the U.S. Air Force runs a program like this, all the major giants are competing. The winner gets not only the business, but also the spin-offs that can come," said Broder.

"This means that all the air forces around the world look and see that we were selected by the U.S. Air Force and must have something good to supply."

Knesset Approves Cuts

JERUSALEM – The Knesset Finance Committee approved NIS 344 million ($151 million Cdn.) in cuts to the 1996 budget by a wide margin last week, though only on condition that, in exchange for other cuts, funds will be restored at a later date to some of the programs affected.

The committee approved the cuts 8-1, with two abstentions, after this formula was agreed on.

According to the compromise formula, each minister will have the right to redistribute the cuts within his own ministry, subject to the committee's approval. Thus Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai could restore some of the money which was cut from his welfare budget, in exchange for equal cuts in, for example, professional retraining programs.

Nine Percent Rate Forecast

JERUSALEM – Bank Hapoalim's economists forecast the inflation rate in 1997 to reach nine percent, adding that there is a good chance that it will fall even below this level, the economists said in a monthly report.

The economists said they expect the Treasury to announce an inflation target of between eight and 10 percent for 1997, and to actually achieve it, mainly thanks to the Bank of Israel's tight monetary policy, the government's budget cut and the housing market's burgeoning slow-down.

Lift Barriers Israel Told

JERUSALEM – A Senior U.S. trade official urged Israel to increase imports of American products and lift certain barriers which hurt such imports.

Stuart Eizenstat, undersecretary for international trade at the Commerce Department, said U.S. goods account for only 19 percent of Israel's overall imports, far less than imports from the European Union.

Israel/Egypt Trade

JERUSALEM – Trade between Israel and Egypt could increase by as much as 500 percent over the next three years, Egyptian officials said last week.

This year, bilateral trade is likely to reach $58 million (Cdn.), with that figure rising to $300 million by 1999, the officials said. In 1993, bilateral trade totaled $15 million.

However, they added, this rapid improvement in commercial ties is dependent on continued regional political advances and the implementation of some form of free trade arrangements between the two countries.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Remembering Shalom Aleichem

As if paying respects to a beloved head of state, a vast crowd exceeding 100,000 in number lined the route of the funeral procession for **Sholom Aleichem** when he died at age 57 in New York City in May 1916, just over 80 years ago.

Among Yiddish writers, Shalom Aleichem ranked among the three most talented interpreters of the Jewish soul, along with Mendele Mocher Sforim and Y.L. Peretz. But thanks largely to the enduring success of the 30-year-old stage musical *Fiddler On The Roof*, his literary creations are perhaps the best known today, enjoyed by audiences around the world even though he was supposedly the most untranslatable of writers.

Born Shalom Rabinowitz in Pereyaslav, Poltava, in 1859, Shalom Aleichem was the Dickens of the Jewish world, famous for his colorful literary portraits of the little people, the ordinary folk torn between time-honoured tradition and the usually bitter winds of change.

His most famous character is Tevyeh the Dairyman, a simple small-town Jew who misquotes scriptures even in his one-sided conversations with God, and is forced to part with tradition when his seven daughters (five in the play) reject the matchmaker's advice in favor of their own.

As Shalom Aleichem's own daughter has revealed, the model for Tevyeh was a small dark man of the same name and profession who delivered milk, butter, cheese and sour cream to them weekly.

"My father loved to talk to him," Marie Goldberg recalled. "He was immensely amused by the little man's Hebrew quotations....

"Even if Father was writing at the moment, he would leave everything to greet Tevyeh. The latter would carefully put his stuff on the table, wipe his hand on the bottom of his capotteh and shake hands with Father. Their conversations would be long and most satisfying to my father.

"Some years later Tevyeh came to complain to my grandmother one day that people laughed at him because my father wrote about him in the papers. My grandmother reassured him, and he believed her. But we never saw Tevyeh again."

A combination of Job and Don Quixote, Tevyeh seems steeped in both satire and tragedy. "There is nothing funny about Tevyeh the dairyman as a character, and nothing funny ever happens to him," writer Maurice Samuel observed. "What Tevyeh does is to turn the tables on tragedy by a verbal ingenuity; life gets the better of him, but he gets the better of the argument. Then we laugh with him to encourage him – and ourselves."

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Ex-lawyer loves to perform

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — People in the arts are often told: "Don't give up your day job." But five months ago singer-comedienne tsufit did just that. She left her job as a litigation lawyer to return to performing.

"This is what I really want to do," tsufit – whose name means hummingbird in Hebrew – said. "Performing is a burning desire that doesn't go away."

The 30-something mother of four young daughters had been performing since she was 14. In University she sang in musicals and in the Law School Follies. She sang and acted in Yiddish with the Toronto Jewish Theatre and accompanied the troupe to Vancouver for Expo 86.

Once she became a lawyer, however, there was little time for performing and she put her music career on hold, she said.

Litigation did offer her plenty of opportunity for theatrics, she added. "That's where all the lawyers who want to be actors end up. You find a lot of talented people among litigation lawyers — singers, actors and musicians."

When a friend asked her to perform at a benefit last winter, her desire to perform professionally was rekindled, tsufit said. "I got a great response. I began thinking I could do this again."

She began preparing to relaunch her singing career, renewing old contacts, putting together a marketing package and making video and demo tapes. In March, she hung up her robes and left the security of her law career to concentrate on performing full time.

By May, she was booked for a number of stage performances and has appeared at Upstairs at Goody's, a downtown comedy club; Comedywood in Thornhill; the Brampton Caravan, a concert series at Yorkhill Park; and private parties and simchahs.

Tsufit writes many of the comic songs she performs, often drawing on her family life and personal experiences. For example, in a song, *Broccoli's on Sale at Dominion*, she sings about her mother's tendency to call her long distance to give unsolicited advice about what she should be feeding her kids. She also wrote *Dr. Tsures*, a parody on Dr. Ruth, the New York radio psychologist.

Between songs, tsufit does stand-up comedy — she has a cast of characters heavily influenced by her Jewish background. She accompanies herself on guitar and enjoys performing Israeli and chassidic music, she said.

"I pride myself on my versatility."

Tsufit's biggest fans are her children and her husband, who has been extremely supportive of this career move, she said.

"He understands about a dream and that I have to pursue this dream."

Tsufit left her lawyer job for that of a performer.

Tsufit will be appearing at the Free Times Cafe at 320 College St. on Aug. 14 at 8:30 p.m and at the amphitheatre at Mel Lastman Square on Aug.21 at 7:30 p.m.

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The joy of Judaism infuses artist's work

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Riva Nussbaum has never seen the Kotel in Jerusalem, yet its significance pervades her home and her art.

Just inside the family's townhouse is a three-dimensional work, Nussbaum's concept of the Western Wall, with rapt praying figures draped in *tallesim* pressed against the stones.

The wall sculpture combines realism and symbolism. On a small shelf are miniatures Nussbaum has made: a siddur, a kippah, a *tallit*, a challah. A toy trumpet signifying the call "to welcome Mashiach" and a pair of candlesticks are placed on top. Above is a U.S. dollar bill with a small photo of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, superimposed. The dollar is a memento which Nussbaum's husband Max, received from the Rebbe during a trip to New York with a Lubavitch youth group.

In the living/dining area are other wall sculptures, a smaller replica of the Kotel, a table invitingly set for Shabbat, a Sukkot piece incorporating a sukkah made of wood, with real branches laid over it. There is also a semi-abstract painting of Jerusalem and a family tree.

Nussbaum's first career, cosmetology, took on a rehabilitative focus as she studied and began to work with individuals disfigured by cancer surgery and treatment, burn victims and young people scarred by acne.

But she also painted for pure pleasure and devised wall sculptures utilizing "anything and everything," bits of fabric from drapes and clothing, natural woods, flowers, whatever was at hand.

Sculpture

At the same time, she and her husband were actively searching for a more meaningful way of life and they found it in Lubavitch. As a consequence, the "joy of Judaism" increasingly infuses Nussbaum's art.

In addition to fashioning the wall sculptures, she is now painting murals and borders. Clusters of grapes with trailing vines form a border which enhances the clean-cut decor of her living/dining room. Taking a new career direction, she accepts commissions to create murals and borders.

"I can design whatever is right and comfortable for the client, adding personal touches," she says.

For her 6-year-old son, she has conceived a personalized boy's room. Because he enjoys day camp so much, his bed is a small tent with a foam mattress. On one wall Nussbaum has constructed a simulated campfire with heaped up wood and brightly painted flames. A night light plugged into the midst of the flames gives the illusion of a real fire after dark and tiny stars bring the outdoors in.

Observing that she has "three sons and a princess," Nussbaum leads the way into her 9-year-old daughter's room.

Opposite a truly princess-like bed with a side canopy, she has painted a pink picket fence and arbor festooned with flowers and leaves. Butterflies hover and in a corner is a "tree." There are birds and birdhouses. "Our daughter loves birds," she says.

Drawing on her imagination and resourcefulness, she recently completed a custom mural for all four walls of a child's room — a continuing scene featuring a park, a pond, a gazebo and a path leading to whimsical ducks in kippot and tzitzit. For more information call 905-731-9145.

Riva Nussbaum's art is influenced by Judaism.

Russian dance, music troupe a success

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Third time lucky is indeed the hope of the Russian Dance and Music Company which has had two sold-out concerts in the 550-seat Leah Posluns Theatre and is holding five more performances there at the end of October

Not only that, but the 14-member troupe under the leadership of artistic director Alexei Fateyev is widening its horizons and looking into the possibiliy of concerts in Markham, Brampton and Vaughan.

It's a far cry from the days when most troupe members were stranded in Toronto in 1992. Their show *Russians on Broadway* had collapsed and a civil war in Yugoslavia had voided their tickets on an airline that was supposed to return them to Moscow.

"We're able to make a living in Canada now, but it has not been easy," said 32-year-old Fateyev, a dancer who leaps around the stage in classic Russian style.

Leah Posluns audiences, most of whom were not Russian, gave a resounding vote of confidence to dancers Fateyev, Alexander Melnikov, Dmitri Frid, Galina Shapovalova, Elena Frid and Evelina Ganina, their numbers choreographed by Evelina Ganina.

Highlights were the climbing rope and trapeze acts of sisters Larissa and Tatiana Zoubrilina, members of the Moscow Circus and of the Canadian company, Cirque de Soleil.

Bank Hapoalim program targets visitors to Israel

TEL AVIV – There's still time for a profitable vacation in Israel.

Rafi Ben-Ami, chief representative for Bank Hapoalim in Canada, said the bank has launched a late summer campaign called Perfect Timing to help visitiors to Israel profit from their holidays. It is offering one-quarter percent higher interest on new accounts, preferred exchange rates on financial investments and gifts.

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This is no fish story — Quebec angler's number one

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Robert Acoca, 36, recently took first prize for the 1995 season in the Canadian Sportsfishing National Championships.

The Kirkland resident won the competition sponsored by *Canadian Sportsfishing* magazine and the TV show of the same name seen on TSN. It was the first time a Quebecer has ever been named angler of the year.

Since the national sportsfishing contest began in 1990, it has always been won by Ontario fishermen.

In order to be a finalist, Acoca, a marketing advisor with Bell Canada, had to spend 80 days in 1995 on the lakes and rivers of Quebec and Ontario.

For the competition, Canada is divided into five regions. In 1992, '93 and '94, Acoca won in Region 4, which includes Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

The rules of the national competition are very strict and demanding. Twenty-four species of fish are accepted, including salmon (coho, chinook or Atlantic), char, trout, muskie, pike, yellow pike, small and large mouth bass, perch, carp, anglefish and turbot.

Robert Acoca with one of his catches — a really big muskie.

All participants must send the judges two photos showing the catch, one with the fisherman at the place where the fish was taken and the other showing the fish spread out on the ground parallel to a measuring tape. The fisherman must also provide such information as the species, its weight, its size (length and circumference), the place and day of the catch and the lure used, as well as the name of the witness (the angler who was present at the time the fish was caught). Most fish are quickly thrown back into the water.

To win the 1995 national championship, Acoca registered 113 fish belonging to 11 different species. He also took first prize for the biggest fish in the Atlantic salmon category, a fish of about three kilograms, which he caught in Lac Tremblant.

At the regional level, he took first prize for the largest catch in 13 species.

Married and father of two, Acoca first went fishing at the age of three with his father.

"He began to go fishing with me in the Moroccan harbor city of Fedallah, and quickly became an enthusiast of the sport," said Elias Acoca.

Both father and son are very active volunteers in their community. Thirty percent of the final mark given to participants in the national sportsfishing competition is based on community involvement.

For coming first nationally, Acoca won a Ford Explorer worth about $30,000 and an eight-day fishing trip.

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Recognition of Munich 11 Israel's 'biggest victory'

By MELANIE A. LASOFF
Atlanta Jewish Times

ATLANTA — "No act of terrorism has ever destroyed the Olympic movement, and none ever will," said Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), at the closing ceremony of the centennial Olympics.

To rousing applause, he called for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the Centennial Park bombing on July 27 and the terrorist attack that killed 11 Israelis at the 1972 Munich Olympics. Olympics.

Hearing Samaranch's words was the Israeli Olympic delegation's proudest moment.

"We were excited to tears. It might be our biggest victory in this Olympics,'" Atsmon Paz, the Israeli team's envoy, said in a telephone interview.

"We felt like, 'We've done it.' It's like we got a gold medal somehow."

Like a real gold medal, the accomplishment was a result of 24 years of struggle.

And after a two-week burst of Jewish unity, the efforts for international recognition of the Munich 11 paid off in Atlanta.

The pressure began the day before the opening ceremonies, when children of the slain athletes arrived in Atlanta to meet with international media and dignitaries.

Their goal was to encourage the IOC to incorporate a moment of silence into the Games. Nothing was said at the opening ceremonies, so many of the athletes' family members walked out in disappointment.

But when a bomb exploded in Centennial Olympic Park on July 27, it presented another opportunity, said Arye Mekel, Israel consul general to the southeast.

"It would have been outrageous for [the IOC] not to mention Munich when they mention the Atlanta bombing," he said. The park bombing "brought the message across that not paying attention to [terrorism] is just not the right way."

Although the athletes' families had left Atlanta by last week, the consulate continued to press the case.

Mekel and his staff mobilized Jewish organizational leaders across the country to write and call Samaranch and other Olympic representatives.

In their letters, the Jews urged the officials to pay a long overdue tribute to all victims of terrorism, including the Munich 11.

Several hundred Jews faxed and called the Marriott Marquis hotel downtown, where Samaranch and other IOC members were staying, said Mekel.

Anne McCarthy, the hotel's director of marketing, said she could not confirm the number because the staff does not count faxes or calls.

Among those joining local organizational faxes were national Jewish groups, including the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the Anti-Defamation League and Jewish federations.

Despite the efforts, Mekel said he still was shocked when Samaranch finally reminded the world of the fallen heroes of Munich.

"We didn't know he was actually going to do anything," Mekel said. "Then he came through and said all the right things."

Although it is a victory, the IOC's formal recognition of Munich is only a first step, said Mekel.

The Munich massacre must be remembered at every Olympics, he added. Israeli Olympic officials will meet this month to plan their strategy for the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia.

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280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lionel Magder on July 25, 1996, late of 4001 Bayview Avenue #1105
Joseph Shona on July 26, 1996, late of 2400 Bathurst St. #102
Eve Gordon on July 27, 1996, late of 350 Lonsdale Rd. #211
Manya Lipshitz on July 27, 1996, late of 115 Antibes Drive #1007
Roslyn Kerzner on July 28, 1996, late of 400 Walmer Rd. #1704
Blanche Shulman on July 28, 1996, late of 4383 Bathurst St.
Aimee Rittenberg on July 28, 1996, late of 4211 Cote St. Luc Rd.
Samuel Wolman on July 29, 1996, late of 83 Marmion Ave.
Luba Lasko on July 29, 1996, late of 6250 Bathurst St. #1210
Sonia Biderman on July 29, 1996, late of 35 Canyon Ave. #1206
Rachel Hillman on July 29, 1996, late of 1035 Eglinton Ave. #405
Joe Obazanek on July 30, 1996, late of 4300 Bathurst St. #313
Herman Buller on July 30, 1996, late of 9 Kingsbridge Ct. #401
Berel Blady on July 31, 1996, late of 104 Baycrest Avenue

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Kovan, Michael on July 26, 1996, late of 106 Tanjoe Cres.
Scott, Joseph on July 26, 1996
Martin, Vilma on July 29, 1996, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Roseiu, Alfred on July 31, 1996, late of 130 Neptune Dr. #1401
Shore, Edith on July 30, 1996, late of 550 Cummer Ave.
Wagschal, Kathe on July 31, 1996, late of 102 Rajah St.
Dale, Clara on August 3, 1996, late of 25 Fisherville Rd. #309
Birman, David on August 4, 1996
King, Samuel on August 3, 1996, late of 581 Davis Dr.
Shlepak, Ela on August 5, 1996, late of 5935 Bathurst St.
Weingarten, Aron on August 6, 1996
Sigal, Manuel on August 7, 1996, late of 45 Greenwin Village Rd.
Estreicher, Hela on August 6, 1996, late of 53 Franklin Ave.
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We invite relatives and friends to join us at the unveiling of a monument to our beloved mother, grandmother and sister

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Sunday, August 25th., 1996
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Beth Tzedec Cemetery

Patty, Allan, Jeff & Marla Friedland
Ben & Sonia Lant and
Irene Goldkorn

The unveiling of monuments to the memory of the late
Rose &Wilhelm Friesner ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 25th, 2:00 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ROY GANG ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18th, 10:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Temple Sinai Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Pauline Goldman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18, 11:00 a.m.
Lambton Cemetery
(Royal York Rd. between Eglinton & Dundas)
Beth Jacob Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Bella Granatstein ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18th, 11:30 a.m.
Beth Tzedec Memorial Park
Section 10
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Jeanette Greenglass ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18th, 10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
All For One Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to our beloved
Goldie Jackson ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18th, 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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About families

Dear Susan,

We have had a wonderful summer. We have been on a very pleasant family holiday, and our teenage boys each attended summer camp for one month. Our children are 17 and 13, and we are worried about how to switch them off of vacation mode in preparation for the fall. How do we get them back into a schedule before school commences?

Dear Reader,

It is important to ease your teenagers into regular routines s-l-o-w-l-y. I recommend that you begin the process of normalizing bedtime, curfews and extracurricular activities approximately two weeks prior to their returning to school.

Your 13-year-old will likely challenge you directly, while at the same time taking some comfort in the boundaries and limits you have set.

Your setting of limits helps your teen to not succumb to his own impulses. This provides him with an emotional safety net, while at the same time fostering self-discipline and control.

On the other hand, you should acknowledge your 17-year-old's greater ability to set his own schedule. The transition to a more "normal" routine should be negotiated, with clear expectations agreed to. Your son may need reining in with regard to some aspects, such as the use of the family car. Overall, you must respect and encourage your son's ability to exercise mature self-determination, yet ensure that appropriate limits do exist.

Susan Leventhal is a family, marital and individual therapist, who has been practising for more than 17 years.

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3 lbs. beef ribs	1 tblsp. Worcestershire sauce	1 garlic clove, minced
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1/4 tsp. pepper	1/2 cup water	2 tblsp. honey or maple syrup
1 tsp. paprika	1/4 cup cider vinegar	
1 tsp. dry mustard	1/2 cup onion, minced	

Preheat oven to broil first. Brown (broil) ribs or bbq 5 mins. each side to seal in juices. Turn oven down to 350°F. In roasting pan, combine all remaining ingredients and add ribs to pan. Cover and bake 2 hrs. Remove cover for last 1/2 hr. Yield: 6 -8 servings.
Hint: Check often after 1st hr. to make sure sauce has not thickened too much or burned on bottom. If this happens, add equal parts water and ketchup to pan. When thickened (and ribs are coated) remove cover for 20-30 mins.
Recipe courtesy of Beth Tikvah Sisterhood "All In Good Taste" Cookbook.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SIDNEY MENKIS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18th, 10:00 a.m.
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Beth Habonin Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late beloved
Samuel Poslushny ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 18th, 12:00 noon
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lodzer Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
RUTH SINGER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 25th, 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Friendly Apter Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ABRAHAM and ANNA WEINSTOCK ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 25th, at 10:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Chenstochover Section
Family and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Gloria Rotstein ז"ל
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מאת: יעל זליגר

נעניתי לקיקיניגר מאת אתגר קרת.
זמורה-ביתן מוציאים לאור, 1994.

יש הטוענים שהפרוזה העברית המודרנית, בניגוד ליו שקדמה לה, חדלה לעסוק בבעיות פוליטיות-חברתיות ועברה לכתיבה על בעיות קיומיות של האדם בכלל. בכך, נטשה כביכול הספרות את תפקידה כקול מתאה כדוגמת ההתנצחות שבין כוהן ונביא, מלך ומשורר ועד למצע הפוליטי של אורי צבי גרינברג וגומר בנתן זך, דליה רביקוביץ וחיים גורי. האולם אין זה נכון לאמר שדור החמשך הוציאו את המציאות החברתית הישראלית אל מחוץ לספרות, אלא, סופרים כעמוס עוז וא.ב. יהושע העבירו את המציאות החברתית-פוליטית למימד סמלי על מנת שיהיה בלתי מורגש. מעבר לעוז וליהושע, אומרים שהסופרים החדשים של שנות השמונים הרחיקו לכת עוד יותר ועסקים בלעדית בפסיכולוגיה של הפרט ולא בחכרח הפרט הישראלי. אלא שגם הנחה זו איננה מקובלת עלי ואינני בדעה שהמוטיב החברתי-פוליטי מעלם לחלוטין אצל סופרים כיצחק לאור, אברהם הפר ואורלי קסטל-בלום. אמנם לפנינו גל חדש בספרות, אך לא ניתן לעשות הבחנה ברורה בין מה שהיה לבין מה שקיים, ואף לא ניתן להצביע על חבורת סופרים הומוגנית. כמו כן, מספר ניכר של סופרים מאוחיים ברי־בי סגננות. לדוגמא, דוד גרוסמן. הזמן בצחוב הוא ספר בעל מצע פוליטי מובהק ואולם עיין ערך: אחבה נכתב בסגנון שונה. יש המגדירים את המהלך החדשני בספרות כתופעה פוסט-מודרניסטית. איני עבוכה מלהצהיר שלי המושג לא לגמרי ניהר ואולם ידוע לי שהבקורת הספרותית מכלילה בקבוצה הפוסט-מודרניסטית סופרים צעירים (וצעירים פחות) ובהם יובל שמעוני, לאה אילון, גדי טאוב, אבנר שץ ואתגר קרת.

הסממנים הבולטים (פוסט-מודרניסטים ?) בספרו של קרת, נעניתי לקיקיניגר הם יסודות גרוטסקיים, טיפול בסוגיות קיומיות של הפרט וכן הפניית עורף מסויימת לסגנון הכתיבה של סופרי שנות הששים. כתחליף להגשת הטקסט הספרותי באופן מרומז, שכל כך אופייניות לעוז, באה האמירה השירה והבוטה.

מבחינה תכנית, קרת כותב על סיטואציות מחיי היומיום; בית-ספר, צבא, יחסי הורים-ילדים, גבר-אשה וכרי האולם יש גם שפע מהעולם הבדיוני.

המציאות המתוארת בסיפורים הקצרצרים היא לעתים אכזרית ודורסנית וכתיבתו הבוטה של קרת יוצקת רובד נוסף לעיצוב סגנוני שאינו יחדע רחם. הניתוק שניחכתי במהלך הקריאה היה צחקוק בלתי-רצוני ומהול בדמעה. כך למשל הקטע הבא: "ביום השואה נסענו עם המורה שרה בקו 57 לבית יהודי ווהלין, ואני הרגשתי נורא חשוב. כל הילדים בכיתה היו עיראקים חוץ ממני, מבן דוד שלי ועוד אחד, ואני הייתי היחיד מכולם שסבא שלו מת בשואה... עברנו בין כל התמונות בזוגות, והמורה אמרה לא לצעוק. אבל אני נעמדתי... והזוג שלי, אורית סאלם, אמרה שתלשין למורה שנעמדתי..."

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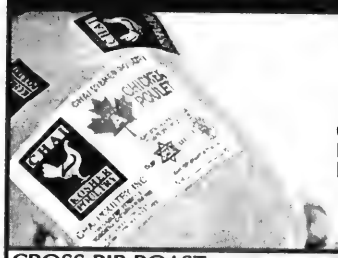

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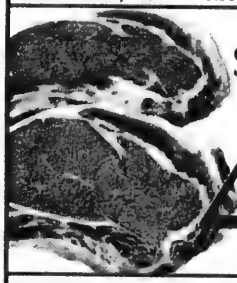

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Greater Toronto Area

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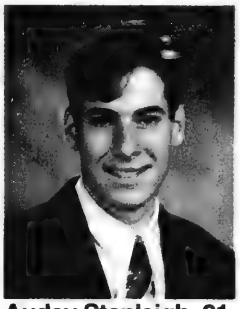

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Protest over Bar Ilan ruling

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Thousands of haredi Jews demonstrated last weekend to protest a decision by Israel's High Court of Justice allowing a main thoroughfare in Jerusalem to remain open to traffic on the Sabbath.

Saturday's protests passed peacefully and there were no major clashes with police, as there had been in previous demonstrations.

In a 6 to 1 decision last week, the high court barred the closure of Bar Ilan Street to Sabbath traffic and called for the formation of a committee to examine the issue.

The presence of Sabbath traffic on Bar Ilan, which cuts through haredi neighborhoods in Jerusalem, has led to a series of often violent demonstrations in recent weeks.

It has become a hot issue on both sides of the religious divide, with haredi Jews seeking laws that will respect the Sabbath and religious holidays, while secular Jews view such laws as an infringement of their freedom.

Immediately prior to the decision, a tense atmosphere prevailed in the court, as activists from both sides awaited the ruling.

Their conflict became evident outside the courtroom, where the two sides became embroiled in shouting matches.

The judges, who called for the formation of a committee to examine the matter of Sabbath traffic on streets throughout Jerusalem, ruled that an injunction against closing Bar Ilan would remain in place until the committee issued its recommendations in two months.

"The purpose of such a committee will be to find a way to nurture coexistence between all segments of Israel's population," the justices wrote in the majority opinion led by court President Aharon Barak. Only Justice Zvi Tal dissented.

The ruling came after the expanded panel heard petitions from religious and secular groups.

"What is at stake here is not just one street, but the entire future of how Israel will look in the 21st century. Will it be a democratic

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A haredi Jew covers his eyes and prays during a confrontation with Israeli border police on Jerusalem's Bar Ilan Street last week, the seventh consecutive Saturday that thousands of protesters tried to close the street to traffic on the Sabbath. *[Reuters/RNS photo]*

PM, Levy make peace

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy have apparently managed to patch up their differences.

The two held a two-hour meeting Sunday, in an effort to mend a rift in their relationship that was made public when aides complained that Levy was being left out of foreign policy decisions.

The Prime Minister's Office described the meeting as good, saying that the two had agreed on ways to cooperate.

During their talks they agreed to form a ministerial committee headed by the premier and including the foreign and defence ministers, to formulate foreign and defence policy.

Levy and Netanyahu also agreed that the Foreign Ministry would have a special status in matters regarding the peace process.

In addition, they decided to appoint former Israel Defence Force chief of staff Dan Sharon to head the Israeli side of the steering

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El Al office moves to Toronto

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — El Al is moving its Canadian head office from Montreal to Toronto, following the lead of other international airlines – such as KLM, Alitalia, and Lufthansa – which have relocated in recent years to compete more aggressively with the expanding and more lucrative market west of Quebec.

El Al's incoming general manager for Canada, Moshe Shamai, described the move as purely "technical."

"The El Al office in Montreal will in no way decrease its level of service," said Shamai, 45, who previously oversaw El Al's scheduling system at Ben-Gurion Airport.

He said he would be based in Montreal during a year-long transition period.

Yonah Nechushtan, whom Shamai is succeeding, said the move was a "management" decision and indicated it would put El Al in a better position to cater to Ontario's expanding Jewish and non-Jewish market, and to recoup passenger traffic lost to Air Canada since the airline began

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Business Advisory Group

OTTAWA – Following the signing of the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement, a business advisory group has been formed to produce innovative approaches to stimulate business and provide advice to the two governments on trade issues.

Further information on the trade agreement is available at [http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca] or by calling 613-944-4000.

ISRAEL

Sister Cities

JERUSALEM – Tel Aviv and Izmir, Turkey, will reportedly sign an agreement to become sister cities.

Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo flew to Turkey last week to attend the signing ceremony for what would be the first Israeli-Turkish twin city arrangement, according to the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*.

Hezbollah Rockets

JERUSALEM – Hezbollah gunmen in southern Lebanon may now possess Katyusha rockets that would enable them to target the Israeli cities of Acre and Carmiel.

The findings of recent Israeli intelligence reports were offered last week by the Israel Defence Force Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak.

Spousal Violence High

JERUSALEM – Some 80 percent of all violent incidents here involve spousal violence, MK Yael Dayan (Labor), chair of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, told the committee.

Dayan said this is a higher percentage than in the rest of the Western world.

WORLD

Chemical Weapons

LONDON – Iran and Syria have among the largest stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons in the Third World, as well as the means of delivering those weapons, according to reports published in London.

Award For Sadat

CINCINNATI – Camelia Anwar Sadat, daughter of the late Egyptian leader, received the Dr. Bernard Heller Prize from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The prize is an international award presented to an organization or individual whose work, writings or research reflect significant contributions to humanity.

Rabbinic Cabinet Formed

NEW YORK – The Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary have established a Rabbinic Cabinet.

Canadian members include Rabbi Gavriel Newman and Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz from Montreal, and Rabbi Marvin Pachino from Toronto.

Manuscript Competition

NEW YORK – The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the 12th annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books. A cash award of $1,000 will be given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8 to 11, written by an unpublished author.

For entry forms and rules, contact Paula Sandfelder, coordinator, 1327 Wyntercreek Lane, Dunwoody, Ga. 30338. or e-mail M-PSANO@MINDSPRING.COM.

Deadline for submission of manuscripts is Jan. 15, 1997.

Joint Commission Meets

NEW YORK – Tehilla, the Union for Religious Aliyah, recently convened its first meeting of the minds of mainstream national Orthodox organizations to place aliyah on the forefront of the national Jewish communal agenda.

New Kazakhstan Shul

MOSCOW – Jewish officials, government leaders and foreign diplomats gathered in Kazakhstan to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for a new synagogue and community centre in the former Soviet republic.

Spying Charge Denied

WASHINGTON – Israel has denied charges leveled by the Central Intelligence Agency that it is extensively involved in economic espionage against the United States.

A CIA report released this month by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence accused Israel, France, China, Russia, Iran and Cuba of trying to steal high-tech secrets for commercial advantage.

U.S. officials have long accused Israel and France of such activity, but the report marked the first time the CIA cited the countries in the public record.

In The CJN, 25 Years Ago...

Friday August 20, 1971

NEW CAMPAIGN OVER JERUSALEM STATUS

A major campaign appears to be building against Israel's reunification and incorporation of Jerusalem.

It is widely expected that Jordan will introduce a resolution to condemn Israel's claim to the city when the UN General Assembly convenes next month.

Recently the Vatican has criticized Israel for its "Judaization" of Jerusalem and the "suffocation" of its Christian and Moslem population. There has also been an attempt to have the general board of the National Council of Churches adopt a resolution against "annexation."

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ISRAEL NAMES NEW OTTAWA ENVOY

Theodor Meron, 41, has been appointed ambassador to Canada and Col. Jacob Monbaz, 57, has been transferred to Toronto from Montreal as consul general, the Israeli government announced.

Meron, an expert in international law, received the Arlosoroff Prize in 1958 for his study of the demilitarized zones on the Israeli frontiers. He holds law degrees from Hebrew, Harvard and Cambridge Universities.

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UJA closes B&P network for women

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Fourteen years after its inception, the Business and Professional Women's Network (B&P) of United Jewish Appeal has ceased to exist, and its membership is being absorbed by Women's Campaign.

But longtime members view B&P's demise as progress. When the network was established, it was designed to meet the needs of career women for the first time in the context of UJA.

Programs were held in the evening, or occasionally on the weekend. The network, true to its name, was a forum for making both business and social contact.

"There was a real sense of *chevra*," said Rochelle Wolfond, B&P chair for the 1996 UJA campaign. Educational and advocacy programming on women's issues, as well as fundraising for Israel and the local Jewish community, were the cornerstones of B&P.

The division brought 725 new contributors into UJA; their donations last year totalled $300,000.

Wolfond, who was in commercial real estate when she joined B&P 12 years ago, stopped working outside the home a number of years ago. She is not untypical.

At the same time, over the past several years, an increasing number of members of Women's Campaign — originally geared to the needs of women not working outside the home — have returned to the paid work force. In fact, in recent years Women's Campaign has had a higher proportion of volunteers who work outside the home than B&P.

"The lines have blurred," said Wolfond.

The phenomenon is not unique to Toronto, notes Glennie Lindenberg, a lawyer and founding member of B&P who is currently co-chair of the UJA management team, professional cabinet. At a meeting of the General Assembly of Jewish Federations, she learned that B&P counterparts in other North American cities were also becoming unnecessary.

Lindenberg's current UJA position may reflect a general change in attitude. According to Wolfond, UJA had "practically no women involved in leadership positions" 15 years ago, but is now "quite gender-blind."

Because of the dearth of women in leadership positions at that time, B&P offered leadership development, for which there was only scarce opportunity elsewhere in Campaign. Today UJA Campaign includes a young professionals network, a young business network, a young construction network and an overall young leadership network, all of which have a high proportion of women involved.

Ex B&Pers who have moved on to a professional division will continue to be informed about women's issues and programming through Women's Campaign.

"I see this as a positive thing. It has to do with the changing of society," said Wolfond. "I guess I'll be somewhat nostalgic for B&P days, but ... my heart is with UJA. The most important thing for me is to help raise money."

BB wants share of VLT revenues

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The provincial government should share revenue from controversial video lottery terminals with charities, says B'nai Brith Canada (BBC).

The introduction by Queen's Park of 20,000 terminals across the province "should be viewed as a partnership with the charitable sector," BBC recently told public hearings on Bill 75, which would make video lotteries legal in Ontario.

But B'nai Brith is worried because competition from the terminals will detract from traditional gaming, such as bingo, raffles and sweepstakes, and "diminish the ability of charities to fundraise from this gaming," BBC treasurer David Colodny and executive vice-president Frank Dimant told MPPs.

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MAUERBACH BENEFIT SALE
This Friedrich Von Amerling painting, *The Oriental*, is one of about 1,000 paintings confiscated by the Nazis to be auctioned by Christie's in Austria in October to benefit victims of the Holocaust and their families. See story on page 43.

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Newspaper examines religious beliefs

Ha'aretz is one of Israel's leading independent daily newspapers. It is a "grey" morning paper without the stylistic or substantive flash and sensation of Israel's two largest dailies, *Yediot Achronot* and *Ma'ariv*. In appearance it resembles somewhat the *Globe and Mail* or the *New York Times*. Even though it provides heavy coverage of financial and economic matters, its editorial policy is generally considered to be left of centre. And it is, of course, secular.

I recently received the Friday supplement to the July 26 issue of *Ha'aretz*. The cover is pitch black speckled with silver dots to create the impression that it is a view of a midnight sky aglow with the flickering illuminations of countless stars. Across this firefly firmament, in bold blue lettering, is the question: "Does God Exist?"

Underneath the rather large question, modestly at the bottom of the page one reads: "(The answer on pages 18 - 71)".

The editor "dedicates the supplement to the existence of God." In all, there are 11 articles. But the subject is treated as a curio, a journalistic romp into a new-age playground, neither serious nor respectful of religious sensibilities. It is, to say the least, a disappointment. I prefer to believe however that this failed exercise was more the result of ignorance than of mischief or malevolence, and as such, a magazine mirror reflecting the extent and sophistication of the religious beliefs of the modern, secular Israeli who holds its pages.

But the supplement wasn't a complete disappointment. The first article of the 11 describes a poll conducted of all of the members of the Knesset. Each member was asked the question: "Do you believe in God?" All of the answers are recorded and the results are interesting.

Ninety-one members stated that they do believe in God. Twenty refused to answer. Nine said that they did not believe. The author of the article, Gidon Alon, who posed the questions and collated the results categorized the parliamentarians answers into five distinct types. I shall reproduce his findings.

The first type of answer came from members who were themselves religious or traditional, representatives of religious parties or members who wear a kippah but who represent secular parties, such as Chaim Dayan of Tsomet. They have a strong belief in God. Some of them were even set aback by the question. "How can one not believe?" answered Yigal Bibby of the National Religious Party.

The second category of answer came from members who belong to secular parties but who are traditional in their observance as a result of a religious education, such as Dahlia Itzik from Labor, or as a result of a religious upbringing in their homes, such as Rafi Elul , also of Labor.

The third category of answer was from secular members who attempted to avoid giving an answer by stating that the question was too deeply personal to answer or by simply refusing to answer without explanation. Alon said that it was difficult to know if the avoidance stemmed from a reluctance to disclose their lack of belief or simply, from their refusal to take part in the poll.

The fourth answer was the categorical denial of the belief in God. These members were quite open about their atheism. Yael Dayan fell into this category.

The fifth answer was the equivocation, akin to agnosticism. These members were clearly uncomfortable to disclose that they actually believed in God; thus they attempted to qualify their belief in other terminology. Some examples of these answers were: "I believe in a higher being", or "in a superior force", or "I believe that nothing happens by itself." Roman Bronfman of Yisrael b'Aliyah typified this response.

Eighteen of the 21 Likud members were willing to identify themselves as believers. Twenty one of the 33 Labor members said that they were believers. Not surprisingly, none of the nine members of Meretz said that they believed in God. Six avoided answering; three said openly that they did not believe.

The prime minister believes in God. Shimon Peres believes in God. Refael Eitan refused to answer, as did Benjamin Begin and Ariel Sharon.

The believers constitute the vast majority. Of the 120 members, only nine said they did not believe in the existence of God. Ninety one members, more than three-quarters of the total, believe in God. If the sampling is representative of the population as a whole, even including the Arab members who are also among the believers, there is reason for optimism that the religious/secular divide can be bridged some day.

The vast majority of the people holds fast and deeply to the same fundamental belief: the ethical monotheism of the God of Israel. Common history, shared destiny and a core love of peoplehood bind the majority to each other. What is shared by the majority is far greater and far more powerful than what is divergent within it.

It is for those people who would step away from extremism, from the path of the unforbearing, who instead would lead the majority onto a path of tolerance and respect for each other, to now step forward.

MBD

BB addresses VLT issue

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B'nai Brith and other Jewish organizations often use bingo, games of chance and sponsor casino evenings to raise money.

More than $2.5 billion is wagered annually at gaming organized by religious and social service groups, BBC said. "Charities have become dependent on the funds raised through charity gaming."

But over the past few years, "there has been a steady and progressive erosion of the rights and abilities of charities to raise funds [from gaming] in the face of competition by government-provided gaming."

The proposed terminals have met with controversy. Some religious groups oppose them, saying they're just another form of gambling and will hurt the poor.

BBC's recommendations were:

- Video lottery terminals should be introduced into charity casinos and bingo halls owned and operated by charities for charities.
- "A portion" of funds derived from the terminals should be distributed to gaming charities "to enable them to continue their charitable work."
- Income from terminals in charity casinos and bingo halls should be shared on a 50-50 basis.

If Bill 75 is approved, Ontario will become the ninth province to allow video lottery terminals. Plans call for the machines to be installed at racetracks and charity casinos this fall. A second phase would move them into restaurants and bars.

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Asked to describe her job as a teacher at Zairenu, a school for children with special needs, Elena Rodos says she is the hands and voices of the students.

As a special education teacher, Rodos, 41, works with 6- to 9-year- olds who are non-verbal and physically challenged. They are enrolled in Zairenu's Total Communication Program (TCP), to help them learn to communicate without words.

The TCP class was recently expanded from a half-day to a full-day program and has a staff that includes Rodos as well as an early childhood educator and communications, physio, occupational and music therapists.

"It is a challenging job but I'm repaid in the satisfaction I get when I see the small things the students can achieve with the help of our team.

Rodos, who was educated in a pedagogical institute in Russia, started at Zairenu as a volunteer and worked to become a full-time teacher. "There is nothing to say except that it is a beautiful place to work. It is a warm environment and I really feel like it is a second home. There really is no other place like Zareinu."

The program's goal, is to teach the students, in a Jewish environment, the everyday skills that come naturally to most children. This would not be achieved, she says, were it not for the skills, patience "and soft hearts of all the teachers. We all love the kids. The special relationship extends to the parents as well. We become like family.

"In order to integrate the children's home and school life, we have parents record any of their evening or weekend activities such as a picture of someone they visited, a book they read together or a napkin from a restaurant. The children then share their experiences with the rest of the class."

A lot of her work is done at home, she says, because it is such a consuming job, there is no time for preparation at school. "Each child has different needs and I am always preparing something for them. One needs to learn to recognize his name so I created a large-piece puzzle out of the letters in his name.

While attending university courses in Toronto, Rodos was told that there was no other place like Zareinu "and that is really the truth. Between the highly qualified and dedicated teachers and the personal attention that is paid to the children, the only problem we have is worrying where the children will go when they graduate."

Elena Rodos

Senior scares off 'gangsters'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Helen Kaminski didn't suddenly develop superhuman strength and lift a car that was pinning her child. Neither did she dive into a rushing river to save a drowning man.

But the senior citizen and Holocaust survivor did surprise herself, her friend and two "gangsters" who were planning to snatch her purse, with an unlikely display of bravado and street theatre.

Kaminski foiled the robbery attempt despite her age (she'd rather not say how old she is), her heart condition, and the fact that the two potential lawbreakers were youths on bikes.

It all started a few weeks ago when just before nightfall she was sitting with a friend on a bench in a small parkette at Bathurst and Ellerslie, near the Bathurst Jewish Centre. A young man on a bicycle approached and asked for cigarettes.

After she replied that she had none and would he please leave them alone, she could see another young man approaching from the rear as the first man continued to ask for a smoke. Sensing the ne'er-do-wells were up to no good, she rose to her feet and raised her voice.

Helen Kaminski

"I started to shout very very loud because I was sure they wanted to do something to us," she said.

When she heard one say "the bag, the bag" to his accomplice, she "showed the stick [near] his head and shouted so that the police would come."

The two scruffy-looking young men took their bicycles and, as the police might say, vacated the scene.

Though she's frail, in poor health and doesn't hear so well, Kaminski doesn't think she did anything extraordinary. While people half her age would have let the purse go, Kaminski said she reacted instinctively.

"I couldn't believe it. I was nervous. It was not me. I don't know how I could talk to them so loud," she said.

A native of Poland who survived the Holocaust by hiding with her two small children, Kaminski downplays her recent encounter with the would-be thieves.

"It's not such a big thing, how I made so much energy with the stick. I was ready to give him one. I saw he was a gangster," she said.

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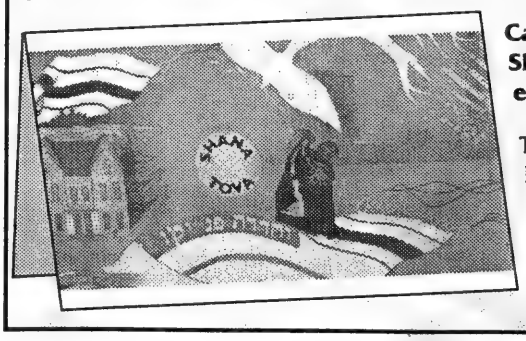
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Hershkovitz heads to China as Canada's cultural attache

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Linda Hershkovitz paused mid-interview to provide a phone reference for her children's nanny — one of umpteen details that required her attention before her recent departure to Beijing. For the next two years, she will serve in China's capital city as cultural attache at the Canadian Embassy.

Aside from a few pieces of Chinese art, there was little in the 45-year-old academic's unpretentious Toronto home to suggest an upcoming transition to diplomatic life — excluding her home office, of course, where the fax machine had been humming with daily transcontinental communiques to and from the four-person staff awaiting her arrival.

Despite the familiar Canadian domesticity of her home — notes on the fridge, 2-year-old Mira's stroller and 3-year-old Matt's small bicycle near the front door — Hershkovitz is no stranger to China.

A native of Toronto with a PhD in Chinese History, she lived there as a graduate student from 1978 to 1980 and has returned at least once a year since, most recently as a consultant on gender equity strategy, among other things.

Her fascination with the country began with an interest in its politics, socialism specifically. She was raised on kitchen table political discussions: her late parents, Al and Fay Hershkovitz, who in 1979 visited her in China as part of a trade union delegation, were both political activists.

Of her two-year stint in China, she spent six months in Beijing studying Mandarin, which she speaks and reads "fairly fluently. I can get along fine, [but learning the language] is an enormous task that never ends."

Linda Hershkovitz

Her husband, Marvin Zuchowski, a psychologist with the Toronto Board of Education, has been taking Chinese lessons in preparation for his two-year leave of absence. Even Matt is readying himself, asking the Chinese words for "playground" and "sandbox."

Although it's next to impossible for foreigners to integrate completely, Hershkovitz became friendly with some of her Chinese counterparts when she was there as a student.

Her local friends knew little about Judaism, but "on the whole they were very positive ... I get the feeling the Chinese feel an affinity with Jewish culture. They'll say things like, 'We [both] have a long unbroken civilization, a long tradition of scholarship.' "

As Canada's 14th Counsellor, Cultural and Educational Affairs since diplomatic relations were established in 1970, Hershkovitz will work at promoting cultural relations and contacts between the two countries. Smoothing the way for visiting performers and providing them with opportunities to meet their Chinese counterparts is one aspect of the job.

"We'll be exposing China to the best of Canadian culture. We're promoting Canada's image as a good, progressive country with a vibrant cultural life ... a country with values, history and a political system worth studying and learning from."

There's also a business angle, she noted. One example is a growing market for Canadian television programs, as more and more Chinese people get television sets.

On the educational side, Hershkovitz will select Chinese graduate students and more senior scholars to study in Canada on exchange programs.

Over 20 Chinese universities and research institutes have Canadian studies programs, and the works of Canadians such as Northrop Frye and Farley Mowat are currently being translated into Chinese with the assistance of Canada's department of foreign affairs and international trade.

Academics like Hershkovitz have benefited from programs the Canadian government has developed with China over the years, she noted. "It may sound a little hokey, but I'm glad I have the opportunity to repay some of that investment."

Although her official duties will occupy most of her time, she plans to keep a watchful academic's eye on local sociological issues.

She also plans to make time for the Jewish community. With the large number of diplomats and Israeli businesspeople in Beijing, a community seder held at a hotel attracted hundreds of people, she heard.

In Beijing, Hershkovitz will straddle two worlds, living in the embassy compound and working on a daily basis with the Chinese. "I think it's possible to arrive at some balance, and I hope to do that."

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Greater Toronto Area

Audey Stanleigh loses battle with leukemia

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Audey Stanleigh, who for hundreds of people embodied courage and grace in the face of extreme adversity, succumbed to a 2½-year battle with leukemia on Aug. 9. He was 21 years old.

Despite his youth, all who recall Audey described him as mature beyond his years, someone who handled his plight with a dignity and selflessness that touched the hearts of all, including doctors and nurses hardened by years of exposure to cancer and its ravages.

Even when he was sick, Audey lent his efforts to fundraising and blood drives to find bone marrow transplants for others, his family said last week. In one year, his father Jerome noted, Audey helped raise over $100,000 through various drives.

Audey's plight became a well known cause in the Jewish community, especially in the Spring Farm section of Thornhill, where the Stanleighs live. In March 1994, while spending a year studying at a yeshivah in Israel, he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a particularly virulent strain of the disease. After unsuccesful chemotherapy treatments in Israel, he returned to Toronto to await a bone marrow transplant.

Miraculously, a match was found through a local drive for Jay Feinberg, the 28-year-old New Jersey leukemia victim whose own campaign for a compatible donor ended with an adequate match. Feinberg is now at home, doing well.

For Audey, the worldwide search for a donor ended not far away: Stephen Cheifetz of Windsor donated marrow. After a difficult recovery, it looked as though Audey had pulled through. But in March of last year, he relapsed and doctors offered little hope.

He spent the following seven months at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital. A few months following his release, he had another relapse and underwent a second transplant from Cheifetz just last month. The procedure worked, and Audey quickly regenerated leukemia-free marrow. But his body, so wracked by infections, could not recover. He'd had a stroke, and on erev Shabbat, Aug. 9, Audey quietly died in hospital.

"He was a genuine soul," his father Jerome recalled last week. "He represented the essence of what all us love to believe in and want for our children, like love of life and dedication. Right until the very end, he never had a bitter word. He never complained. The harder the fight got, the harder he fought, but never loudly. He had a quiet courage."

Audey found solace in his Orthodox faith: "There wasn't a time when he didn't learn and pray," said his father. "Until his last Shabbat, he sang."

"If we have anything to give the world as Jews, it's the kind of total committment Audey had. He was a teacher, a brother and a son."

Audey Stanleigh

Audey was born in Vancouver and graduated from Toronto's Associated Hebrew School and Yeshivat Or Chaim. A brilliant math student, he was accepted in the University of Toronto's engineering school. He was also an accomplished artist.

During a 1994 taping of the *Shirley Show*, on which Audey was introduced to Cheifetz, Audey's sister Shira, then 10, ran up to Cheifetz and sobbing, gave him a big hug, saying he had "saved my best friend."

Family and friends recalled how Audey inspired everyone around him, even fellow patients, with his wit and charm.

"Others felt better around him," said his mother Ilana. "He never felt sorry for himself and never lost his belief. I learned the meaning of life through him."

Recalled his brother Yoni, 22: "He felt his struggle reflected that of the Jews, that the odds have been stacked against us, but that Jews will always fight on."

For the family, one sign of how much Audey affected even the professionals around him was that his nurses and doctors attended the funeral or came to the shivah house.

Audey leaves his parents, brother Yoni, sisters Dikla and Shira, grandmother Dina in Israel and thousands of friends and admirers around the world.

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Reaping the whirlwind

This is the time of year when a mild melancholy begins to set in. Individuals sense the approaching end of summer and see in the tinges of orange and brown on some of the leaves the changing of yet another season.

In contrast to the cooling of nature's temperatures, and adding to the feeling of mild melancholy this year, is the heating up of Quebec politics. This time the issue is language. As the *Globe and Mail* recently observed, "The language war is marked by a new mood of militancy among anglophones, adding a new unpredictable element to the national unity issue."

The current language flare-up was caused by the decision of the government of Quebec in early June to more strictly enforce its controversial language law by reviving the Commission de protection de la langue française.

Pushed by government into an existential corner, the nervous, angry English minority in Quebec has become more assertive in defence of its rights, indeed encouraged to be so by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien himself. Even as the Quebec government announced the hiring of additional inspectors – alternatively known pejoratively as language police or tongue troopers – to investigate complaints about English-only store signs, a number of people from the anglophone community began a grassroots campaign to press for the inclusion of English on French-only signs.

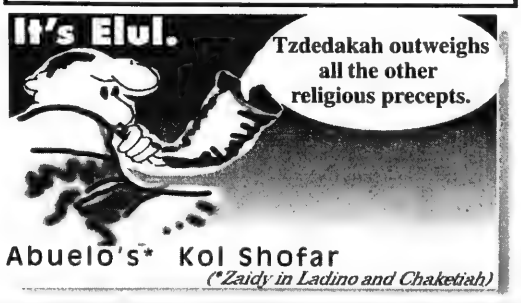
At the centre of the campaign is Howard Galganov, a Montreal businessman who recently spearheaded a successful boycott of Montreal businesses which had posted signs only in French.

But, as we predicted when the Lucien Bouchard government announced its new enforcement measures, the cycle of measure and counter-measure has spiralled upward, accompanied on both sides by careless accusations and inflammatory rhetoric. Galganov's success has evoked fiery responses from separatist leaders. The situation is becoming ripe for extremists to exploit fraying nerves and vulnerable sensibilities. For example, The Jewish General Hospital was the site of a highly publicized protest last week over a questionable, clearly isolated incident of only English being used.

As we have written on numerous occasions, we understand and share Quebecers' concerns for protecting the French language in North America against all incursions. "Preserving and enhancing the French language, its culture, its ways, its traditions and its beauty, is one of our society's chief objectives. Though this is, obviously, of primary importance for Quebecers, it is equally so for all Canadians."

In our view, a thriving, vital, economically sound Quebec within a thriving, vital, economically sound Canada is the very best way to protect the French language. The will, weight, wherewithal and prestige of the federal institutions of Canada, a country admired around the world and acknowledged as among the very best in which to live and raise one's family, are a far more effective weapon in defence of the French language than the bunkered-down battalions of an extremely self-focussed, almost xenophobic government.

Having sown the wind of anger, suspicion and alienation, the government of Quebec may now be reaping its awful whirlwind, and in the process, bring further anxiety upon a province, a country and its good people.



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I MAY CALL ANOTHER ANTI-TERRORIST SUMMIT.

Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History
August 24, 1882: Temple Emanu-El, the first Reform synagogue in Canada, was founded in Montreal. (Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)

Poland to place buffer around Auschwitz

As the only Canadian delegate to the recent meeting of the International Council to the State Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau, I welcome and support the announcement that the government of the Republic of Poland will prepare an extensive program to arrange protective zones around the State Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau. I strongly endorse the decision by the government that all construction in the vicinity of the museum be halted until the plans for this area are developed in line with the council's recommendations.

The council's recommendations are that the silence zone directly adjacent to the museum be extended and that services which are presently located in the museum, such as restaurant, snack bar, money exchange office, flower shop, book and souvenir shops and the bus/car parking lot be relocated to a further distance from the museum.

A key recommendation is that the protective zones be under the direct control of the Central Government and not the town and local regional governments.

The council welcomed and supported the government announcement that it is prepared to help develop the infrastructure of the town of Oswiecim to better serve the residents and the 500,000 yearly visitors to the area.

It was felt that the crosses and stars of David located in Birkenau on the "fields of pyres" where thousands of human bodies were burned should be removed and replaced with appropriate monuments or commemorative tablets to honor the memories of victims and to indicate their diverse nationalities and religions. (The greatest number of victims were Jewish men, women, children and infants.)

The council has accepted my proposal that the museum establish a press section to inform the public in Poland and abroad of its plans and to counteract misinformation originating from hostile and questionable sources.

Nathan Leipciger
Auschwitz Prisoner #133628
Co-chair National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress

More Aliya Bet heroes

Your July 11 article about Canadian volunteers in the Hagana's post-World War II Aliya Bet fleet brought back cherished memories of my own experiences as a sailor on one of those broken-down refugee ships.

I would like to add the following names to the list of heroes: Sol Goldberg, Montreal, *The Jewish State*; Laz Kahansky, Montreal, *The Jewish State*; Bernard Kogan, Montreal, *Wedgewood*; Joe Liberson, Winnipeg, *Calanit*; Abe "Archie" Taller, Ottawa, *Calanit*; Julius Witeroff, Montreal, *Calanit*; Moshe Sokoloff, Toronto, *Haganah*.

Eddy Kaplansky
Haifa

No commitment by volunteers to BBYO

As regional director of Montreal BBYO, it is my hope that our community will review your Aug. 1 article concerning BBYO with caution. While I am sure your purpose in writing this article was for community interest, the end result is less than positive.

The information you quoted on alumni assuming leadership in fundraising was inaccurate. To be specific, alumni have expressed interest in learning of Montreal BBYO's trials. Consequently they have agreed to spearhead discussions on renegotiating a new vision for BBYO and to establish any possible FEDERATION CJA involvement based on changes that were essential to make. Your article indicates a commitment that our volunteers never agreed to take on.

Marla Usheroff-Small
Senior Regional Director
BBYO-LRA
Montreal

Merchant of Venice is a painful experience

Re: Eye on Arts by Bill Gladstone (*CJN* Aug. 8). The writer asks the question, "Is *The Merchant of Venice* a play best left on the shelf?"

The answer is a resounding yes! Why do we have to torture ourselves into justifying this Shakespearean work that needs so much explaining and rationalizing. It is a painful experience for most Jews. Neither the fine acting of Douglas Rain nor the new setting of the pre-holocaust years in Italy lessen the rage that I and those who were with me felt every time the word Jew was spat out.

We left feeling that the tragic Nazi horror of this century was made easier by 1,000 years of having the Jew depicted as a usurer and a non-Christian. It is time for the artistic world to stop trying to explain the unexplainable.

To Marti Maraden and future well intentioned artists — the quality of mercy will forever be strained with the production of *The Merchant of Venice*. Let it rest in peace.

Claire Mandel
Hamilton

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Perspectives

The big chill puts discussion on hold

By ELI RUBENSTEIN

Did you hear the one about...? Chances are you will be hearing that phrase less and less in the future. Why? The arena of public discourse is constantly being narrowed by a culture that feeds off a feeling of victimization and an overacute sense of being wronged.

Almost any item may manage to offend, even when it is clear that those who authored the "offensive" item bear no malicious intent, and even when it can be argued objectively that the item is not necessarily offensive. In short, the big chill has set in.

Look at the picture in the centre of this article. It was taken during the 1992 March of the Living from Auschwitz to Birkenau. I chose the photo for the cover of an award winning anthology of the prose, poetry, photos and art created by past participants in the March. To my mind, the photo was moving and captured the image of a Jewish teen, draped in a flag bearing the symbol of the Jewish people, marching down the tracks that once carried so many of her ancestors on a terrifying journey into the heart of darkness. And I'd wager that most people who viewed the cover saw something similar.

Once the book hit the stands, however, the most bizarre complaints made their way to me. One individual grumbled that the photo was too nationalistic; and nationalism, Jewish or otherwise, had no place in Auschwitz. Another caller criticised the cover of the book because its underlying message to teens told them it was permissible to walk down railroad tracks, an extremely unsafe practice.

In my own synagogue, I found myself in trouble after making the point that Judaism is a religion that has historically stressed intellectual pursuit and academic excellence over other pursuits. To this end, I recalled the classic joke: What's the thinnest book in the world? Famous Jewish sports heroes.

The complaint, in letter form, stated that the joke was racist, as it suggested that Jews were better than non-Jews, in that all Jews were cerebral while all non-Jews were jocks. Never mind that a devotion to intellectual pursuits does not necessarily make the Jewish people better than other cultures. Never mind that virtually every history of Judaism states that one of Judasim's unique features is its emphasis on study (hence, the "people of the book"). By suggesting that Judaism – for better or for worse – is a culture that places study among its highest values, one is hereby declared a racist. Case closed.

My most jarring experience with the big chill occurred in an encounter with Jewish feminists after a short speech I delivered at a U.S. conference. During my presentation I related what I thought, and still think, is an innocent joke concerning Jewish guilt.

As part of my speech, in reference to a discussion of what is the Torah's most oft-repeated commandment, I humorously suggested it was the one that stated: "Thou shalt feel guilty." And I told the following joke: How do Jewish mothers differ from most? Most mothers tell their offspring: If you don't finish your lunch, I'll kill you. A Jewish mother informs her emaciated charges: "I'll kill myself!"

After the conference, I was taken to task by a prominent American Jewish feminist, and later by other feminist activists whose opinion I solicited on the issue. Their view was that the Jewish mother joke was a contemptuous insult that was unquestionably offensive to Jewish women. My argument, that the joke was a loving and humorous reference to Jewish motherhood, fell upon deaf ears.

When I protested that a number of women actually thanked me for injecting an element of humor into an otherwise serious evening, I was informed that deep down these women were offended, even if they didn't realize it. My rejoinder that deep down my feminist critic actually liked the aforementioned joke was met without the slightest appreciation. Further, I was even accused of being responsible for the high rate of intermarriage — as the Jewish mother jokes I was telling were the reason why Jewish men did not want to marry Jewish women.

This picture on the cover of a literary anthology garnered bizarre complaints.

While my opponents sought to invest with intense political significance every joke told in which Jewish women appeared, I argued, unsuccessfully, that "sometimes a cigar is just a a cigar" (Freud), "a rose is a rose is a rose" (Gertrude Stein)...and a joke is just a joke. Equally unpersuasive was my contention that they underestimated the resilience of Jewish women, most of whom would listen to the jokes, have a laugh and move on with their lives.

On a gut level, on a "what I really believe" plateau, I was convinced that they were mistaken in their criticism. Yet life is about learning, and so I offered to reconsider my position. However, when I asked one of the individuals to entertain the possibility that she might be mistaken — I was greeted with a flat out, "No, there is no possibility I am wrong." It is a frightening phenomenon to be confronted by anyone who is acquainted with the truth in such immutable terms.

Intrigued by their criticisms and genuinely wondering if I was really that obtuse about the offensiveness of my remarks, I shared the above dialogue with my female co-workers in Canada and Israel. Most insisted that the feminist critique did more harm than good in the effort to combat sexism.

In the feminist case, the damage being done is the very development they would most hope to avoid. There are numerous bona fide feminist issues in both the secular and the Jewish world that cry out for attention. Yet when the dialogue focuses on a joke about Jewish guilt, a "girl cries wolf" scenario is created. Almost invariably, it strains the credibility of these same social critics when they do begin to address critical women's issues.

The big chill in public discourse, as seen in the examples above, reflects a mixture of a number of phenomena: of political correctness; of the culture of complaining, "if I feel this way then it must be true;" of looking through the world only through the narrow prism of one's own particular sensitivity, cause or political movement.

Who loses in the big chill in public discourse? In the first place, democracy. Individuals will become increasingly reluctant to say anything slightly controversial for fear that it might offend someone – somehow, somewhere. Thus, we are engendering a new age of totalitarianism in the free expression of ideas.

The second loser is rational, logical thought: There is no need for objective standards, no argument that there are other interpretations to a given statement – I am offended, ergo you and your remarks are offensive.

The third negative result of this phenomenon is that we lose opportunities to learn...Take two classic light bulb jokes: How many Orthodox Jews does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: None – they never change anything! How many Reform Jews does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: Thousands – they don't want to change just one light bulb, they want to change every corner of the house. Orthodox and Reform Jews may hear these jokes and become offended. Or they may laugh at the underlying truths that Orthodoxy changes slowly (perhaps too slowly) and Reform Judaism changes rapidly (perhaps too rapidly) — and still maintain trust in their respective systems, or conversely, re-evaluate their beliefs.

The point is, the defensive response in the case of both the Reform and the Orthodox jokes inhibits an individual from reflecting on his or her culture and perhaps trying to effect change within its confines. The prospect of having to deal with the abovementioned defensive response acts as a powerful disincentive for those who would have otherwise used this material in a public setting. The result? The big chill sets in and everyone loses.

The last negative result — perhaps the saddest aspect of this whole debate — is that we are creating a society that immediately imputes the worst motives to those we disagree with. There are probably not many worse feelings than being suspected of something you are not. Yet we strike like lightning, with an almost religious zeal, to brand individuals with names like "racist," "chauvinist," and "elitist."

In a way, we are witnessing an inversion of Anne Frank's famous statement, "I still believe, in spite of everything, people are really good at heart," and of the Mishnaic ideal of the rabbis who ask us to "judge all people by giving them the benefit of the doubt." The new fundamentalism argues that despite everything, let's give the worst possible interpretation, let's attribute the least noble motives, to a statement subject to multiple interpretations. In short, let's build a society where suspicion and mistrust are promoted as ethical ideals.

A wise man from Galicia once said: When someone tells me that he is 60 percent sure about something, I am happy. When I am told by an individual that he is 70 percent certain about a given subject, I'm even happier...80 percent and I begin to worry...90 percent, I'm even more concerned. But when someone tells me that he is 100 percent certain about a given belief, I consider the man to be a scoundrel, a rogue, an agent of the devil. Because it is precisely these people who are so arrogant about their beliefs that they will commit any act, no matter what the cost, no matter who is harmed, in the name of their ideologies.

After all is said and done, here is my plea. Next time you read, hear or come across something that doesn't sit well with you, that "presses your buttons," ask yourself the following questions: Is my interpretation the only one applicable to this given statement? Is my view necessarily an accurate reflection of what this person meant to impart? Is my view representative of what most people would feel? And finally, am I ready to enter into a dialogue with the author of the statement or is my position so infallible that all I seek to do is to muzzle another with my vehemence?

As the wise man from Galicia admonishes, never be certain about ideology — less so about a subjective interpretation to a given event. Certainty is arrogance. Rather, show a measure of humility about the religious or philosophical positions you stake out. In the process, your position may become more persuasive, or you may step closer to the position you previously criticised. Either way, we will have moved in the direction of a more truthful and tolerant society, one that values the genuine learning that blossoms from real dialogue. Moreover, we will have begun to effect a thaw in the big chill that is in danger of freezing our public spaces into a permanent state of mistrust, resentment, condemnation and the rush to accuse.

Opinions

King Hussein's Jerusalem dilemma

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's meeting with Jordanian King Hussein earlier this month represented a shift of nuance in the Israeli government's emphasis in dealing with the Jordanian-Palestinian issue.

By Shira Herzog

Historically, there have been two different Israeli approaches to Jordan's role in a peace process. The first, to which Yitzhak Rabin subscribed — and which Netanyahu appears to accept — views Jordan as having a central role in the final agreement. According to this approach, Jordan should be strengthened at the expense of the Palestinians.

The second, to which Shimon Peres and the architects of the Oslo process subscribe, views the Palestinians as the significant players in the area. This perception is fuelled by uncertainty as to the future of Jordan in the post-Hussein era, and as to the nature of relations between the Jordanians and the Palestinians once a final agreement on the territories is reached.

This debate, which has its roots in the '70s, had practical ramifications in the drafting of the "Jerusalem clause" in the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty signed in October 1994. King Hussein agreed to sign the treaty only after the inclusion of the clause, which promised to respect Jordan's special status in the Muslim holy places in Jerusalem. Rabin and King Hussein personally wrote the clause, stating explicitly that in negotiations on the permanent settlement, Israel will grant priority to Jordan's historic role.

Rabin and his advisers, who were reserved with regard to the Oslo agreement with Arafat, were prepared to give preference to Jordan. Shimon Peres and his advisors, on the other hand, believed that this clause was an unnecessary provocation vis-à-vis the Palestinians, who had been required to leave Jerusalem off the table during the autonomy negotiations.

In the end, Peres accepted Rabin's approach and the promise to King Hussein became an element of his own policy. Now, Netanyahu seems determined to continue along this path, which serves his apparent interest in taming the Palestinians' aspirations for a political presence in east Jerusalem.

King Hussein, for his part, is ambivalent on the issue. Despite the ascendancy of the Palestinians as the leader in negotiations over the West Bank, he retains a strong historic link to east Jerusalem as the scion of the Hashemite Royal House. In practical terms, this means that he wants a say in the negotiations on the permanent disposition of the holy places and that he is displeased with the Palestinians' desire to create facts on the ground. At the same time, King Hussein cannot be preceived in the Arab world as competing with the Palestinians. He also believes that any Palestinian gains in Jerusalem — even if contrary to the promise in his treaty with Israel — ultimately serve the Arab interest.

The same ambivalence was present in King Hussein's attitude to the Rabin-Peres government throughout the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. King Hussein was pleased with progress on that front, which he believed would contribute to stability inside Jordan and would allow him to sign a peace treaty with Israel. But he also feared the strengthening of the Palestinians, his historic rivals for control over the West Bank. This duality has now been carried over in his early reaction to the Netanyahu government. On the one hand, he sees the Likud as a potential partner, due to its preference for Jordan over the Palestinians. On the other hand, he is unsure about the Likud's commitment to continuing the peace process, especially on the Palestinian track.

Jerusalem is a critical and contentious issue in the peace negotiation — not just between Arabs and Israelis, but among the Arabs themselves. There are four Arab parties competing for special status there — Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the Palestinians. For this reason alone, some Israeli negotiators believed that Israel should refrain from conferring special status on any one party at an early stage. It isn't clear if Netanyahu made any further verbal promises to King Hussein when they met privately. But it was King Hussein who made a strong statement on Jerusalem in their joint press conference. He said he did not contemplate a division of the city, but rather preferred an arrangement that would allow all three religions to find their appropriate expression in it. This statement was an important signal to Israelis, but it was no less a signal to the Palestinians.

The new Israeli mosaic

Anyone walking in Tel Aviv, Haifa or Jerusalem these days is struck by the many "non-Jewish" faces on the street. In fact, over the past few years Israel has seen an influx of non-Jews seeking work.

By Morton Weinfeld

These non-Jews are often recruited on work contracts, from countries in eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and the Far East — countries like Cambodia, Thailand and the Philippines. Others come as tourists and then work illegally. Women work as nannies and elder-care workers, men as contract laborers in construction or agriculture. These workers do the jobs which native Israelis cannot or will not do, in much the same way that they fit into labor markets in western Europe. Estimates about the number of such Israeli guest workers, illegal and legal, reach as high as 250,000.

It is almost impossible to find an Israeli of any political stripe who is upbeat about this development.

Some Israelis lament the fact that these guest and illegal workers are in fact displacing Arab workers from the territories who need their Israeli jobs as a basis for their own survival and for the economic growth of the region. Festering unemployment among Palestinians can breed further resentment and disenchantment with the peace process. Of course, the security risks attached to increasing Palestinian employment make non-Arab workers all the more attractive.

Other Israelis are concerned with the impact of such potential immigrants on the Jewish character of the state. At least the West Bank Arabs would not seek to become Israeli citizens and many could return home in the evenings. What would Israel do with so many Israeli citizens who are not Jewish? Some fear that admitting some as legal residents might lead to an explosion of immigration to Israel from all over the developing world.

Israel has no experience with large numbers of non-Jews (leave aside the case of Palestinians and Arab refugees or the non-Jewish spouses of legal Soviet Jewish immigrants) seeking to settle in the country. Israelis fear that they would tend to congregate in "ghettos" and never integrate into Israeli society.

Ironically, most Israelis admit that the foreign workers meet the work expectations of their employers. As for crime, with the exception of an alleged concentration of prostitutes of eastern European-origin and some drunken rowdiness on the part of east European workers, complaints are minimal.

Of course non-Jewish immigrants settling in Israel would cluster in their own areas. This is not a new pattern in Israel, where Arabs, Haredim, North African Jews and European Jewish immigrants also tend to segregate themselves residentially. In fact, this is also the rule in countries like Canada and the United States, where we are all familiar with persisting neighborhoods based on ethnicity and race.

The success of any immigrant integration process is seen in the fate of the second or third generation, the children and grandchildren of immigrants. What would be the fate of these non-Jewish immigrants and their children, should they be eventually granted Israeli citizenship?

No one knows. One scenario would suggest that their parents would continue to work and pay taxes in Israel, their children would go to Israeli schools, be fluent in Hebrew, serve in the army. But could Israeli society come to accept the notion of Thais as legitimate Israelis, similar to Moroccan, Russian, Yemenite and German Jews? A key problem for many is that Thai Israelis would be non-Jewish and might intermarry with Jewish Israelis.

What no one knows is how much intermarriage would take place and what percentage of the marriage would be accompanied by a conversion to Judaism. The Diaspora experience is a poor guide, since Jews there have always been in the numerical minority.

Some people might argue that Israel has still not finished the arduous task of integrating Jewish immigrants and the challenge of non-Jewish immigrants would be too great. Perhaps. But Israel will have to make some unpleasant choices, including forcefully evicting illegal workers, ending foreign worker contracts, or accepting Palestinian workers with accompanying security risks, if she wishes to avoid these new problems. Like it or not, Israel finds herself part of the global population system.

Olympic Games 1936

Now that the Atlanta Games are over, with their medal count, endless hype, thrilling moments and sad memories of terror in the Olympic Park, I remember the Games of 1936, held in Berlin.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

It was the time of Hitler and his thugs, and the event was to showcase the marvels of the Third Reich. I had already emigrated to the United States, but as an active athlete, I followed the news coverage avidly. Commercial TV did not exist as yet, and I didn't own a radio; so I learned everything from the newspaper. In fact, I don't know what kind of reports were broadcast at the time.

But one thing I did know (or thought I knew): there would be no Jews participating, certainly not for Germany. One of my friends was Liesl Jacob, German javelin champion who, before emigrating to South Africa, won the javelin competition at the Maccabi Games we attended in Tel Aviv. Another German champion was Gretel Bergmann, who had won the Olympic trials in the high jump and had then been informed that she would be excluded because, so the letter from the Sports Ministry stated, "Your performance was not up to our standards" (an example of the infamous double talk in which the Nazis were so adept). But to show their "good will," and in order to let the international community know of their "fairness," the Nazis offered Gretel, who had meanwhile emigrated to England, a free standing-room ticket to the Games — which she refused.

In 1996, 60 years later, a new Germany, anxious to undo the injury done to her, made Bergmann (who is about my age) an honorary member of the German team and presented her and her husband with free admission to the Atlanta Games. I saw her on TV when she was interviewed by NBC, a handsome woman who now lives in the United States. She appreciated the gesture of the present German government, she said, though she could never forget how her youthful Olympic dream had been shattered.

But the Nazis were successful in luring Helene Mayer back from the States where she had immigrated, so that she could represent Germany in fencing. Mayer had a Jewish father, and the Nazis defined her as a Jew. She accepted, believing that perhaps the Nazis were relaxing their anti-Semitic practices. She won the silver medal, while the gold was won by a fully Jewish woman from Hungary, Ilona Elek; and another Jew, Ellen Preis from Austria, won the bronze. (The picture of the three winners appeared in the July 25 issue of the *Jerusalem Report*, which however identified only Mayer; the other names were given me by Fred Rose of Toronto).

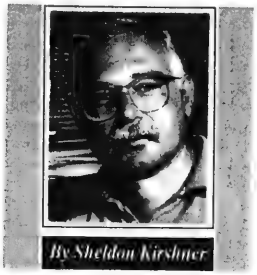
The great hero of the Games was, of course, American Jesse Owens, a black multi-winner, who ran, not only against his fellow competitors, but against Hitler himself, proving the latter's dream of white supremacy nothing but a stupid illusion. I wonder what he and his cohorts would have thought of the Atlanta teams that represented the United States and Canada in track and field.

The Kirshner File

The passing parade...

They died recently, leaving footprints in time ...

Julian Stryjkowski, regarded as one of Poland's greatest post-war



novelists, wrote a series of novels about Jewish life in Poland before the Holocaust. His best-known works, *Voices in the Dark* and *Austeria,* were translated into many languages, including Yiddish and Hebrew.

Born in Galicia, Stryjkowski rejected the Orthodox Jewish values of his parents and joined the Communist party, viewing Communism as "the only way to resolve the Jewish question." He was to be bitterly disappointed. Stryjkowski, a journalist after World War II, left the Communist party in 1966. In his final years, he was associated with the Solidarity movement, which toppled the Communist regime in 1989.

Joseph Green produced and co-directed four of the greatest films of the Yiddish cinema — *Yidl Mitn Fidl* (1935), *Der Purimspiler* (1937), *Mamele* (1938) and *Brievele der Mamen* (1938). Born in Lodz, Green made these classics in Poland. Asked why he stopped making pictures after 1938, he replied: "I have only one answer. Six million potential moviegoers were missing (after the Holocaust)."

Mel Allen (Israel), the congenial voice of the New York Yankees for nearly 25 years and then the host of *This Week in Baseball,* coined the expression "going, going, gone." A member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, he broadcast 20 World Series and 24 All-Star games.

Marjorie Gross, a comedy writer and producer, was one of the brains behind the TV series *Seinfeld.* A Torontonian, she was previously associated with the sitcom *Square Pegs.*

Ross Hunter, the Hollywood producer, churned out 60 films, romantic comedies, tearjerkers and musicals, during his fertile career. Born in Cleveland as Martin Fuss, he began as an actor in low-cost B movies. Among his most notable films were *Magnificent Obsession, Pillow Talk, Airport, Imitation of Life, Flower Drum Song, Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *Lost Horizon.* "I gave the public what they wanted," he said. "A chance to dream, to live vicariously, to see beautiful women, jewels, gorgeous clothes, melodrama."

Saul Bass, a graphic designer, created a new genre in cinema: the compelling opening credit sequence of a major film. The son of a New York City furrier, Bass had the knack of designing memorable, free-standing openers. He devised the segmented body for *Anatomy of a Murder;* the deconstructed arm for *The Man With the Golden Arm;* the black cats for *Walk on the Wild Side;* and the aerial view of Manhattan for *West Side Story.* More recently, Bass designed the sequences for such hits as *Cape Fear, Broadcast News, Casino, The Age of Innocence* and *Goodfellas.*

David Opatoshu, the son of Yiddish novelist Joseph Opatoshu, was a character actor who was equally at home in film, television and the stage. Among his movie credits were *Exodus, The Brothers Karamazov, The Fixer, Torn Curtain* and *The Light Ahead,* a Yiddish film directed by Edgar Ulmer. He appeared in a number of Broadway plays, notably *Golden Boy* and *Silk Stockings.* On TV, he had roles in *Perry Mason, Kojak* and *Star Trek.*

Martin Balsam, an Oscar winning character actor, won his greatest recognition in two roles — as a down-to-earth businessman in *A Thousand Clowns* (1965), for which he received the Academy Award for best supporting actor, and as a doomed detective in *Psycho* (1960), Alfred Hitchcock's shocker. The son of a New York garment manufacturer, Balsam made his film debut in *On the Waterfront,* with Marlon Brando. On Broadway, he won a Tony in the 1967 play *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running.*

Jack Weston had a 40-year career in film, TV and theatre. He appeared in such films as *Cactus Flower, Please Don't Eat the Daisies* and *Wait Until Dark.* On stage, he will be remembered for his roles in *The Ritz* and *California Suite.*

Raphael Blau was a scriptwriter whose greatest claim to fame was his association with *Bedtime for Bonzo,* a 1951 film starring Ronald Reagan as a psychology professor who tries to prove that environment determines personality. But Blau also collected kudos for *Fear Strikes Out,* a 1957 movie about a professional baseball player who suffers a nervous breakdown.

Leo Shull was a Broadway denizen and the publisher of the gossipy *Show Business,* which he started in 1941 as a mimeographed sheet for those who cared about the theatre. With *Show Business* a resounding success, he launched a dozen other entertainment-related periodicals, chiefly *Casting Guide, Who's Where* and *The Summer Theatre Directory.*

Paul Steiner, a Jewish refugee from Nazi-occupied Austria, was the first publishing packager in the United States. Packagers dream up ideas for books, hire writers, illustrators and photographers and then distribute the books under the imprimatur of an established publisher. Steiner specialized in large, lavish coffee-table books, which are more often displayed than read. His greatest success came in the 1970s when he assembled the *National Audubon Society's Field Guide.*

Morton Gould, one of the finest American composers of his generation, published more than 1,000 pieces: symphonies, ballets, musicals and movie scores. Last year, he won the Pulitzer Prize for *String Music.* He composed the background music of *Holocaust,* the acclaimed 1978 television series.

Judith Eisenstein, a composer and musicologist, published *Gateway to Jewish Song,* geared to children, as well as seven cantatas on Jewish themes, the most frequently performed of which is *What is Torah.* From 1929 to 1954, she taught music education and the history of Jewish music at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Teacher's Institute (now known as the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies) in Manhattan. The eldest daughter of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, she was reportedly the first woman to have a bat mitzvah (1922).

Murray Goldblatt, a distinguished Canadian reporter, taught journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa until his retirement in 1991. A native of Hamilton, he worked for a succession of newspapers — the *Oshawa Times-Gazette,* the *Ottawa Citizen,* the *Toronto Star* and the *Globe and Mail* (where he was national editor and Ottawa bureau chief). Goldblatt was also a founding member, then president, of the Ottawa local of the Newspaper Guild.

Dan Wolf was a founding editor of *The Village Voice,* an iconoclastic New York weekly which blended advocacy and personal journalism, backed the civil rights movement and opposed U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war. In 1970, when its circulation had climbed to 50,000, he sold his shares in the newspaper. Later, Wolf was an advisor to Edward Koch, the mayor of New York.

Richard Clurman, a prominent newspaperman, plunged into journalism in 1946 as an assistant editor on the monthly magazine *Commentary,* published by the American Jewish Committee. In 1949, he joined Time, the weekly newsmagazine. Rising steadily in the ranks, he became head of the Time-Life News Service, supervising a staff of 105 correspondents in the United States and abroad. In 1992, he wrote *To the End of Time: The Seduction and Conquest of the World's Largest Media Empires,* an account of the merger between *Time* and Warner Communications.

Howard Chapnick headed Black Star, a New York-based picture agency whose legendary photographers contributed remarkable photos to magazines like *Time, Life, Look* and *Collier's.*

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Rabbinic Reflections

The mazel factor

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

The recent convention in Toronto of 13,000 psychologists reminded me that for years, there has been an ongoing discussion about what is the most important influence in the development of an individual. Is it heredity or environment? The obvious answer is that both are major factors. And on top of that, it helps to have a little mazel.

Ideally, part of the Jewish person's personality in North America should be defined by the Jewish component. We are certainly very conscious of this as we get ready for the High Holy Days and come to the synagogue, hopefully, to get inspiration for the rest of the year. In North America, especially after World War II, the synagogue became the focal point, as well as an important teaching agency, in helping Jewish families observe the mitzvot.

In the Shema is the injunction: "You shall teach your children." The synagogue is an important part of the environment that can help mould Jewish personalities. This is in keeping with the statement in Pirkei Avot: "Get a rabbi or teacher for yourself and acquire proper friends." The contemporary synagogue, with the guidance of the rabbi and the example of our fellow members, plays a vital role in helping Jewish families with the observance of Judaism inside and outside the home. This applies not only to children but also to adults.

The importance of the overall influence of the synagogue on the entire family was brought home to me recently, when I heard Prof. Morton Weinfeld quote a classic description of one of the problems facing Jewish life in recent years.

Far too often, the emphasis has been on what he and others have called "pediatric Judaism" — making sure that our children have a bar/bat mitzvah, know how to recite the four questions at Passover and sing Chanukah songs.

Probably close to 100 percent of Jewish children whose parents belong to a synagogue have a bar/bat mitzvah, as do the children of a goodly percentage of non-synagogue members. Parents and grandparents *shep* a great deal of *nachas* and feel that they have done enough to live up to their Judaic responsibility but are not necessarily proper role models for their children.

It would be interesting, however, to find out how many of these parents attend synagogue regularly afterwards, participate in adult education classes and observe the rituals and customs in their home.

As we approach the High Holy Days, adults have to make strong resolutions to maintain and/or improve upon their commitment to the Jewish way of life. I am an optimist and am convinced that Judaism will survive in North America and Israel, but the same question remains year after year: To what extent will the Jewish adult fulfil the basic commitment to Jewish life? The High Holy Days are a time of *tshuvah*, which can be translated as repentance and return.

All synagogues can help their member and non-member worshippers fulfil the resolve to have a greater commitment to Jewish life. As adults and parents, we have a dual responsibility — to be proper role models so that we can provide a good hereditary example to our children and at the same time, to be involved in the synagogue and the Jewish community so that the environment can likewise be a positive factor for our families.

Let us hope that the coming year, because of the partnership of our own efforts and the will of the Almighty, will bring the blessings of good health, peace and prosperity for all as individuals and klal Yisrael.

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Argentinian inquiry frustrates

Guest Voices

By JACK SILVERSTONE

Two at a time, the 86 names of those who perished in the terrorist bombing of the AMIA Jewish community building on July 18, 1994, in Buenos Aires were read aloud. Two thousand Argentines, most of them Jewish, gathered on the second anniversary in narrow Pasteur Street, where the building stood and where so many lives were cruelly taken.

A heart-rending poem and a tear-choked Spanish speech demanding that the perpetrators be brought to justice sounded over the loudspeakers. Visiting American Jewish leader Rabbi Alexander Schindler, whose meeting in Argentina was a sign of solidarity, intoned the Kaddish prayer.

As I made my way up a parallel street (I was there as part of the foundation delegation), I was stopped in my tracks by a voice overwrought with grief, chanting K'El Maleh Rachamim. Unable for a moment to go on, Rabbi Menachem Porush of Israel completed the prayer. His voice drew me closer as the crowd had thinned, and I was able to approach the construction wall erected in front of the site. On it were photographs of several of the dead: a 19-year-old girl, a 21-year-old man, a 5-year-old child. And then the enormity of the tragedy suffered by the Argentine Jewish community — by far the largest in Latin America, with over 200,000 souls — overwhelmed me.

The Jewish community is frustrated and angry over the conduct of the investigation. This is compounded by the also unsolved bombing of the Israel Embassy in the Argentine capital in 1992 that caused 29 fatalities.

Two years after the terrorist outrage, a solution of the crime and the bringing to trial of the perpetrators seem very little advanced.

The arrest last week of provincial police officers who were allegedly involved in a stolen-car ring, one of whose cars, a Renault van, was used as the delivery vehicle for the huge bomb that destroyed the Jewish community edifice, confirmed the fears of many with regard to the law-enforcement authorities in Argentina. The spectre of an unholy triad of Iran, Hezbollah and corrupt anti-Semitic elements within the Argentine police and military remains a factor. *The Third Attack*, a recent book in Spanish by an Argentine journalist, suggests that another assault is not only possible but likely.

On the same day as the memorial service at the AMIA, the Buenos Aires newspapers ran a story about the disappearance in 1977 of a Swedish teenager in Argentina. It was finally revealed by one of the military officers involved that wrongly suspected as a terrorist, she was pushed from an airplane into the River Plata on a "death flight" in Argentina's "dirty war" against the left. An estimated 30,000 people were "disappeared."

Did we in communities outside Argentina do enough during the murderous period of the military dictatorship to call them to account? Are we doing enough in the wake of the tragedies of the two bombings, both by letting the authorities there know the world is closely following the investigation and secondly by assisting the Jewish community in its rebuilding efforts? In my discussions at the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires, there was certainly an awareness of the issue, but the progress of the inquiry was not on the Canada-Argentina bilateral agenda.

Buenos Aires is about a 10½-hour flight from New York. In the relative silence encountered by the Argentine community after the attacks, it might as well be 10½ years.

Jack Silverstone is the national executive director and general counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Jewish Life

Always act in good faith

By JAY KELMAN

We recently observed the holiday of Tisha b'Av, commemorating the destruction of the Temple. Many readers are aware that the rabbis saw the destruction as a direct result of *sinat chinam* — unnecessary hatred and apathy of one Jew for another.

Biz & Halachah

The Jerusalem Talmud offers a seemingly different reason: namely that the Jews loved money to excess. A temple that symbolizes spirituality cannot serve its purpose if it must compete with the god of money in such a materialistic world.

We are unfortunately aware that perhaps the greatest cause of friction amongst people stems from quarrels over money. Often these disputes result from conflicting interpretations of economic obligations. To help avert potential disputes, the Talmud recommends that all business transactions be put in writing and signed by witnesses. This applies to leases, joint ventures, employment opportunities and even loans to a friend. Implementing this practice could help avoid the vagueness and ambiguity that lead to conflicting interpretations of one's obligations.

Of course, putting all commitments in writing is not always practical; nor can every requirement be spelled out in writing. Therefore, one is expected to act in good faith to implement any oral commitments. If one verbally agrees to a sale, of a house for example, Jewish law would demand rejection of all subsequent offers, whether or not the original commitment has been put in writing. While a handshake is not legally enforceable, it serves as a moral imperative for action.

Flowing from the obligation to act in good faith is the prohibition against *onaat devarim* — cheating with words. This prohibition is violated when one asks about an article that one has no intention of buying. This is objectionable for two reasons. First, the vendor has a needless sense of disappointment when a sale is not made. Second, the salesperson is wasting time with someone who is not a bona fide client, while other real, potential customers are left unserved. However, comparison shopping is not problematic, as long as one has a true intention to make a purchase and other enquiries are directed toward finding the best value among competitors.

There are some practices, however, that do appear to be clearly forbidden. A stock market investor who takes advice from a full-service broker, intending to execute the order with a discount broker, is literally robbing the broker of his commission. Similarly, pricing items at a showroom to determine which item is best suited to your needs and then purchasing them through a catalogue would also be in violation of this biblical prohibition.

Another ethical issue arises in the prohibition of *g'nevat daat*, literally, stealing ones mind. This law is violated when a misrepresentation has taken place and a false impression is thereby created. Some examples mentioned in the Talmud include painting old utensils to make them appear as new, or selling non-kosher meat to a non-Jew who believes he is buying kosher meat that he perceived to be of better value. No price fraud takes place, but the customer is nevertheless being misled in his purchase.

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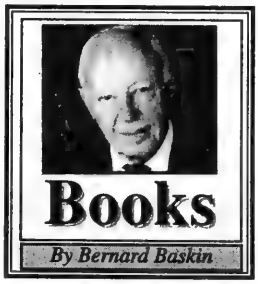

The vanishing Diaspora

Vanishing Diaspora by Bernard Wasserstein, Harvard University Press $27.95 (US)

There are now about two million Jews in Europe: 750,000 in the territory of the former Soviet Union; 100,000 in the rest of Eastern Europe and the Balkans; some 530,000 in France and 280,000 in Britain.

These figures stand in sharp and shocking contrast to the 10 million Jews in Europe in 1937. Hitler's Final Solution reduced this number to four million. In 1967, the figure stood at a mere three million, largely as a result of absorption into surrounding cultures.

Bernard Wasserstein, a professor at Brandeis University and an authority on British Jewry, presents a grim picture of the future of these communities. He asserts that they are diminishing in numbers and influence and "slowly but surely fading away. Soon nothing will be left save a disembodied memory."

In this dispassionate, scholarly, country by country, era by era, survey — from Austria to Yugoslavia — the author maintains that "demographic, social, religious and cultural trends over the past half century point to the dissolution of the Diaspora in Europe." Perhaps, only a small hard core of ultra-Orthodox Jews will remain.

All the signs and indicators are negative. Apart from France and Britain, the West European Jewish communities are small and weak — without the collective will or economic means to provide for their religious and social needs. Yiddish and Ladino are dying. Even in France, the most vibrant of the communities, there is a falling away from tradition. Only 10 percent attend religious services regularly, more homes have Christmas trees than menorahs and the last Yiddish daily newspaper in the country has folded.

It is hard to believe that a thousand years of European Jewish history may be coming to an end because of unceasing assimilation, intermarriage and a low birth rate. The most widespread of Jewish practices seem to be burial, circumcision and fundraising, especially for Israel.

Even minor facts and trends embellish the bleak outlook: synagogues in Britain are being converted into mosques and churches, the Jewish fertility rate in the Netherlands is half that of the gentiles, a cemetery in Poland for pogrom victims has been turned into a soccer field, a recent birthday of the former Romanian dictator Ion Antonescu, who helped the Nazis murder over 100,000 Jews, was widely celebrated throughout the country.

The author asserts that although Israel's victory in the Six Day War led to a brief period of spiritual revival, the euphoria and religious benefits soon faded. Indeed, "in many European eyes Israel was seen as too big for its boots and as a persecutor rather than a victim." Israel, however, is still the lodestar for many restless and questing Jews, especially the Russians. Many will undoubtedly eventually immigrate to the Jewish State.

Wasserstein knows that history is replete with the unexpected, and that it is foolish to predict the future. He acknowledges also that there are positive signs for the perpetuation of European Jewry in the establishment of day schools, clubs, periodicals and camps. In Russia, there has been a revitalization of Jewish cultural and religious life, much of it supported by North American funding. Yet, the overall picture is bleak and dispiriting.

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Shir Libeynu combines prayer with spirituality and social consciousness

By CINDY WAXER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – When Adrienne Rosen decided that she was spiritually unfulfilled by the Annex area's selection of traditional Jewish synagogues, she teamed up with Aviva Goldberg to form Shir Libeynu (Song of Our Heart).

Shir Libeynu is, by Canadian standards, an extremely left-wing, progressive, egalitarian shul that aims at merging Hebrew prayer with Jewish spirituality and social consciousness.

"Shir Libeynu is more of a place that will not just focus on davening, a place that will focus on *tikkun olam* (healing the world), social action and putting a political realm back into Judaism," says Rosen while adjusting her kippah.

Scheduled to offer services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Shir Libeynu has rented the auditorium at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at Bloor and St. George Streets. Services will include group aliyot, Hebrew prayers, songs and *niggunim* in non-gendered English translations, and a supplement containing poetry and meditative readings.

Although a rabbi will not be present, the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will both be accompanied by individuals who will assist with chazzanut.

What makes Shir Libeynu truly unconventional, however, is its insistence upon integrating the traditional aspects of Judaism with the needs of an increasingly diverse Jewish community. Gay and lesbian families, single parents and intermarried couples are all encouraged to attend, and Shir Libeynu will be offering free daycare during the High Holy Day services. In addition, after all necessary costs are covered, donations made to the shul will be distributed to charities voted on by members of the congregation.

Whereas similar Reform and Reconstructionist movements have been flourishing for some time in New York City and San Francisco, Canadian Jews are typically more conservative and have been reluctant to expand their definition of Judaism to encompass more liberal ideas.

But Aviva Goldberg, who was raised in a modern Orthodox Jewish family, does not interpret Shir Libeynu as a departure from standard Judaic practices. Rather, Goldberg regards the shul as "a response to all the positive aspects of Judaism that I was raised with."

She says these assets include "the quality of love of Judaism, of love of scholarship, of love of asking questions and finding meaning."

Goldberg and Rosen have not yet received any criticism from the general Jewish community for Shir Libeynu's policies and refashioning of particular Jewish customs.

Besides, Goldberg says, "We're not doing anything different than some men who get together and daven."

In fact, the Annex's response has been so positive that Goldberg and Rosen are expecting over 200 people to attend Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

But the sole purpose behind Shir Libeynu, they say, is to foster an interactive Jewish community.

"We're starting a movement here rather than a shul. We want to start a movement and we want it to be grassroots. We want people to be involved and joyful in their Judaism," Rosen says.

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At the Israel Bonds event honoring Harriet Morton is (from left) Dorothy Shoichet, co-chair; Dodi Weill, Women's Division chair; Morton; and Sylvia Shawn, co-chair.

Bonds honors Harriet Morton

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Harriet Morton, a Toronto-area travel consultant who has been to Israel 46 times, was honored recently for her long service to Israel and the State of Israel Bonds organization.

About 100 people attended a gala fundraising evening in of Morton's honor at the home of Dorothy and Irving Shoichet.

"Everyone who was there purchased a bond," said Rose Shapiro, director of the Women's Division of the Bonds organization. "It's not how much a person purchases that's important. We like to see everybody make a purchase, because this shows solidarity with Israel."

Morton has filled many voluntary positions for Israel Bonds over the past 20 years. As well, she is honorary vice-president of World ORT Union, sits on the boards of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Weizmann Institute and is an executive member of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

"We are the builders of a dream, our beloved Israel," she told the gathering. "Our bond purchases reconfirm our pride, solidarity and commitment to Israel. With our investments, we play a major role in enhancing the world's respect for and confidence in Israel."

Morton is due to be honored in Israel in November as one of 21 distinguished women from across North America to receive the Jerusalem 3000 award for Israel Bonds.

"Israel Bonds are such an excellent investment financially and forge a link between the purchaser and Israel," said Dodi Weill, chair of the Women's Division. "Israel Bonds build the infrastructure of Israel, the roads, the water filtration plants, the electricity and the highways.

"No one has promoted this more than Harriet Morton. She is an outstanding supporter of Israel Bonds."

The evening's scheduled guest speaker, Susan Weikers-Volchok, was unable to attend for personal reasons.

New bar/bat mitzvah program launched

TORONTO — A new bar/bat mitzvah program is opening up this fall in Richmond Hill at The Country Shul at Bathurst and Carville streets.

The program will provide weekly Hebrew classes, private tutoring and extra-curricular social and educational events. All teachers and tutors have had experience working in similar programs. Their goal will be to motivate students and prepare them for "the big day."

"We want this program to be a one-stop bar/bat mitzvah shop," says director Mark Jacobs. "We realize that parents need help putting their party together; so we've created a database of information to help each family prepare for their simchah, besides offering regular classes and tutoring."

The program is affiliated with synagogues in Richmond Hill and throughout the Greater Toronto area. Space is limited.

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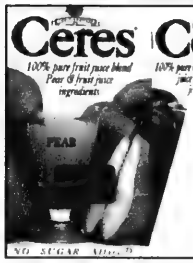

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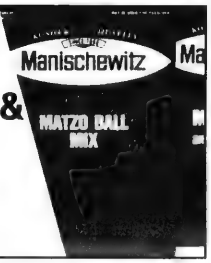

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Henig carves out niche as shul interior designer

By GIL KEZWER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ron Henig pauses from his whirlwind activity of juggling two and three tasks at once. It's a characteristic moment for a hard-to-classify artist who bridges two worlds, one the traditional way of life of the ultra-Orthodox Jew, and the other the creative lifestyle of the craftsperson.

At the age of 41, the Toronto artist has carved out a niche as Canada's foremost synagogue interior designer. He has worked on nearly one-third of the more than 100 synagogues in Toronto, as well as several houses of worship in the United States.

So far this year, he has completed four commissions in Toronto including stained glass windows for the meditation chapel at Sick Children's Hospital, the synagogue at Sunnybrook Hospital and two North York shuls.

In late April, Henig inked the most lucrative and artistically challenging design contract of his career — a $200,000 (US) commission for the interior of B'nai Yeshurun, a $6-million shul project in Teaneck, N.J.

Ron Henig

Interviewed in his garage studio near Bathurst and Lawrence, Henig discusses his complex career. An autodidact who dropped out of architecture and then engineering after less than a semester, Henig's formal education is in Talmudic studies. But the yeshivah graduate works professionally at woodworking and cabinetry, stained and sandblasted glass, painting on silk, metal and stone sculptures, wood carving, calligraphy and graphic design.

While his art has been heavily influenced by Canada's contemporary crafts scene, it also follows ancient traditions rooted in the Jewish people's biblical homeland.

Henig traces his artistic vision back to his childhood in Alba Iulia, a town in Transylvania in northwest Romania.

The family left Romania in 1958 and moved to Beersheva, Israel. In 1961, the family immigrated to New York. There Henig attended a private religious school in which art was simply not on the curriculum. "Art was seen as a waste of time. Anybody I told that I wanted to be an artist said, 'Artists starve.' And that perception stuck with me for many years."

Following primary school in Brooklyn, he attended a secondary school for pre-rabbinical training in Baltimore. In 1972, he transferred to Ner Israel Yeshiva's affiliate campus in Toronto from which he graduated. He then applied to architecture school at the University of Toronto.

Henig dropped out in the first semester. He tried engineering at U of T next, but withdrew when his mother was killed in a car accident.

Supported himself doing calligraphy

"I had to make a living. I supported myself by doing calligraphy for invitations and *ketubot* (illustrated Jewish marriage contracts) — then an ancient art form undergoing a rebirth. Before long I got a reputation and was kept very busy. That was my full-time occupation."

His first shul commission came in 1975. While he was renting a basement apartment from the president of the B'nai Torah Synagogue in North York, the shul was undergoing renovations. "They asked me to design some aspects of the interior woodwork — the Aron Kodesh, the Torah cabinet.

"A couple of years later, the same shul hired me to design their stained glass windows. That was my first stained glass commission. I had never touched glass before. But necessity is the mother of invention. They hired me to design them. I designed one of the windows at no charge. I subcontracted with an artisan and got on-the-job training. By the time we finished, I was confident enough to take on other projects."

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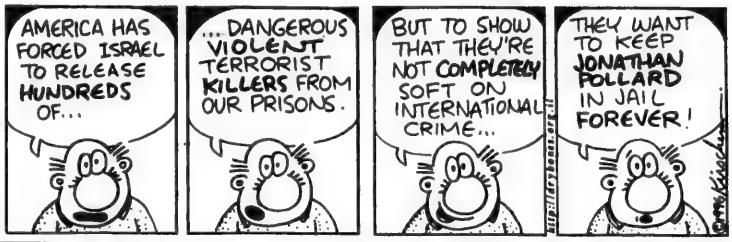

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כל קיץ, כשהימים מתארכים עד עשר וחצי בערב, מתקיים ב- Ontario Place פסטיבל מיוחד במינו: מדינות מכל העולם מתחרות ב"פסטיבל האש", מי יצליח לשלב בָּאופן המוצלח ביותר זיקוקי דינור ומוסיקה. וכך, לאורך חצי שעה עפות לאוויר כששת אלפים פצצות מרהיבות של זיקוקי דינור בשווי של כשלוש מאות אלף דולאר. השילוב בין המוסיקה וזיקוקי הדינור מושג כמובן על ידי תוכנית מָחשב מסובכת. לפעמים התוצאה משאירה אותך פעור פה, ולפעמים נדמה לך שזוהי מוסיקת מעליות שברקע שלה עפים זיקוקי דינור. האירוע עצמו הוא בהחלט חוויה ועשרות אלפי צופים משלמים כרטיסי כניסה ועוד מאות אלפים יושבים על חוף האגם רחוק יותר לצפות בנס. האקסטרה -וַוֶּנְנָה הזו יכולה לצאת לפועל כל שנה רק בגלל שחברת סיגריות ענקית מעניקה לה סכומי כסף של שבע ספָרות. משנה לשנה, כפי שאתם בטח יודעים, יורד מספר האפשרויות של חברות הסיגריות לתת חסויות, כי רוב האירגונים הציבוריים כיום רואים טעם לפגם לקבל מענק מחברת סיגריות. אני אישית הייתי מעדיף לראות את הסכום הזה מושקע בחקר מחלות ריאָה שנגרמות על ידי סיגריות, או סתם להאכיל אנשים רעבים. המחשבה שתוך חצי שעה עפים באוויר שלוש מאות אלף דולאר קצת דומה לתחושה שיש בפה כשאוכלים צמר גפן מסוכָר: קצת מתוק ואחר כך לא נשאר כלום. בקשר לצד האמנותי: זיקוקי דינור הם על הכיפק ביום קנדה, או בתום הסיבוב התשיעי של משחק בייסבול כשטורונטו מנצחת. - אבל למשוך אותם שלושים דקות עם מוסיקה של מעליות - זו לבטח איננה אמנות חדשה! זוהי אמנות שטחית של חברה עשירה שרצה למשחקי הוקי ולא לקונצרטים. בשלוש מאות אלף דולאר אפשר היה לממן כל כך הרבה אמנות ואמנים אמיתיים שמשוועים לסיוע בימים קשים אלה של קיצוצים. אבל שישאר בינינו.

וולט דיסני למבוגרים:

הסרט "סטריפטיז" עם דמי מור הוא סיפורה של בחורה טובה שילדתה נגזלת ממנה על ידי בעלה העבריין, והיא נאלצת לעבוד כרקדנית סטריפטיז כדי להתפרנס. היא מסתבכת עם אנשים רעים, ודרך עלילה מותחַנית מצליחה להחזיר את ביתָה אליה בהִפי אנד. הלכנו לסרט אחרי מספר סרטים רציניים וכבדים. הבעיה בסרטים רציניים - כבדים היא שאם הם פלופ - בא לך להקיא. סרט קל - אפילו הוא אידיוטי - אתה יכול לחייך. אבל "סטריפטיז" הוא לא סרט אידיוטי - הוא דווקא מאוד מצחיק, העלילה זורמת יפה, והכי חשוב - הוא עדין מאוד ולא וולגארי. יש בסרט הרבה רָעים, הרבה טובים, וכמובן - אך אחד לא באמצע. פתאום הבנתי שאנחנו נמצאים בסרט-של דיסני למבוגרים ודווקא מאוד נהניתי מזה. אני בטוח שבעוד שבועיים לא אזכור על מה היה הסרט, אבל בדרך היציאה ראיתי מאות אנשים מחייכים. תשמרו את סטריפטיז ליום מבואָס במיוחד כשבאמת חשוב לכם להרגיש טוב.

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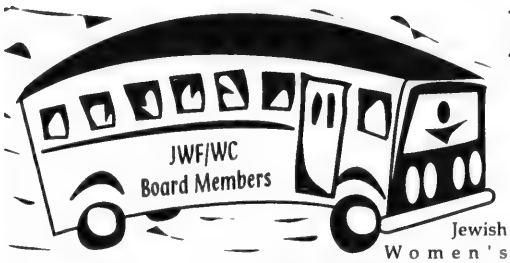

Twenty-five active community leaders recently boarded a bus for a tour with more than sights and sounds. The mini-mission, organized by UJA Federation Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation gave participants a first hand look at growing community needs.

The group, which included Women's Campaign Chair and Vice-Chair Vicki Campbell and Agi Mandel, and Jill Reitman, President of Jewish Women's Federation, spent a day visiting community facilities funded by UJA Federation and hearing from agency representatives.

"I was absolutely floored when I heard the statistics on poverty from Jewish Family & Child Service representative Florence Weinberger," recalls Mina Schwarz, one of UJA Federation's newest volunteers. According to JF&CS, one out of every seven Toronto Jews lives below the poverty line and one in ten Jewish children under the age of 14 lives in poverty.

The group also visited two locations of the Kehila Residential Project, a UJA Federation affiliated agency, the Bernard Betel Centre and the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

"I was particularly impressed with the wide range of programs Bernard Betel runs for its seniors," says Danita Dubinsky Aziza, co-chair of Jewish Women's Federation's Community Response Project (CRP). UJA Federation funds programs at the Centre, serving 3500 seniors, including the Russian Golden Age Integration Program, daily hot lunches and Yiddish discussion meetings.

"The whole day was a very worthwhile experience," adds Sheila Smolkin, who also works on the CRP. "I was quite inspired to see what a difference our dollars are making," says Vicki Campbell. "Seeing is believing."

(above) Lisa Lipowitz, Housing Manager for the Kehila Residential Project, guides the bus tour past the Avenel and MARC Project buildings.

Women's Campaign Vice Chair Agi Mandel (right) introduces Deborah Pinsky, Executive Director of the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

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Summer Intern Discovers Community

Zameret Kleiman travelled a very long way before arriving at UJA Federation this summer. The 24 year old graduate of McMaster University was born in Israel, raised in Edmonton and Fort McMurray Alberta (5 hours north of Edmonton) and attended high school in Sarnia.

Zameret Kleiman

"I was always the only Jewish kid in the class when I was growing up," recalls Kleiman, who was glad to finally make the move to Toronto to pursue her career. "Even though I was able to cope I always felt different."

Since June she has been working as a fundraising intern at UJA Federation, primarily with the Arts & Entertainment Division, under a federal government grant for the Summer Career Placement Program.

While studying in Hamilton and working at a Jewish seniors home, she was given the opportunity to escort an elderly resident on a mission to Israel one summer. "I felt honoured to help fulfill this man's dream but, at the same time, it reminded me of what was missing in my life," she explains.

Feeling right at home among the A&E crowd and the hub of the Jewish community, Kleiman says "it's nice to feel like a part of a group. I really feel a void has been filled in my life."

Grateful for the opportunity to work within the Jewish community, Kleiman is ready to resume pursuing her lifelong aspiration of becoming a movie casting agent, a career she began shortly after she graduated by working for a talent agency. "I've always loved movies. I think they're a great escape," she says. "I want to be involved in casting because I think I've got a good eye for spotting the right face for the right character."

Although Kleiman is starting a new casting job, she plans to remain active as a UJA Federation volunteer. "I really believe in UJA Federation and I'm certain I'll be back."

UJA Federation Aids Quebec Flood Victims

UJA Federation has added its name to the list of organizations sending aid to flood victims in Quebec's Saguenay-Lac St. Jean region.

UJA Federation, along with Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, decided to join Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, and Montreal's FEDERATION CJA in providing help through the Red Cross.

"We feel tremendous empathy for the flood victims and thought this would be a good way for us to show our support," noted Sandra Brown, UJA Federation President.

Civil protection authorities estimate that the flood, which killed 10 people and drove thousands from their homes, has caused close to $450 million damage to the region.

Her Business is Lost and Found

The phone rings in Batya Unterschatz's office and after answering it in Hebrew, she switches to Russian. "Those were some new immigrants from Tashkent," she explains, "who want me to look for their great aunt, who they claim was kidnapped from Jerusalem some 50 years ago and taken back to Uzbekistan."

The numerous letters on Unterschatz's desk all tell similar strange tales of missing relatives spread out across the world. As Director of the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency for Israel's Search Bureau for Missing Relatives, it's her job to help find them.

Some 400 Jews from around the world contact the bureau each year either through mail, telephone or fax. A few even come in person to the bureau's Jerusalem offices.

"We had 800 people a year," she reports, "when the massive wave of aliya from the Soviet Union started in 1990, and we've paired many relatives who had not seen each other since World War II." She claims a 60 per cent success rate in locating lost loved ones.

Unterschatz, who immigrated to Israel from Riga, Latvia in 1971, and speaks nine languages, is part detective, part psychologist and a member of the International Society of Professional Genealogists.

Today most applications to the bureau come from the West, but one in particular stands out in Unterschatz's mind.

Batya Unterschatz

A Jewish Englishman from London was told that he had been adopted and began to search for his natural mother - an Austrian Jewish refugee who was brought to England in the "kindertransport." The young woman had become pregnant but after her boyfriend was killed in the war, she gave her baby up for adoption by a Jewish family.

Unterschatz located the man's aunt, who, although reluctant at first, agreed to meet her nephew in Jerusalem and reveal her sister's address. Eventually the son was reunited with his mother.

Unterschatz predicts her services will remain in demand. "Family ties are the essence of the Jewish culture and religion," she observes, "and there will always be Jews wanting to trace their family."

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Sacks Set Example for Community

When it comes to believing in community, brothers Richard and Barry Sacks think a lot alike. Not only do they work together in an accounting firm they began in 1991, they share strong Jewish values instilled in them by parents who were Holocaust survivors.

Richard Sacks

Barry Sacks

"We have a tremendous community," says Richard, 48, who is eight years older than his brother. Richard says his love for the community and his strong Jewish upbringing are the reasons why he has supported UJA Federation and other charities for 25 years.

"My brother and I are children of survivors and we'll never forget what our parents went through to make a life for us here in Canada," he explains.

In addition to UJA Federation, the elder Sacks has been involved with Baycrest, Israel Bonds, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Reena.

"UJA Federation is like motherhood and apple pie," he says. "I know that my gift is going to all the right places."

Barry has been actively involved with UJA Federation for more than 12 years as a campaigner and Vice-Chair of the Accountants Division. "We are a very charitable community," says Barry, "and I believe in giving back to the community I grew up in. For me, tzedakah is a given."

1997 Leadership Retreat

Vicki Agron, Associate Vice-President, UJA National (USA) got 1997 UJA Federation Campaign Leadership Retreat participants up on their feet during a campaigner training session. One hundred UJA Federation leaders came out for the day long learning program hosted by Campaign Chairman David Goldstein and his wife Bonnie at their cottage.

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New project explores Jewish healing

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — How does Judaism assist people who are physically ill? That question has led rabbis, social workers, doctors, artists, teachers and others to identify a need in the Jewish community: the need to learn more about Jewish healing.

Toronto Rabbi Dow Marmur and a group of concerned people met several times to discuss that. The result: the Toronto Jewish Healing Project.

This spring, social work consultant Jack Kugelmass and Rabbi Nancy Wechsler led the first group of individuals seeking spiritual comfort.

Jewish healing refers to "something deep inside the human spirit that makes us feel connected to our feelings, the people we love, our community, values, needs and goals," Kugelmass said.

Judaism, he added, makes it possible to develop a deeper experience and understanding of our feelings, thoughts, emotions and ideas through the study of the sacred texts, rabbinic commentary, midrash, rituals and stories.

Project chair Etta Ginsberg McEwan said the group learned from the Jewish healing centres in New York and San Francisco that Judaism has an enormous amount to say about illness and spiritual healing.

She said many participants in the pilot project felt the sessions were helpful and they want to continue to be part of subsequent groups.

Through the Healing Project, Kugelmass said, "it is hoped that persons who are physically ill will find meaning and will be provided with comfort for themselves and others in their time of need."

The group is not affiliated with any particular stream of Judaism, but focuses on addressing human needs through the lens of Judaism. Kugelmass stressed that it is not a substitute for any medicine or an alternate health treatment.

The pilot program included singing, checking on how the last week had been and personal reflection based on the study of the text, Rabbi Wechsler said. Most of the sessions included the presentation of a spiritual tool that could be practised during the following week.

She described the songs sung in the group as "Jewish healing music."

Ginsberg McEwan said the group is now planning fall/winter programs.

"The Jewish Healing Project hopes to offer a similar series of three groups: a spiritual support group for those coping with physical illness; a spiritual support group for caregivers; and a spiritual support group for health care professionals."

"Perhaps in the future, there will be a fourth group — a spiritual support group for rabbis who counsel those who are ill," Rabbi Wechsler added.

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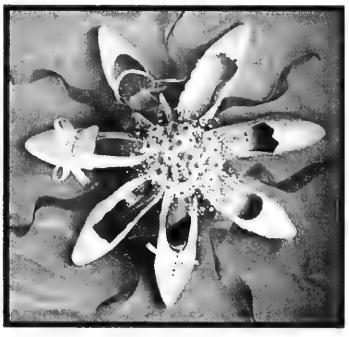

UJPO's Camp Naivelt marks 70th anniversary

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In the early part of this century, Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe working in sweatshops and living in cramped quarters in downtown needed a refuge in the country.

Camp Naivelt was established as a haven for such families by the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), a secular Jewish organization. It will be marking its 70th anniversary with a camp reunion banquet on Aug. 24 at its site in Brampton.

The camp moved to its permanent home on the shores of the Credit River in Brampton 60 years ago. UJPO members contributed $5 each for a share in the property, borrowing the money from their credit union to raise funds for the down payment and some 90 cottages were built on the site near the children's camp in the late '40s and early '50s.

Molly Myers, 84, a UJPO executive member, has spent the last 54 summers at Naivelt and has the distinction of being the oldest resident in the cottage community.

At a recent bonfire at Naivelt, Myers said in an interview that the camp has special memories for her, because that's where she met her late husband, Chaim. She still uses the same cottage he built out of a wooden plane crate some 50 years ago.

Naivelt has changed significantly over the years. The children's overnight camp closed in the mid '60s, followed by the day camp in 1970. Half of the original property was sold and nobody swims or goes boating in the Credit River any more. But the cottage community has survived and most of the cottages, which are very rustic and in various states of repair, are occupied.

Naivelt is undergoing a renewal, according to Ann Pohl, chair of the camp committee. Pohl, a secular Jew from Pennsylvania who settled in Toronto in 1968, began going to Naivelt eight years ago with her four children.

At that time, the Naivelt cottage community was in decline: many of the cottages were vacant, as their aging owners were no longer able to spend time there, Pohl said.

In recent years, more cottages became available and younger people began purchasing or renting them. For the first time, the cottages were available for short-term rental this year, Pohl said. This summer, 70 cottages are occupied, mostly by families with young children, she said.

The parents cooperatively run an activity club for about 60 children, with programs including arts and crafts and story-telling. On weekends, Naivelt holds lectures and discussion groups linked to Jewish humanistic themes as well as concerts on Saturday nights.

Every weekend this summer is booked, Pohl said. "This is the first time we've had a program that has been full in many years."

UJPO executive coordinator, Lee Schecter, who has been connected to Naivelt since 1933 when she was a camper, described it as a "thriving place" with a "strong Yiddish culture" during its heyday in the late '40s and early '50s.

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Russian woman lauds aliyah experience

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — On a recent vacation, Anna Shulman's boyfriend of several years looked at her as if seeing her for the first time. "Look at you — you look Israeli," he exclaimed.

After three years of living in Israel, the 23-year-old native of St. Petersburg, Russia, has not only adopted the trendy fashions popular among Israeli youth, but she has begun to "feel like an Israeli."

The story of Shulman's aliyah at the age of 20 has turned out to be such a success that Keren Hayesod (the fundraising arm for the Jewish Agency) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto/United Jewish Appeal co-sponsored a recent visit to the Toronto area so she could speak to youngsters at camps Moshava, Ramah and Shalom about her experience.

Shulman, an articulate Hebrew University of Jerusalem student with a ready smile, figures her stories are probably more relevant to young Jews in the former Soviet Union, but issues of adjusting to a new culture and missing family are universal themes.

As a child in Russia, Shulman knew she was Jewish and that her parents wanted her to marry someone Jewish, but her home was devoid of both Jewish culture and religious practice.

It wasn't until she entered the University for Economics in St. Petersburg in 1990 and became friendly with other Jewish students that she first attended a synagogue service. "I was shocked. I didn't have any [background], but I so liked Jewish culture. It's my culture."

The Jewish Agency had only recently established a presence in the Soviet Union. Shulman and her friends began learning about their heritage and working at fledgling Jewish camps and clubs. "We were the first in our city to work in the Jewish movement," she recalls.

The local shaliach was the first Israeli Shulman had ever met. If all Israelis were like him, she figured, Israel must be a good country.

She had a chance to see for herself in the summer of 1992, when a group of 20 young Jewish leaders were sent on a two-month educational tour to Israel.

Anna Shulman

On her return to Russia, Shulman found herself depressed for the first time. "The difference was so big."

She decided she wanted to learn Hebrew and move to Israel.

Although she doesn't miss life in Russia, she misses her parents and 10-year-old brother and has been back to see them three times. "It's difficult for me, but not so difficult that I will leave."

The support of friends was an important component in her adjustment. Ten of them made the move together and spent the first six months on a kibbutz studying Hebrew. "It was better. We shared our problems."

To ease the way for their parents, the olim had introduced them at a pre-aliyah party. Three years later, they are still in contact.

Shulman has had to get used to — among other things — the direct speaking manner of Israelis. She wants to become familiar with the Hebrew literature that her Israeli peers studied in school, but still finds it difficult.

At first, she worried about how her boyfriend, whom she had met in a Jewish club, would adjust when he followed her from Russia a year after her aliyah.

But things have worked out. Fellow students, including native Israelis, have been friendly and helpful. She has found employment at the Jewish Agency coordinating programs for parents of olim.

Following her trip to Toronto, Shulman was off to Russia to work for a month at a camp for Jewish children. Perhaps she will be the first Israeli they meet and they will conclude, as she did, that Israel must be a good place.

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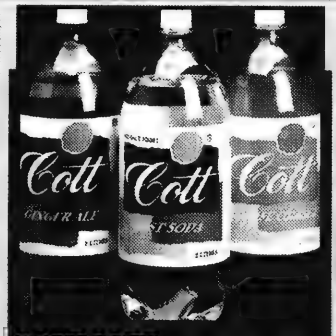

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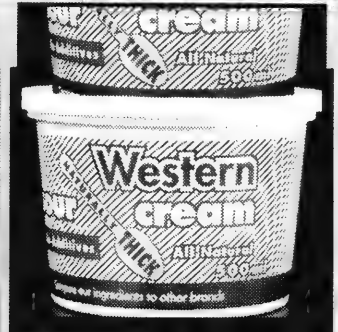

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Ottawa: a hot spot for Jewish life

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Canada's capital, often thought of as a cold, sleepy town of bureaucrats, is becoming one of the nation's hottest centres of Jewish life.

Few communities can boast of having doubled their size in the past dozen years, but in Ottawa and its surrounding municipalities — 12 years ago home to 7,000 Jews — the Jewish population is now hovering at the 14,000 mark and the area is poised to eclipse Winnipeg as Canada's fourth largest Jewish centre.

The capital is the country's second-fastest growing Jewish community (after Toronto), and that's translated into a veritable beehive of Jewish activity.

The sudden and dramatic surge in numbers has brought both headaches and joy. Having more people has meant more services, more programming, increased synagogue membership and most important, more Jewish education in a system that's been bursting at the seams for years.

In a city where Muslims outnumber Jews and there are no distinct Jewish neighborhoods, Ottawa boasts two kosher bakeries, a kosher butcher and fish shop, and five kosher caterers. Even the venerable Chateau Laurier Hotel has a kosher kitchen. And the mayor, Jacquelin Holzman, is Jewish.

As community leader Lawrence Greenberg, whose uncle Lorry was Ottawa's first Jewish mayor, puts it, "We no longer look to Toronto as the be-all and end-all of Jewish life."

In 1858, fur-trader and pedlar Moses Bilsky became the first Jew to settle in Ottawa, then known as Bytown. Bilsky left to prospect in California but returned in 1869. By 1881, the Jewish population was 20 and a decade after that, Bilsky and John Dover helped found the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue on King Edward Avenue.

Today, Ottawa boosters point to quality of life, access to schools and services and the close proximity to bubbies and zaydes still in Montreal. Over the past decade, the city has seen a large influx of families from Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, drawn by lower housing costs and a slower pace. There are also about 100 Sephardi families.

"We don't go by numbers," explains Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas Congregation, Ottawa's largest Orthodox synagogue. "We go by level of activity, which feels like there are 30,000 Jews here."

Rabbi Bulka points out that 2,000 people turned out for a memorial service for slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "That's 15 percent of the whole community," he says. "That's as if over 20,000 came in Toronto."

Lawrence Greenberg

Perhaps the best barometer of the boom here can be gauged by the proposed Jewish Community Campus, envisioned as an expansive, one-stop shopping centre of Jewish services. Currently, some 850 children use a single, 30-year-old building, at staggered times, for the city's top four day and afternoon schools. But ambitious plans call for two more buildings on 12 acres to house a new Jewish Community Centre; Hillel Lodge, the community's senior citizens' residence; the Vaad Ha'ir, Ottawa's central Jewish organization; a mikvah; and, it's hoped, some of the services now in the run-down community centre on Chapel Street.

The central Jewish address — a longtime dream — will be 881 Broadview Ave., on a quiet side street in the west end.

"It will be like one big happy family," enthuses Zelaine Shinder, chair of Ottawa's Board of Jewish Education. "The idea is to have all the Jewish components on one site."

Rabbi Bulka agrees: "It will be the embodiment of the Jewish belief of integrating the ages. Young and old will be together. It's really the beginning of the centralizing of the community."

Another indicator of Ottawa Jewry's commitment is that a capital campaign launched in May to raise $13 million for the campus (or nearly $1,000 per person) has already come up with $9 million, solely from personal pledges.

"The fact we're doing this campaign in this economy is itself incredible," says Greenberg, president of the Vaad Ha'ir (literally, city council). "But by the end of August, we will have raised $13 million. People say we're crazy, but we don't have a choice. We need a place Jews will call home."

A good deal of the money, Greenberg concedes, has come from the city's top Jewish families — the Vereds, the Nadolnys and his own.

But it's not all roses, he adds. "This city is suffering tremendously. It's taken the brunt of 45,000 federal job cuts. And construction and real estate, in which Jews have a history, are in the doldrums."

Nevertheless, the community is chiefly volunteer-driven and there's a high level of involvement. Greenberg is hard on himself as head of the community, "because I no longer know everybody."

That kind of small-town familiarity, however, still exists in the rabbinic realm, at least. Rabbi Bulka and his half-dozen Orthodox, Conservative and Reform colleagues regularly get together to address spiritual and communal matters.

"It's a loose group and it's all very cordial," says Rabbi Bulka, who hosts a popular Sunday night radio show, *Religion on the Air*, and serves as chaplain for the central Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

He describes the community as "large-T Traditional. In general, there's a strong sense of tradition. And there's always been a sense of involvement, of ownership. Those who were on the outside are now on the inside."

Some institutions are in plain view: Ottawa is home to Israel's embassy; there are on-campus Jewish groups at Carleton and the University of Ottawa; and the domestic Israeli lobby, the Canada-Israel Committee, is headquartered here. As well, rumors persist that Canadian Jewish Congress' community relations committee will relocate here from Toronto.

In addition to the four main schools — Hillel Academy, Akiva High School, Talmud Torah After-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TO SECURE COMMUNITY CALENDAR LISTINGS CALL FRAN AUGENBLICK AT JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (416) 635-5600 OR FAX 631-5715

DATE		EVENT	ORGANIZATION	TIME	PLACE
AUGUST					
Sun	25	Singles event	Games Jewish Singles Play-Beth Torah	7:30 pm	Beth Torah Congregation
Mon	26	10th Annual Reena Fun Day	Reena Foundation	10:00 am	Promenade Shopping Mall
Mon	26	1997 Campaign Launch	UJA Federation	8:00 pm	Ford Centre for the Performing Arts
Tues	27	BJC Donor Wall Ceremony	Bathurst Jewish Centre	5:30 pm	Bathurst Jewish Centre Rotunda
SEPTEMBER					
Sun	8	Super Sunday Telethon	UJA Federation	8:00 am	Lipa Green Building
Sun	8	Jewish Life and Kosher Food Festival	Aish Hatorah	12:00 noon	PromenadeShopping Mall
Sun	8	Reception for Henry Koschitzky	York University Jewish Studies Program	2:30 pm	York University
Sun	8	Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Dedication Ceremony	Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Committee	2:30 pm	Earl Bales Park
Mon	9	Symposium-"Women's Health Issues"	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science	12:00 noon	University of Toronto
Mon 9-Thur	12	Super Week Telethons	UJA Federation	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Tues	10	High Holiday Workshop on Rosh Hashanah	Kolel: Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning	7:30 pm	Bathurst Jewish Centre
Tues	17	High Holiday Workshop on Yom Kippur	Kolel: Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning	7:30 pm	Bloor JCC
Tues	24	Timeless Treasures Series	Jewish Women's Federation	7:45 pm	Lipa Green Building
Wed	25	Arts & Entertainment/Young Business Network	UJA Federation	7:00 pm	Design Exchange
Wed	25	Ehud Barak Program	UJA Federation	8:00 pm	Holy Blossom Temple
OCTOBER					
Tues	1	"Succah-By-The-Water": A Feminist Event for Jewish Women	New Israel Fund	7:00 pm	Harbourfront's Tent in the Square
Thurs	3	CJC Regional Executive	Canadian Jewish Congress	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Wed	9	"Art of Celebrating"	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am	6:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am
Sat	12	Murder Mystery Night	Emunah Women of Canada	9:00 pm	The Concert Hall
Sun	13	Jewish Community Day	UJA Federation	8:00 am	Canada's Wonderland
Mon	14	Semi-Annual Craft and Gift Sale	Na'amat Toronto Beersheba Club	10:00 am	Bayview Village Mall
Tues	15	Annual Meeting	Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa	6:30 pm	Lipa Green Building
Sat	19	Gala Dinner	ORT-Canada	7:00 pm	Park Plaza Hotel
Sun	20	Conference on Continuity and Survival	UJA Federation	10:00 am	York University
Mon	21	Conference on Continuity and Survival (2nd Day)	UJA Federation	10:00 am	York University
Tues	22	Annual Meeting	Bathurst Jewish Centre	7:00 pm	Bathurst Jewish Centre
Wed	23	Washington Fly-In	UJA Federation	7:00 am	Washington, D.C.
Wed	23	Bazaar	Toronto Hadassah-WIZO	9:00 am	Exhibition Place Automotive Building
Wed	30	Community Health Forum	Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary	7:00 pm	Baycrest Centre

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A worshipper at shacharit services in Bratislava three years ago. [Edi Kosmin photo]

Jewish life in Ottawa

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noon School and Ottawa Modern Jewish School — there are a number of smaller educational programs, including those run by Lubavitch and the Reform temple. JET — Jewish Education through Torah — is for adults. Earlier this year, a smaller co-ed program was renamed Yitzhak Rabin High School.

It all adds up, Rabbi Bulka proudly notes, to over 1,000 Ottawa kids getting some form of Jewish education.

What's been driving this enviable boom? "Simple," the rabbi smiles. "You can't take the future of Judaism for granted."

Rabbi Reuven Bulka

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Sunday, Aug. 25

FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL

Gan Yeladim Day Care Centre Family Fun Carnival 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., I.W. Chapley Park (beside Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda), kosher food, rides, games, entertainment, silent auction and 11:30 a.m. concert by The Treetop Kids.

47 YEARS LATER

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation Entertainment and Cultural Connection in conjunction with the brotherhood present **Denise Gold**, executive director, Canadian Friends of Boy Town Jerusalem, speaking on Forty-Seven Years Later: From Troubled Youth to Israeli Heroes, 8 p.m., at the synagogue. Guests $2. Coordinators **Jerry and Sandra Genesove**.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

LIVING AND LOVING

Living and Loving — Visions of Hope, a star-studded gala benefit for breast cancer research at the Ontario Cancer Institute/Princess Margaret Hospital and for women and children at risk from domestic and other forms of violence, hosted by TV personality **Dini Petty**. Festivities and cocktails begin 7 p.m., Atlantis Complex, Ontario Place. Advance tickets $50, VIP Lounge $100, at the door $85. TicketKing 872-1212 or 800-461-3333.

And What Else Is New...

HOLOCAUST IN ART & FILM

Culture, Memory and Resistance: Responses to the Holocaust in Visual Art and Film, a course offered by York University with professors **Shelley Hornstein** and **Florence Jacobowitz**, looks at the way in which visual art and film about the Holocaust are used to remember and shape collective memory, Mondays, 7-10 p.m., Sept. 9-March 31. 736-5227.

FOLKDANCING AT BJC

Israeli Folkdancing: New beginners course starts Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; intermediate/advanced session follows 8:30-11 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre, Bathurst Jewish Centre. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

International Folkdancing with **Sandy Starkman**: Beginners starts Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8-9 p.m.; more experienced dancers 9-10:30 p.m., Room 221, Bathurst Jewish Centre. **Teme** at above number.

HEBREW LESSONS

Canadian Zionist Federation invites you to experience the language and culture of Israel. Program orientation Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., 3995 Bathurst St., Suite 300. All levels of language skills, reading, writing and conversation available, day or evening. Instructor **Chana Sargon**. For information, **Barbara Peters** at CZF, 633-3988.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH

B'nai Shalom North Congregation, 905-731-2797:

Day Nursery Open House — Registration Night, for toddlers and junior kindergarten, 18 months to 5 years, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Hebrew School: Elementary school, kindergarten to Grade 7, once or twice weekly, at Yorkhill Public School, 350 Hilda Ave. (at Clark) in Thornhill. Free bar/bat mitzvah lessons.

High Holy Days with **Rabbi/Chazzan Solomon Domb**, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, start Sept. 13.

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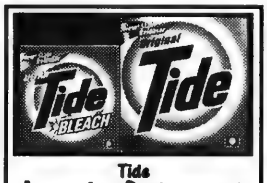

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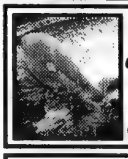

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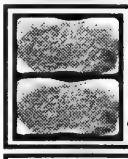

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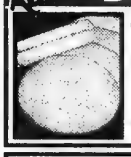

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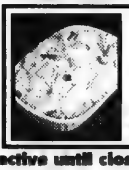

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PRAYER 'N' LEARN

Prayer 'n' Learn on Shabbat and High Holy Days resumes Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m., led by **Elliott Malamet**, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Room 29. Tickets/information 789-3213.

INTERGENERATION CHOIR

The Interlink Intergeneration Choir at the Wagman Centre is looking for new members. No experience necessary. If you enjoy music, join the Interlink group of seniors and young children who sing together in harmony. Choir meets every Wednesday, 10:30-11:45 a.m., beginning Sept. 11. **Selma Edelstone 486-0574.**

SELICHOT SERVICES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is featuring the Festival String Quartet as part of the Selichot services, Saturday, Sept. 7. Musical program begins at 9:45 p.m., followed by refreshments at 11 p.m. and the service at 11:45 p.m. led by **Rabbi Wayne Allen** and **Cantor Efraim Sapir** with the Quartet and Beth Tikvah Choir under its conductor **Srul Irving Glick**.

BOWLING LEAGUES

Maven Bowling League of singles and couples, male and female, 30s and 40s, looking for new members and teams, starting Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. Pre-season barbecue Aug. 31. Information/RSVP **Ron Caine** 481-4211 days, 905-889-8333 evenings and weekends.

Mixed couples 10-pin bowling, opening for men and women, every other Saturday evening, mature friendly group **Rose** 633-0305.

Bowlers wanted for weekly 5-pin mixed league. **Ben** 633-2428.

Mixed couples 10-pin bowling/social group, 40 plus, looking for new members, alternate Saturdays at Playtime (Dufferin/Lawrence). **Frank** 665-4053.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Young Widows/Widowers begins Sept. 4; Looking Ahead After Separation begins Sept. 19; Parenting Alone: Challenges and Opportunities begins Sept. 25. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

HEBREW AND HERITAGE

Registration has started for the following fall daytime and evening courses with **Yael Lev** 225-6151.

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Prayer Book Hebrew for those who have basic reading skills and want to improve them while learning the meaning of the key prayers.

Hebrew and Heritage for teenagers, 13-18, beginners or intermediate level, reading, writing, conversation, as well as heritage, holidays, customs.

All classes start the week of Sept. 16 at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave.

AISH HATORAH SERVICES

Aish HaTorah is expanding to 11 locations for the High Holy Days — Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Bathurst and Wilson area, Forest Hill — including educational services, alternate classes, plus children's programs in selected locations. 905-764-1818, ext. 227.

HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS

University of Toronto has received a donation of 100 Hebrew manuscripts and rare books from **Albert Dov Friedberg**. The collection includes an early 15th-century manuscript of Zohar, the most important work of Jewish mysticism, and a two-leaf Genizah fragment of the Mishnah, the basic text of the Jewish legal tradition. It will be housed at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at Baycrest Centre to assist in a variety of recreational programs for cognitively impaired elderly people. Two training sessions on dementia Sept. 16 and 19 in the evenings. Training is free and a certificate will be awarded to those who complete the sessions. Six month commitment required. Volunteer Services Department. 785-2500, ext. 2576.

KOFFLER GALLERY

On view at the Koffler Gallery through Oct. 27, **Freda Guttman's** multi-media installation, Cassandra: An Opera in Four Acts, sees the unfolding of the myth of Cassandra into an autobiographical narrative.

At the Loggia Gallery through Sept. 27, Tobi Asmoucha: Parade, an exhibition of black and white photographs by Toronto artist **Tobi Asmoucha**.

SINGLE PARENTS

Single Parents: Coping with the Holidays, a workshop offered by Jewish Family & Child Service for single parents to learn new strategies to cope with the High Holy Days and other special events such as bar/bat mitzvahs, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. To reserve, **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York, a volunteer choir singing for seniors and the disabled, welcomes voices in all ranges. The ability to read music in not a prerequisite. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 8:15-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Room 2, starting Sept. 3. Repertoire includes pop, Broadway and folk songs. Membership fee $45 per person, $70 per couple with full tax receipt. **Fay Cohen** 633-7233 or **Mussey Eisner** 636-5566 or **Harry Terrance** 633-0433.

HEBREW FOR CHILDREN

Free Hebrew classes for children at two locations: Yorkhill Public School, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6:15 p.m., and Alexander Mackenzie High School, Thursdays, 5-7:15 p.m., start the week of Sept. 9. Sponsored by York Region Board of Education Heritage Program. 905-883-9639.

at the JCC/BJC

Register now for the Ottawa/Hull Fall Rhapsody trip Sept. 30-Oct. 3 with BJC Senior Adult Services. Sightseeing, delectable dishes, shopping, cruising, casino. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

BJC Senior Adult Service Department presents in concert the Russian Dance and Music Company, artistic director **Alexei Fateyev**, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $8 now available at BJC Information Desk. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

For Seniors

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting Thursday, Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Guest speaker **Audrey Watson**. Topic: Bereaved Parents of Ontario Responding to the Stress of Loss: How We Can Help Each Other, **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

Wagman Centre Bereavement Group for ages 65 and over is starting Friday mornings after the High Holy Days. **Paula David** 785-2500, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Sunday, Aug. 25, trip to Midland-Georgian Bay including dinner and cruise through 30,000 Islands, members $27. Thursday, Aug. 29, police officer from City of North York lectures on Protection and Security at Home, Street and Cars. **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka** 630-5771.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for Miami trip 1997 Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Wednesday, Aug. 28, Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls; Sept. 5, Peterborough, transportation, kosher lunch, lift locks, members $25, non-members $30; Tuesday, Sept. 3, blood pressure check-up, 11:30 a.m., club house, free to members; Sunday dance Sept. 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $4, non-members $5; Monday, Sept. 9, Thornhill Square Mall. 395-7881

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Israel trip, all inclusive, Nov. 4-25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Can you hear everything people say to you? Do you have to turn up the volume on your TV? **Brenda Vernon**, seniors' outreach coordinator, and the Canadian Hearing Society van will be at the centre to test your hearing and give you tips on improving your hearing, Thursday, Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Register at Wellness Desk by Aug. 29.

Osteoporosis Support Group meets Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1:30 p.m. **Brenda**

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Bingo is set for Aug. 28. **Anna**.

Movie *Fried Green Tomatoes*, Sunday, Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m.

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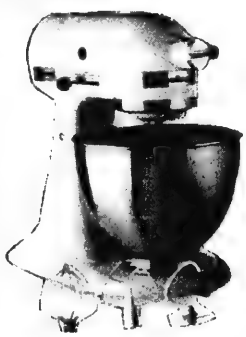

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they may have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Language dispute erupts at JGH

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Last Friday's emotionally charged face off between Quebec anglophones and nationalists at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) ended with Gilles Rhéaume, vice-president of the Mouvement Souverainiste du Québec, backing away from his initial stand that patients at the hospital couldn't get treated in French.

Rhéaume made his complaint and organized a vigil at the JGH after Radio-Canada journalist Norman Lester reported that a JGH nurse had refused to speak to him in French.

Even after the Office de la Langue Française (OLF) cleared the JGH of wrongdoing and called the incident isolated, the mouvement went ahead with its vigil.

Rhéaume softened his stand, however, after touring the hospital with JGH director Henri Elbaz and seeing for himself that the visibility and use of French at the hospital was "better than the federal government's."

Still, the whole incident did little to quell the sense of newly aroused linguistic tension between the provincial government and anglophones, fueled by activist Howard Galganov's campaign to stand up for English language rights.

For the Jewish community, the JGH incident set off alarm bells for some members and left Jewish organizations of mixed minds over what strategy to use to deal with it.

Both B'nai Brith (BB) and Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) fielded phone calls from members of the community asking them how they planned to respond to Rhéaume.

Both organizations made it clear that Rhéaume and his group would have held the vigil at any of Montreal's other "anglophone" hospitals — such as Royal Victoria or the Montreal General — had the incident occurred there. The fact that it was the JGH was just a matter of pure chance.

Still, B'nai Brith director Robert Libman said calls he received expressed concern that the Jewish community was being deliberately targeted, especially given the timing for the vigil, just before the onset of Shabbat.

Last Friday, before the vigil, BB effectively made a "Jewish community response" by issuing a statement saying it was trying to reassure members of the community, "many of whom expressed concern."

"Their [the mouvement's] real motives must be questioned," the statement said, if the vigil takes place "even after the [OLF] has cleared the hospital."

CJC-Q responded to public and media calls but decided to issue no statement, preferring to stay in contact with Elbaz during the week to monitor the situation.

CJC-Q director Jack Jedwab said CJC-Q received several calls, only "one or two" of which expressed the feeling that there was a campaign to target the Jewish community.

"The feeling was not to give any credibility or importance to a man who was already discredited by the OLF and is seen as an extremely marginal figure," he said.

El Al moves to Toronto

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Toronto-to-Tel-Aviv flights in June, 1995.

The Jewish population of Montreal, with El Al flights to Israel since 1970, has remained static, at 100,000, while Toronto, with its El Al flights Israel-bound since 1985, has mushroomed to 160,000.

Nechushtan, 61, stressed that El Al's Canadian operations have remained profitable and competitive for the 10th straight year, despite having to now share the Canada-Israel corridor with Air Canada and international carriers offering flights via Europe.

Nechushtan says El Al lost "from 10 to 15 percent" of its Canadian traffic to Israel since Air Canada entered the field, down to a 58 percent share of the market (23,000 of 40,000 passengers).

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From coast to coast

Montrealer travels world photographing shuls

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Some people collect teaspoons or salt and pepper shakers when they travel.

Leo Paul Dana adds to his collection of photos of synagogues off the beaten path — active and defunct. He's very thorough about it, too. He can boast that he recently visited every synagogue in Bulgaria, and all but one in Moldova.

In 1993-94, he made a documentary film of his tour of approximately 100 former synagogues in Poland. He's been on all continents, except Antarctica.

In the past 11 years, he has snapped about 500 synagogues in approximately 50 countries, from the exotic like Rangoon, Burma, where men wore saris to the folksy such as Minot, N.D., which serves as a church on Sunday.

They range from grand cathedral-like structures, such as one in Alsace, to derelict ones in Poland, used as barns and warehouses.

Dana, a former Montrealer now living in tiny Williamstown, Ont., just over the border, has been able to travel extensively thanks mainly to his being a senior advisor to the World Assembly of Small & Medium Businesses, a United Nations affiliate. He's also a professor in McGill University's management faculty. He also spends a month a year teaching at the Academy of Economic Sciences in Bucharest, Romania.

His most recent trip was a couple of months in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kryrgyzstan in the former Soviet Union.

In his research on local businesses, Dana was struck how often Jews were or had been an integral part of so many countries' commerce. In Sofia, Bulgaria, the old synagogue is next to the marketplace.

"I am surprised how often when I talk to government officials and others about the economy the conversation shifts to religion," Dana said.

His search for remote synagogues inevitably leads him to the few Jews, usually elderly, who remain. In Panang, Malayasia, he met the last three Jews; their synagogue was by then a florist shop.

Across the Dakotas, he discovered about a dozen old synagogues in town where only a handful of Jews remain. He's photographed synagogues throughout the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Similar search done in Canada

He made a similar search for abandoned synagogues in Canada, across the Prairies and Ontario. One surprise close to home is the West Laval synagogue, once popular when it was still cottage country, and now opened only on High Holy Days, yet well maintained.

Among the unusual functioning synagogues he's been in are on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas where the floor is covered with sand to remind worshippers of their ancestors time in the desert, and in Hobart, Tasmania, where Australia's penal colony past is reflected in the two-tiered seating: regular and less comfortable ones for the ex-convicts.

Leo Paul Dana (right) greets an elderly man at synagogue in Kokand, Uzbekistan.

In a small-town Uzbekistan synagogue, magen David and crescent flags are side by side — a concession to living in a Muslim country, and vodka is imbibed liberally as part of the ritual, doubtless a Russian influence.

In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Dana was shocked that race keeps Jews apart. In 1994, there were two synagogues, one for the indigenous blacks and the other for white Jews from Islamic countries. "There was no interaction between the two," he said.

Elsewhere, in Africa, he photographed about 50 synagogues in Namibia, Kenya and Zimababwe.

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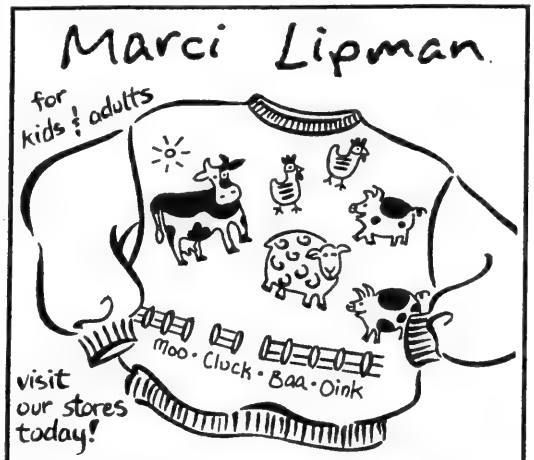

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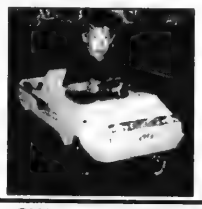

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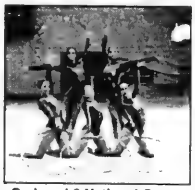

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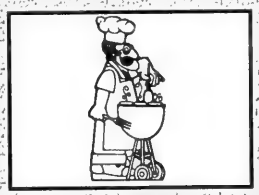

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Pollard ends hunger strike after meeting PM

By LEORA EREN FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM – Esther Pollard, the Canadian wife of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, ended a 19-day hunger strike in Jerusalem last week, following a meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former chief rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu.

Only the day before, Esther Pollard had pledged to continue her strike until the United States releases her husband, who is serving a life sentence for passing secret information to Israel. But after the meeting with Netanyahu, the second in three days, Pollard ended the strike, saying she was convinced that the prime minister was deeply committed to fighting for her husband's release.

"I have never heard any Israeli prime minister make such strong promises in such unequivocal terms," she said. "Netanyahu has publicly committed himself to bring Jonathan home."

Last month, she accused Netanyahu of not bothering to raise her husband's case during his recent meeting with President Bill Clinton in Washington.

"There has been a dramatic change in the prime minister's attitude," said Pollard following her second talk with Netanyahu.

The meeting was arranged by Rabbi Eliyahu, who had just returned from visiting Pollard in the North Carolina prison where he is serving the 11th year of his sentence.

"The rabbi guaranteed the words of the prime minister," said Esther Pollard, an Orthodox woman who describes Eliyahu as the couple's chosen spiritual leader and religious authority. The rabbi also offered a prayer that Jonathan Pollard be free by Rosh Hashanah.

Esther Pollard embarked on the hunger strike in order to draw attention to the plight of her husband, following Clinton's recent refusal to grant him executive clemency. It was the third time that a U.S. president has refused to commute the sentence.

She said she decided to hold the hunger strike in Jerusalem rather than in Washington because she believes the key to her husband's release lies in Israeli, not American, hands.

"If Israel asked for his release in strong, clear terms, Jonathan could be free within 24 hours," said Pollard, who maintains that previous requests by Israeli prime ministers were not forceful enough. Jonathan Pollard was granted Israeli citizenship earlier this year.

She said the hunger strike, held outside a department store in the centre of Jerusalem, had been a last resort to help her husband, whose health and morale are rapidly deteriorating. "I don't know how much longer he can hold on."

During her strike, some 70,000 Israelis signed a petition calling on Netanyahu to take urgent action to get the U.S. administration to release Pollard, who has already served longer than any other American convicted of the same crime.

Esther Pollard, formerly Elaine Zeitz, of Montreal, said she expected her husband to be released shortly, following Netanyahu's promise and Rabbi Eliyahu's prayer. She said she had no immediate plans to return to her job as a special education teacher in Toronto.

"I'm staying right here and waiting for Jonathan."

Esther and Jonathan Pollard

Argentina to review cause of Israeli embassy bombing

By SERGIO KIERNAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES – The Argentine government has decided to order a new study of the March 1992 explosion at the Israeli Embassy here.

President Carlos Menem ordered the new study, to be conducted by international experts, after Israel harshly criticized the findings of an earlier study commissioned six months ago by the Argentine Supreme Court.

In announcing some of the findings of the first study, the court said last week that a three-member panel of experts had concluded the explosion was caused by explosives placed inside the embassy.

The findings contradicted earlier conclusions by Argentine, American, Israeli and European experts, who said that a car bomb was used in the attack.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry and Israel's ambassador to Argentina countered the report's conclusion, saying that they did not believe the bomb had been placed inside the building.

"We categorically reject the evaluations published by the Supreme Court in Argentina," the Foreign Ministry said last week in a statement.

The Israeli ambassador to Buenos Aires, Itzhak Aviran, was especially critical of last week's report.

"Argentine experts, police experts, Israeli experts, French experts and American experts all agree a car bomb was used," said Aviran.

"I cannot imagine how the Supreme Court can arrive at a different conclusion over four years after the explosion."

After asking Aviran "to tone down" his criticism, the Argentine government called the study "unofficial" and "just one more legal procedure in a complex case."

After a stormy Cabinet meeting on Aug. 15, Menem ordered a new study of the explosion "to settle the issue."

The embassy bombing killed 29 people and left more than 100 injured.

The Argentine government has come under constant attack from Jewish officials here and abroad for its inability to find those responsible for the embassy attack.

Tel Aviv subway construction begins

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Construction of a subway system to ease growing traffic congestion in the Tel Aviv area has begun.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo were among the officials attending Sunday's ground-breaking ceremony.

"Unless we have something like this, Israelis will pay a high price in terms of time and traffic," Netanyahu said at the ceremony.

The project is in its initial stages, with four plans for subway lines in the greater Tel Aviv area still under consideration.

The subway is expected to cost some $2 to $3 billion and take close to 10 years to complete.

Milo said he believed the first line could be up and running in five years.Israel's only existing subway is the Carmelit, in Haifa, which has one line that connects the upper and lower parts of the city.

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Who can enter: Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter: A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please write your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You may mail or deliver your photos to: CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 1996.

Prizes: The judges will choose three photographs which, in their opinion, are the most expressive and evocative.
The "winning" submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cirque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the "winners." We may also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified: Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before Shabbat on Aug. 30, 1996.

When the prizes will be awarded: The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 12, 1996.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Regie des Loteries et courses du Quebec.

Bob Dole's positions are not consistent

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Bob Dole, crowned as the Republican party's presidential nominee at its convention in San Diego last week, is a flip-flop candidate with regard to his record on Middle Eastern issues.

Dole's hot-and-cold approach, which is governed by political expediency, is best exemplified by his attitude toward moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In 1990, when he was not running for president, Dole opposed a non-binding resolution in the Senate to transfer the embassy to Jerusalem. Dole, then Senate majority leader, argued that the status of Jerusalem was "better left to negotiations" between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Dole went further. He demanded the repeal of a Senate resolution recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. And he introduced an amendment to a foreign aid bill to block efforts by Israel to resettle Soviet immigrants in East Jerusalem, which he described as "occupied territory."

In May 1995, when he was a presidential hopeful, Dole performed an amazing *volte-face*. In a speech before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, he disclosed that he and Senator Jon Kyl would jointly introduce the Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Implementation Act, which would empower the United States to begin construction of an embassy in Jerusalem in the following year.

Although Jewish Republicans and conservative Israeli politicians liked the bill, it received a less than warm reception from the American and Israeli governments. President Bill Clinton and then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin feared that the prospective legislation might prejudice Israel's final status talks with the Palestinians.

Chastened by the chilly reaction, Dole went back to the drawing boards and introduced a watered-down version of the bill. Passed by a 93-5 margin in the Senate, it calls on the government to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem by May 1999, when final status talks are supposed to be completed. (Whether that timetable can be met is debatable now that Israel has a new prime minister who opposes the very idea of discussing Jerusalem's status with the Palestinians.)

Dole's has also modified his position on foreign aid.

In 1990, while on a trip to the Middle East, Dole, calling Israel a "spoiled child," proposed a five percent reduction in Israel's (and Egypt's) $3 billion (US) assistance package.

When his proposal came under fire from Jews and Republicans like Newt Gingrich (the present Speaker of the House of Representatives), Dole, who normally backed foreign aid bills, lashed back. He declared: "The leaders of the pro-Israel lobby are short-sighted and selfish in their zealous effort to protect Israel's aid level at any cost."

Later, in a newspaper article, Dole wrote: "Unfortunately, some people seem to think that if you disagree with a single policy or practice of the Israeli government ... you should be characterized as 'anti-Israel.' That is bunk."

Dole was an early opponent of a $10 billion loan guarantee package to Israel. The issue arose when George Bush, who was then president, threatened to withhold the funds unless Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, stopped building settlements in the territories.

Dole, who was not known as an admirer of the Likud government, eventually supported the loan guarantee.

Dole did not endear himself to Israel's friends on two other occasions. On the eve of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, he met with Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president, in Baghdad. Dole, who had criticized Israel for its 1981 air raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor, reportedly told Bush upon his return to Washington that Saddam Hussein was "a leader to whom the United States can talk."

(Dole's favorable appraisal of the Iraqi strongman was not unusual. At that time, Iraq was widely seen as a bulwark against Iran, whose Islamic fundamentalist regime had antagonized and humiliated the United States.)

Dole, too, ruffled feathers when, in the late 1980s, he indirectly blamed Israel for the kidnapping and murder of William Higgins, a U.S. army officer serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

Lately, Dole has accentuated the positive, presumably in a bid to woo Jewish voters and fundraisers.

Shortly after he announced his candidacy, Dole urged the United States to negotiate "a full-fledged comprehensive alliance" with Israel. And in the wake of his meeting in New York City with Israel's newly-minted prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, Dole claimed that the United States' relationship with Israel "would be stronger under a Dole administration."

Yet, on the eve of Netanyahu's accession to power, Dole was quoted as saying that a Likud victory "would make it more difficult, at least from the outset," to pursue the peace process.

Will the real Bob Dole please stand up.

The Week in Israel

Aug. 12

• *Ma'ariv* reported that the FBI travelled to Israel to interrogate a Lebanese man recruited by Iran to carry out a bombing in Israel. The bureau hopes the man, who is in an Israeli hospital after being injured by the failed bomb attempt, will be able to shed light on the explosion which downed TWA flight 800 bound for Paris last month.

Aug. 13

• IDF soldiers killed three gunmen in a clash in south Lebanon.

• Security forces reported that they plan to arrest and expel up to 100,000 illegal foreign workers who have replaced Palestinians as a result of the repeated closure of the West Bank and Gaza.

Aug. 14

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appointed Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's new ambassador to the United States to lead negotiations with Syria. Ben-Elissar replaces Itamar Rabinovich both as head of the negotiations with Syria and as ambassador to the United States.

Aug. 15

• An Israeli military court charged a Hamas terrorist with being responsible for the deaths of 45 people. Hassan Salameh, who was arrested in Hebron earlier this year, is accused of planning two bus bombings in Jerusalem and a bombing in Ashkelon.

Aug. 16

• Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is scheduled to meet this week with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat to discuss an Israeli plan for a redeployment of IDF troops in the West Bank town of Hebron.

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David and Absalom, a new play written and directed by Shmuel Hasfari depicting the tragic struggle between the king and his beloved yet rebellious heir-apparent, will be staged in the courtyard of the Tower of David. The play will run from Aug. 20 to Sept. 5.

Minister calls for tolerance among Israelis

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state, for all its citizens?" said Lior Horev, who submitted one of three petitions to keep the street open.

The battle over Bar Ilan heightened this year after the victories of religious political parties in the May 29 national elections.

The dispute was further fuelled by the decision in July in which Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy, a member of the National Religious Party, said Bar Ilan would be closed to traffic during Sabbath and holiday prayer times for a four-month experimental period.

The High Court suspended Levy's order pending its own ruling.

Both sides of the dispute gave limited approval to the court's proposal to form a committee to study the issue. "Of course we welcome it, as long as the interests of all parties are represented on the committee," said Knesset member Yossi Sarid of the secularist Meretz party, who also submitted a petition against closing the road.

"Form a committee, please. But Bar Ilan must be closed. Every time a car goes by on the Sabbath, residents of the area are hurt," said Meir Shechter, a lawyer for the religious petitioners.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said he would honor the ruling, but added that a proposal he made recently to build a tunnel underneath the road would be the optimal solution.

Last Saturday, the street was closed to traffic for close to an hour, but not because of the demonstrators. Police ordered the closure for the unexpected arrival of Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who irritated local police officials for not coordinating the visit ahead of time.

Kahalani said he made the visit to meet with members of the community in an effort to create tolerance among religious and secular Israelis alike. He visited a synagogue and promised to look into the concerns of the haredi community.

When he got into his car, some demonstrators asked him to wait a half hour until the Sabbath ended.

When the minister opted to drive off, demonstrators shouted, "Shabbos, Shabbos," as they do at other motorists driving on the Sabbath.

Netanyahu discusses plan for redeployment in Hebron

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has convened members of his cabinet to discuss plans for a redeployment of Israeli troops in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Under the terms of the Interim Agreement, Israel was to redeploy from about 80 percent of Hebron. But according to the plan presented last week by Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Israeli troops would remain in more districts of the often volatile town than was negotiated in the agreement.

"A greater presence serves Jewish and Arab interests," Netanyahu told Israel Radio earlier in the day.

He said any outbreak of violence in Hebron, the only West Bank town with Jewish settlers and Arabs living side by side, would "scuttle the entire peace process."

The plan calls for Israeli troops to continue patrolling Arab neighborhoods after the redeployment, depending on the security situation.

This was based on the principle of preserving the troops' right to "hot pursuit" of Palestinians suspected of committing security offenses.

Leaks from the report indicated that the redeployment would be carried out more slowly than was agreed upon by the previous Labor government and the Palestinian Authority.

The plan was still subject to government approval before it would be presented to the Palestinian side.

The long-delayed redeployment from Hebron has been looked upon as a test of Netanyahu's intentions to continue the peace process with the Palestinians.

Mordechai is scheduled to meet next week with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to discuss the redeployment.

PM, Levy in accord on role of Foreign Ministry

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committee for negotiations with the Palestinians.

The long-standing rivalry between Netanyahu and Levy resurfaced with a vengeance two weeks ago, following a series of what Levy considered slights to his position and that of his ministry.

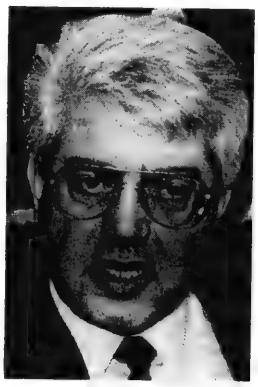
These included political contacts carried out by the prime minister's diplomatic adviser, Dore Gold, without Levy's knowledge, and the failure of the Prime Minister's Office to brief the Foreign Ministry about contacts made with foreign diplomats.

The final straw came when Netanyahu made his first official trip to Jordan this month as prime minister without being accompanied by Levy or any member of the Foreign Ministry staff.

Levy therefore boycotted cabinet meetings and sessions of a forum of senior ministers that dealt with security issues.

Levy returned to his office in Jerusalem on Sunday, after making what was described as a personal trip to New York.

Prior to his meeting with Netanyahu, Levy did not attend a meeting held earlier in the day, where members of the ministerial forum discussed a Defence Ministry proposal for an IDF redeployment in the West Bank town of Hebron.



David Levy

During those talks, the ministers disagreed on the details of the plan, which calls for Israeli troops to remain in more of the Arab districts of Hebron than originally agreed to in the Interim Agreement signed last September in Washington.

The plan also calls for greater numbers of Israeli troops to remain in Hebron than originally proposed.

During the meeting, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, of the National Religious Party, demanded that the plan also call for strengthening the Jewish population in Hebron, which currently numbers about 450.

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Anti-Semitic propaganda posted on Dole Website

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

A U.S. white supremacist group is posting anti-Semitic propaganda on an Internet home page designed to look like the official Website of the Dole/Kemp presidential campaign.

Employing the artwork and general design of the official Bob Dole "online campaign," the National Alliance has added its own anti-immigrant, Jewish conspiracy material. As a result, an Internet surfer searching for material on the Dole campaign could stumble on the white supremacist material, believing it to be the official campaign position of presidential candidate Bob Dole.

There is only one official Website for the Dole campaign, said Andrew Weinstein, director of media relations for the campaign. Its Internet address is: [www.dole96.com.], he said.

However, someone surfing the Internet and using a search engine like Yahoo or Webcrawler to look for information on the campaign is faced with numerous alternate Websites, each with the name "Dole" in it. The National Alliance's Website is one of them.

The Website presents six "icons" — one of them a photo of vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp — which give access to different material posted by the neo-Nazi group.

In addition to sporting the artwork of the official Dole Website, the National Alliance's Website claims: "Most text and images courtesy and copyright Dole for President Inc. Paid for by Dole for President."

It also gives the address for the Dole campaign headquarters in Washington, D.C., further suggesting it is an official Website.

But its material is strictly extremist. A lengthy essay alleges Jewish control over the mass media and entertainment industries and suggests "the alien grip on our news and entertainment media must be broken."

"Jewish media control" is an "evil power," the essay states.

"To permit the Jews, with their 3,000-year history of nation-wrecking, from ancient Egypt to Russia, to hold such power over us is tantamount to race suicide," the article continues.

Noting that the Internet — the international network of computers — is highly unregulated, Weinstein said the Dole campaign will examine the National Alliance's Website to determine whether there have been any infringements of its copyright.

The National Alliance is listed as a neo-Nazi hate group in the 1993 year end *Intelligence Report* by Klanwatch, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Centre. It is centred in Hillsboro, W.Va., Arlington Va., Stone Mountain, Ga., and New York City, among other locations.

PM signals flexibility on Lebanon first focus

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is no longer insisting that talks with Syria initially focus just on Lebanon, but signaled that he is willing to negotiate over the Golan and Lebanon simultaneously.

Meanwhile, there were growing indications last week that Israel intended to be more activist in staging attacks against Hezbollah north of the security zone in Lebanon. Sources say there have been five inner cabinet meetings dealing with the subject of potential retaliation in Lebanon and contingency plans are being drawn up.

While it remains unclear if Israel has plans to hit Syrian targets in the Bekaa Valley if needed, there is reason to believe that Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai chose his words carefully when he said last week that Israel would be willing to attack any element in Lebanon.

In a call-in questions and answers session on CNN last week, Netanyahu warned of sharp retaliation in the event that the Gallilee is hit with Katyushas.

While saying he had no confirmation that Hezbollah has rockets with an extended range, he declared in a grave voice, "Israel will not tolerate the shelling of the Gallilee, the rocketing of civilian settlement without a very, very stiff response. It is not something that I would suggest to anyone. It is not a good idea to test our will and resolve on this."

During the program, he expressed concern that if the violence in Lebanon is not solved, it will worsen. "Lebanon, in the last four or five years, has shown a continuous pattern of escalation, which is neither good for Syria nor for Israel nor for peace."

On the subject of diplomacy, Netanyahu voiced his preference for negotiating over Lebanon first, but then added he would be prepared to negotiate on a few issues at once.

"Lebanon is a good place – not to end negotiations with Syria – to start negotiations with Syria and to discuss other issues later or simultaneously," he said. "It is not a sequential process, either. I am prepared to discuss all outstanding issues on which we have differences."

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Campus *news & views*

Toronto student enjoys 'pioneering experience'

By JODY KASNER

What a year to be in Israel! There was the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the terrorist bombings, Operation Grapes of Wrath and the elections.

Election time is always exciting and as I discovered, Israelis are passionate about their politics. Everyone has a sign on their house and/or a bumper sticker on their car. Cab drivers hand out stickers. Children stop traffic to hand out flyers. Can you imagine such a thing in Canada? I loved it.

But there was more to my year than bus bombs and politics.

I went to Israel to study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. More specifically I was part of the one-year program at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students.

My decision to study in Israel for the year was officially made during my graduating year of high school. At the time, I was madly in love with Israel (of course I still am) and needed to find a way to spend a year there that would be acceptable to both me and my parents — Hebrew U.

Those who have chosen to study in the program are good students to start with. They are also interested in the specific topics of study offered, such as Hebrew, terrorism and Middle Eastern affairs.

I loved being in Jerusalem. I loved the idea of living in Jerusalem. On weekends, overseas and Israeli students alike would clear out of the dorms. Israeli students would go home to their families. Overseas students would visit relatives or go for jaunts around the country.

Some weekends I'd go away, but more often than not I preferred to stay in Jerusalem. For me there's nothing like Shabbat in Jerusalem.

Israel also served as a great travel base. October break was Eastern Europe, December was the Sinai, February break Jordan. And ironically, Egypt during Passover.

After school finished, I volunteered on Kibbutz Bar Am for five weeks. This kibbutz, half a kilometre from the Lebanese border, was truly the best place I could have chosen to spend the summer. In the green hills of the north, the air was fresh and the night sky full of stars.

Aside from the helicopters flying overhead, the occasional Katyusha in the fields or the sporadic gunfire, it truly was the most peaceful, safest-feeling place I've been.

Kibbutz life, for me, was everything I had been looking for in Israel. Working the fields, planting trees and picking fruit I finally got the great pioneering experience I had dreamt of for so long.

I would often stop and ponder about how hard the founders of the kibbutz must have worked to establish this place. It's so beautiful and perfect now.

How hard thousands of immigrants worked to build a country. It may not be perfect, but it sure is beautiful.

Jody Kasner is a student at York University.

A lifetime of memories from one year in Israel

By HEATH APPLEBAUM

For the past 12 months, I've had the privilege of living, working and studying International politics in Israel at the University of Tel Aviv.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study the Arab/Israeli conflict and various other related subjects and to be part of Israeli history as it unfolded, rather than reading about it in textbooks and watching it in CNN soundbites.

Living in Israel's modern heartland, I had a chance to meet the people behind the headlines, attend lectures given by Israeli political figures and watch as peace negotiations help to shape the new Middle East.

I experienced firsthand what life in Gaza is really like, speaking with local Palestinians as they prepared to vote in their first-ever elections. I travelled to neighboring Egypt and spoke with Egyptians about Israel and the prospects for regional peace. I attended peace rallies, participated in the Israeli national elections and shook hands with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Unfortunately, along with all Israelis and overseas students, I also shared in the pain and tragedy of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. And I spoke with victims of terrorist bus-bombings, teenage soldiers, UN peacekeepers and grandparents who had fought in Israel's War of Independence. I witnessed Christmas festivities in Bethlehem and took part in Passover services in Jerusalem during its 3,000-year celebrations.

Unique work opportunity

I was also fortunate to find unique work opportunities that had me teaching ice hockey in the Middle East's only Olympic hockey rink and bartending at a five-star hotel for some of Israel's most famous celebrities. Of course, none of this would have been possible unless I had taken the initiative to continue my studies abroad.

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The overseas student program was a chance to study, develop new friendships, travel, experience history as it unfolded, explore ancient landscapes, meet unique people, discover a lot about myself and my heritage. Study abroad also taught me to appreciate many of the things in Canada that I've always taken for granted. I know that these memories will remain with me for the rest of my life.

Heath Applebaum is studying international relations at Wilfred Laurier University in Ontario.

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Cutbacks mean shorter hospital stays for new moms

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — By early November, mothers and their new babies will spend only one night in North York General Hospital if their deliveries are normal.

The 24-hour stay for obstetric patients in a hospital that serves a significant part of the Jewish community is only one of the cutbacks resulting from a $4.5-million slash in Ontario government funding to the hospital this year.

Other steps include a five per cent reduction in elective surgery, such as gall bladder and cataract removals, and a cut in a wide range of ambulatory (outpatient) services.

"It's unfortunate, but we have no choice," said hospital president and CEO Murray MacKenzie.

Many obstetric patients already choose to leave the hospital after one night, MacKenzie said, and some even go home straight from the delivery room.

The average length of stay in the maternity ward last year was 2.6 days, including abnormal cases.

The one-night stay for mothers will be phased in during September and October, when about 25 will go home with their babies every week, to be followed by nurses visiting their homes.

Women's College Hospital is the only other Metro hospital with the 24-hour policy, MacKenzie said, but most hospitals in the United States observe it.

With follow-up safeguards in place for these mothers, the CEO does not feel it represents any danger to them. At any rate, no protests have come from women's groups about the new policy.

North York General Hospital has 4,000 deliveries a year, second only to Mt. Sinai in Metro.

Waiting lists for elective operations including orthopedic procedures (hip replacements) will lengthen because of the five percent cut to take effect in the current 96-97 fiscal year. For example, cataract patients may have to wait seven or eight months instead of five or six months.

"We're worried about the future and what the decisions of the province's hospital restructuring commission will be," MacKenzie said.

(A recommendation that North York Branson Hospital be closed and turned into an ambulatory service is now before the commission.)

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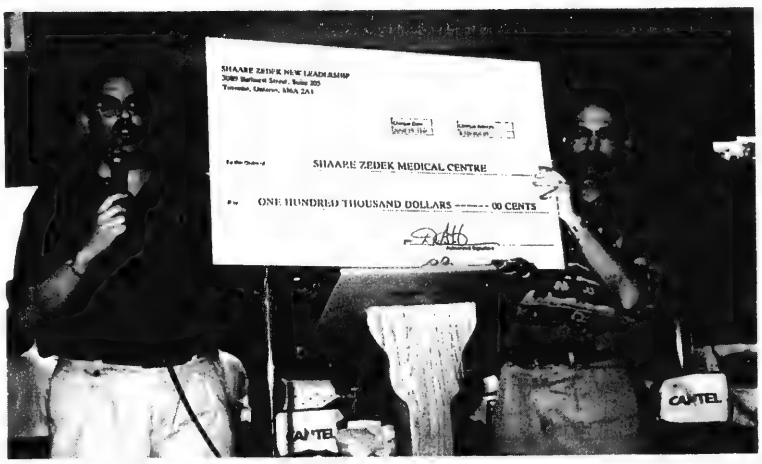

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Health news

Cooling of the scalp key to preventing hair loss

By GAIL LICHTMAN
WZPS

JERUSALEM — One of the most stressful side effects of chemotherapy treatment for cancer, especially among women, is hair loss. Now, an Israeli company has invented a device which can significantly reduce hair loss resulting from treatment.

The device, called the Scalp Cooling System II (SCS II), is the brainchild of Freddy Pachys, managing director of Amit Technology Science and Medicine Ltd., a 12-year-old Jerusalem-based company specializing in marketing and developing medical equipment.

The result of five years of research and development, SCS II works on the surprisingly simple principle of cooling the scalp to between eight and 10 C. This causes constriction of the blood vessels along the scalp and reduces metabolic activity. These two effects reduce blood flow to the hair follicles, lessening the amount of chemotherapic material carried there. The result is prevention or significant reduction of hair loss.

"We only cool the surface of the scalp," says Pachys, who is an electrical engineer. "We do not touch the rest of the body at all. SCS II does not alter body or brain temperature in any way. The idea of using cooling to prevent hair loss has been around for many years, but treatment consisted of putting a cap in a deep freezer and then having the patient wear it on his or her head. The cooling effect was only for a very short period of time."

Designed for hospital use, the SCS II consists of a computerized main cooling unit with two caps attached to the unit via hoses — rather like a bouffant hair dryer from the 1960s. The caps, made of lightweight, colorful cloth, weigh less than standard motorcycle helmets.

Patients are seated in a comfortable chair next to the unit. They put the cap on about 30 minutes before starting chemotherapy treatment, keep it on during treatment and for about an hour afterwards. While wearing the cap, patients can listen to music or read. "We are even considering adding a walkman to our units," said Pachys.

The SCS II has recently completed 18 months of clinical trials at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, Rambam Hospital in Haifa and Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. In these tests, 80 percent of cancer patients using the device reported little or no hair loss. Hadassah Hospital has since purchased the system for use in patients suffering from auto-immune diseases such as lupus and overactive immunization systems. The SCS II can be used for most types of cancer treatment with the exception of melanoma and leukemia.

"The most important thing," says Pachys, "is that we are helping patients from a psychological point of view and this, of course, aids in the clinical treatment. Being bald is depressing and lowers a person's self-image. It also advertises the fact that he or she is undergoing treatment for cancer."

Cancer treatment

Shoshana (not her real name) is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer at Hadassah Hospital and is using the Scalp Cooling System. "There has been a slight loss of hair but no one else has noticed," she says. "I don't know how I would have reacted if my hair had fallen out. The side effects of the chemotherapy are very unpleasant as it is. Going bald would have been the last straw."

The SCS II, which is manufactured by Tana Industries Ltd. of Kibbutz Halemed Hey, has been certified by the Israeli Ministry of Health and approved by the Israeli Standards Institute. It has been sold to several Israeli hospitals and the company is now in the process of setting up worldwide marketing.

Pachys, who has applied for a worldwide patent for the device, says that SCS II is about to be installed in hospitals in Mexico and Columbia and that the company is working on sales to South Africa, Holland, Spain and Portugal. In the United States, he is in the process of registering with the FDA.

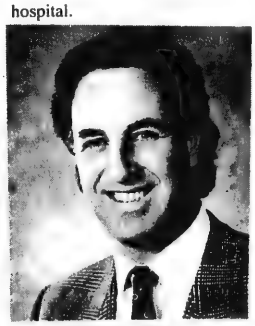
Carol Seidman

Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation appointments

TORONTO – Carol Seidman and Geoffrey Bledin have been appointed to the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation it was recently announced.

Seidman, appointed as director of donor relations, will focus on planned, community and leadership giving along with a wide range of donor relations initiatives for the hospital and its research institute.

Bledin has been appointed as chair of Mount Sinai Hospital's leadership Sinai program. It provides committed volunteers with an orientation to the hospital.



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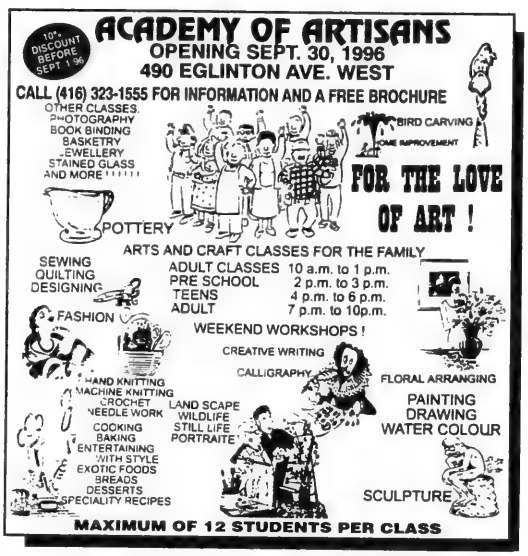

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Script writer brings Stern memoir to the big screen

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO – In the study of his Forest Hill home, Len Blum hands the visitor a paperback copy of Howard Stern's scatalogical memoir *Private Parts*, whose cover promises, "Soon To Be A Major Motion Picture."

Then Blum – the 45-year-old, award-winning screenwriter who commutes regularly between Toronto and New York – admits that he's been working for the past 17 months on bringing *Private Parts* to the big screen. Currently filming in New York, the Paramount production is due in theatres next February.

"I was very skeptical at first about taking on this project, because I didn't *get* Howard Stern. I thought he was obnoxious," Blum admits. But after film producer Ivan Reitman invited him to visit Stern and sit in on his radio show over two days in New York, Blum's opinion of the controversial X-rated radio personality became, well, less stern.

"On the flight home, I asked myself, 'Should I do this?' And I realized I had laughed harder in the last two days than I had in the past 20 years."

But Blum also recognized that Reitman, a Canadian-born Hollywood producer with a Midas touch, had rarely, if ever, steered him wrong. It was Reitman who had encouraged Blum and his friend Dan Goldberg to write the comedy script about summer camp that later became the smash hit *Meatballs*.

For 15 years until then, Blum had been, he says, a "mediocre rock'n' roll musician with no particular success."

He shows the visitor the Genie he won for *Meatballs* in1980, along with a row of framed posters of other films he's scripted or co-scripted since then. They include

Len Blum

Stripes, *Feds* and *Beethoven's 2nd*, all produced by Reitman.

"After years of my relations asking me when I planned to get a real job and looking at me as though I was a bum, suddenly those same relatives were looking at me as if I was a genius because I'd written a hit movie," Blum says.

"To become a successful writer in an area I hadn't even chosen was quite a shock for me. But I now realize that I'm much better at being a screenwriter than at being a musician."

Admitting to a facility for gags, Blum says his art also involves an ability to relate to deeper themes such as family unity and the triumph of the disadvantaged.

"I'm more likely to do good work when I'm working with themes that I have some deeper connection with," he says. "I have to find ways to connect myself personally with my characters. It's not casual or technical with me, since everything I write changes me quite a bit."

The values he brings to the screen include Jewish values and a natural affinity for the underdog, Blum says. His father, the late Sidney Blum, worked as a human rights activist, and his mother, Mary Blum-Devor, is a psychologist and ardent Zionist who divides her time equally between Canada and Israel.

Blum says it makes sense that he should have found success in writing rather than music, since there have been "generations of scholars and writers" in his family, a tradition that persists to the present day. His brother, Reuven Blum, is a chassidic rabbi in Jerusalem. His wife, Heather Munroe-Blum, is president of Research and International Relations for the University of Toronto.

Even when it isn't apparent on the screen, Blum says he is always crafting his films as a Jew, and that to do otherwise would be impossible.

"My father enlisted in the U.S. army to fight Hitler at the age of 17 and came out at the end of World War II missing a foot and with a Purple Heart. He devoted the rest of his life to being a human rights organizer.

"As I work, I'm conscious on a daily basis of what he would think of my work. He enlisted to fight Hitler as a Jew; in the same way, I write as a Jew."

Blum's 11-year-old daughter Sydney adored *Beethoven's 2nd*, but her father seems unsure whether she'll be ready to see his current project when it reaches the big screen.

"She'll be 11½ when the Howard Stern movie opens," he says, looking dubious. "I don't know. I'll have to see how mature she is at that point."

Confiscated art to be sold

NEW YORK – Approximately 1,000 works of art, most of which were confiscated from Jewish homes by the Nazis and hidden for over 50 years, will be auctioned in Vienna on Oct. 29 and 30.

The proceeds from the Mauerbach Benefit Sale, conducted on a non-profit basis by Christie's, will benefit Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and their families.

The sale is expected to raise $3.5 million (US).

A distinguished international honorary committee has been established by The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities to lend its support to the sale.

Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of the Seagram Company and president of World Jewish Congress (WJC), and Ronald S. Lauder, chairman of Estée Lauder International will co-chair the event.

"I am proud to be part of this significant undertaking," said Lauder, who is treasurer of the WJC. "Not only does it benefit Holocaust victims, but it also offers all of us who care so deeply a significant commemorative opportunity."

Bronfman echoed Lauder's statement, adding, "The sale will serve as an example for the many outstanding restitution issues which, after more than 50 years, still need to be resolved."

The sale will take place at the MAK-Austrian Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna. Property will be on view from Oct. 22.

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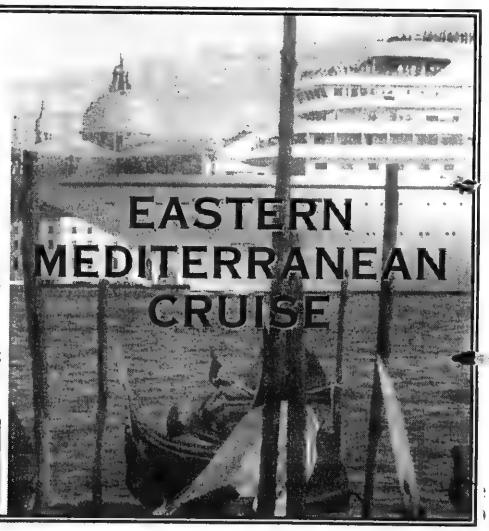

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Holocaust Art & Film

A new course at York University examines the way visual art and film about the Holocaust are used to shape collective memory.

According to professors **Shelley Hornstein** and **Florence Jacobowitz**, Auschwitz and World War II force a rethinking of esthetics and the language of representation. Their course – Culture, Memory & Resistance: Responses to the Holocaust in Visual Art and Film – looks at how art referring to these events explores the question of representation.

"The course will demonstrate the power and timeliness of artistic forms of resistance and commemoration by looking at a specific historical moment and its impact on our present concepts of truth," says a course brochure.

The course runs Monday evenings from 7 to 10, from Sept. 9 at the Dept. of Fine Arts, York U. Atkinson College. For more information, call 416-736-5227 or contact [http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca] on the Internet.

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Plague Monkeys Up for Emmy: Toronto-based producer **Elliott Halpern** and **Simcha Jacobovici** have garnered a U.S. national Emmy nomination for "outstanding investigative journalism" for the 1994 documentary *The Plague Monkeys.*

Nominated in one of the Emmy's toughest categories, the duo are up against CBS's *48 Hours*, CBS's *60 Minutes*, CHB's *Reports* and ABC's *20/20*.

The Plague Monkeys, a documentary on the deadly Ebola virus, first aired on CBC's *Witness* and was subsequently shown on the Arts & Entertainment Network's *Investigative Reports.*

Asked if they think they might win against nominees **Dan Rather** and **Mike Wallace**, Halpern and Jacobovici said, "When you are in that kind of company and in that type of category, it's truly an honour just to be nominated."

The Plague Monkeys has already won numerous international awards, including a 1996 Gemini Award and a 1995 Cable Ace Award. The Emmy awards ceremony takes place in New York City on Sept. 11.

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Jackie Mason Rescheduled: Comedian **Jackie Mason**, originally scheduled to perform at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts George Weston Recital Hall Aug. 19 through Aug. 24, has been rescheduled for one performance only at the Pantages Theatre, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $25 to $60 at the Ford Centre or Pantages box offices, or any Ticketmaster outlet. Or call the Livent line, 416-872-2222.

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At the Koffler Gallery: Freda Guttman's Cassandra: An Opera in Four Acts is a multi-media installation exploring the artist's shifting identity as a woman, a Jew and an anglophone growing up in Montreal during the 1940s. Until Oct. 27.

Tobi Asmoucha's Parade is an exhibition of 47 black-and-white photographs taken at various parades around Toronto, on St. Patrick's Day, Gay Pride Day, International Women's Day, Remembrance Day and so on. A graduate of Ryerson, the photographer has had previous showings in such venues as the Station St. Arts Centre in Vancouver and the Beach Hebrew Institute in Toronto. Until Sept. 27.

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Hath Not A Jew: *Shakespeare and the Jews*, a new book by **James Shapiro** (Columbia University Press, $29.50 US), highlights the preponderance of literary references to Jews in the centuries when there was scarcely a Jew in England. "What Mr. Shapiro shows convincingly is how deeply Shakespeare's play [*The Merchant of Venice*] dug down into the fantasies, anxieties and pleasures of its audience," wrote **Stephen Greenblatt** in the Aug. 11 *New York Times Book Review.*

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In Brief: Mandy Patinkin is set to star as Quasimodo in Turner Network Television's (TNT) new telling of the Victor Hugo gothic classic, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Filming is currently under way in Europe for this co-venture between TNT and Toronto-based Alliance Communications.

Living and Loving – Visions of Hope is a star-studded gala benefit for breast cancer, and women and children at risk of domestic and other violence. Atlantis Complex, Ontario Place, Aug 27, 7 p.m. Advance tickets $50, at the door $65, VIP Lounge $100. 416-872-1212 or 800-461-3333.

The Journey of Butterfly, a 62-minute documentary about the Terezin ghetto that has aired several times on the U.S. network PBS, is available commercially on video for $19.95 (US) plus shipping and handling. Think Media, 800-655-1998.

Business Briefs

Netanyahu Calls For Cooler Heads

JERUSALEM – Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged Israelis last week to stop selling long-term savings plans and provident funds and to "consider things coolly."

Soon after, the Bank of Israel announced that it would buy millions of dollars of bonds to help banks raise cash and meet growing public demands to cash in savings plans.

The prime minister also issued a government guarantee to provide a safety net for state bonds.

The government is committed "to take whatever necessary means to ensure that the bonds always enjoy support," the prime minister told Israel Radio.

The bank said in a statement Thursday that it would buy about $180 million (Cdn.) in government bonds.

Netanyahu's remarks came after the recent record number of sell orders, which totaled about $365 million.

Two weeks ago, the bond market registered record-high sale orders reflecting withdrawals of nearly NIS 3 billion ($1.32 billion) requested from the provident funds for September.

Traders said most of the sell orders were made at a price limit, indicating that while provident-fund managers are interested in disposing of bonds, they do not intend to do so at any price.

Egypt Denies Intention To Cancel Cairo Summit

JERUSALEM – There is no intention of cancelling the Cairo economic summit scheduled for November, according to the head of Egypt's regional economic negotiation team, Raouf Saad.

Saad, Egypt's deputy assistant foreign minister, met last week in Cairo with senior economic representatives from Jordan, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Israel.

It was the highest level economic meeting between the three countries and the PA, which comprise the Regional Economic Development Working Group (REDWEG), since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's election.

"There has been no statement from Cairo that we won't hold the conference," Saad said.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Dolphins Make Big Splash In Eilat

According to a news report, three dolphins saved a diver from sharks last month off Sharm al Sheikh near the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula.

While shark attacks are extremely rare in Red Sea waters, stories about dolphins who come to the aid of stranded sailors or distressed swimmers have become part of the region's seafaring lore.

For Dafna Neuhaus, an official of Dolphin Reef Eilat, such extraordinary tales are more than big fish stories. As one of numerous employees who deal with dolphins daily, Neuhaus is aware of their high intelligence, their remarkable empathy and friendly rapport with humans, even of their astonishing therapeutic and healing powers.

Since Eilat's highly popular dolphin compound opened six years ago, its stars have been five bottlenose dolphins purchased from a Russian laboratory on the Black Sea, as well as four babies born since the quintet arrived. Although the playful aquatic mammals weren't used to these waters, they have apparently fared well. According to Neuhaus, they vastly prefer their manmade safe haven over the unprotected open waters of the gulf into which they sometimes venture.

"Our dolphins have access to the open sea," she explains. "Every morning we open the gate and if they want to go out, they go out. The gate is reopened for the last training session at 4 o'clock, and the dolphins that go out in the morning always return for the night."

The dolphins hunt and give birth exactly as in nature, and "don't do anything they don't want to do," says Neuhaus. While groups of visitors pay to go snorkelling and diving with them, the dolphins participate only by free will, without the reinforcement of a feeding. Visitors are shown how to touch them and otherwise to treat them with respect, so as to strengthen their bond with humans.

Fed during daily training sessions – to the audible delight of both spectators and squealing dolphins – the feisty animals still maintain their natural hunting instincts, since the nets enclosing their 10,000-sq.-metre Red Sea compound are wide enough to allow fish to penetrate.

"Other dolphins have come from other areas and these dolphins have chased them away," says Neuhaus. "They want to keep their territory."

Since it has been shown that severely abused children or children with Down's syndrome and other handicaps can make remarkable advances after interacting with dolphins, a therapy program here attracts children from around the world.

Each of the 20 children who are in treatment at any given time works privately with only one trainer.

"The dolphins actually sense that something is wrong," says Neuhaus. "The moment the kid is in the water, they are all around him, and all he has to do is lie on his back. Soon he begins to trust the dolphins -- and later, people as well.

"With some of them, you can see some nice progress," she continues. "We had a kid who had been so abused that he stopped moving – he didn't talk to anyone, he didn't look at anyone and he didn't do anything. Slowly, slowly now, he laughs and looks people in the eye."

Admission to Dolphin Reef Eilat, which includes observation of the dolphins during training sessions, is $8.50 (US). A 25-minute snorkelling encounter with the dolphins is $48 for adults and a 30-minute introductory dive with the dolphins is $58. A six-day diving program, with two dives daily, is $159.

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Yiddish rookie gives stellar show

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two years ago mezzo-soprano Stella Walker didn't know a word of Yiddish. But she has worked hard and recently, she sang a solo world premiere of Srul Irving Glick's *Time Cycle*, based on poetry by the late Peretz Miransky, at a Beth Tikvah Synagogue concert attended by 225.

In fact, the prairie-born and Vancouver-trained Walker has given five recitals of Yiddish folk and art music in Toronto, with help from language coach Ethel Raicus. Her interest in Yiddish was stirred by her recent discovery that her maternal grandmother, born in Czechoslovakia, was Jewish, though she did not know that while growing up.

Stella Walker

Walker's mother, Lillie, one of 15 children, who lives in Moose Jaw, Sask., is one of her biggest fans, attending most of her Toronto concerts, travelling free as an ex-airline employee.

The singer's performance of *Time Cycle* was effective, but understated, in keeping with the ebb and flow of Miransky's poetry and with Glick's score, which matched the ethereal theme.

On the piano, Brahm Goldhammer was able to illuminate the score so well that it was more than an accompaniment. The portraits of dawn, day (sun and sea), sunset and night echoed in both the poetry and music.

The evening was graced by the attendance not only of Glick, but also of Helen Greenberg of Toronto and Beyle Schaechter-Gottesman, of New York, two other well known composers whose works Walker performed.

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Maccabi coach wants to revive team's glory days

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the good old days, the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) used to field a pretty good squad of AA-level volleyball players.

For many years in the mid-'70s, the team would finish between seventh and 15th in cross-Canada competitions and do even better at the provincial level, often making it to the top three, recalls a former member of the team, George Shermer.

The team formed the nucleus of Maccabiah Games entries and though they never won a medal, they were competitive in a very high calibre event.

It pains Shermer to see how volleyball has fallen on hard times in the Jewish community — Canada hasn't sent a team to the Maccabiah Games in Israel since 1977. Shermer is hoping to change all that, beginning with Toronto's entry in the JCC Maccabi Youth Games which ran Aug. 18 to 22 in West Orange, N.J.

Shermer is Maccabi Ontario's volleyball chair and coach of the girls team at the Youth Games. He's been given the task of laying the groundwork for a Canadian team at upcoming Maccabiahs in Israel.

He believes the positive exposure given volleyball at the Atlanta Olympics and the newfound cachet for the beach variety of the sport will help entice young athletes to take it up.

He began to see a growing interest in the sport among teenagers even before the Olympics.

In April, 40 girls tried out for the Youth Games team. Nine were chosen. They are among 90 Toronto athletes in "Joisey" for the JCC/Maccabi competition.

Toronto also fielded teams in girls and boys basketball, boys baseball, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls swimming, boys and girls tennis, boys soccer and boys golf.

A boys volleyball team, which Shermer believes would have been competitive, was cut because of limited space. Toronto was allocated only so many places in Jersey and he had to choose between the boys and girls teams, Shermer explained.

George Shermer

"I felt the girls looked more committed. They had more of a desire to play together and do well," he said.

The girls volleyball team is stocked with players from various north Toronto public schools, as well as two youngsters from CHAT (the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto). The Jewish school has a very strong girls volleyball program thanks to the volunteer efforts of teachers who are interested in promoting the sport, he said.

The Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), one of the "heirs" of the old JCC, has also made efforts to promote volleyball in the hopes of developing a nucleus of players to represent Canada at the Maccabiah Games in Israel. "I think we're one Games away," Shermer said.

The BJC has a boys juvenile team (17 and under) that's one of the top squads in Ontario, playing under the auspices of the Ontario Volleyball Association, Shermer said.

In September, the BJC will field a girls juvenile team (drawn in large part from the Maccabi team) and they'll compete as a rep team.

Shermer, who runs the sporting goods store at the BJC, is also expecting to launch boys and girls midget teams (for 14- and 15-year olds). All teams play as "The Blues."

Shermer believes that 13 or so is the ideal age for kids to begin taking the sport seriously. That's when youngsters get strong enough in their hands to pass the ball, he said.

A native of Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, Shermer came to Canada in 1968 after the Soviet crackdown on the "Prague Spring."

A competitive player in Bratislava, the 6-foot-4 spiker joined the Balmy Beach Canoe Club on moving to Toronto and played for two years there. He was recruited to play at the JCC in the mid '70s.

Shermer's wife, Anne, also teaches volleyball and was a top player for Settlement House in her heyday in the early '70s. Their two sons, Elie and Daniel, are competitive players as well.

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The JCC Maccabi Youth Games attract young Jewish athletes from around the world but particularly from North America. More than 50 communities, including the host MetroWest, were represented at the games.

With 394 athletes, MetroWest fielded the largest contingent, while Los Angeles sent 192. Vancouver was expected to send a single track and field athlete.

Delegations were expected from Australia, Britain and Ramat Eliahu, MetroWest's twinned community in Rishon Lezion, Israel.

Soccer, basketball and volleyball were among the traditional team sports on tap, but the games also saw the debut of in-line hockey competition, with 10 teams participating.

A pyrotechnic display, live music, dancing and the lighting of the Maccabi torch were highlights of the opening ceremonies.

The ceremonies were held at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J., and included a memorial to the 11 Israelis killed by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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Hockey tryouts to begin

TORONTO — Skaters and puckstoppers interested in wearing Canada's colors at next summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel will get a chance to show their wares in mid-September.

That's when Maccabi Canada's hockey tryouts will be held in Toronto. For three hours on Sept. 10 (beginning at 9 p.m.) and another three hours on Sept. 11 (beginning at 8 p.m.), Jewish skaters will be put through their paces by Gideon Lee, Maccabi's chair of hockey for Ontario and the West.

Tryouts will be held at Centennial Arena in North York.

The preliminary tryouts are designed to begin the process of establishing a core of players who will lead the team at the Maccabiah Games, which run from July 14 to 24, 1997. Competition will be held in the recently-renovated Olympic-sized rink in Metulla, in Israel's north.

The 15th Games marks the debut of hockey at the Maccabiah with four countries expected to compete — Canada, the United States, Israel and Russia. Canada will be coached by former Montreal Canadiens coach Jacques Demers.

Howard Waisglass, who is assisting Lee in assembling the Ontario and Western segment of the team, said they've already received several dozen applications. Many are from U.S. college players and those who skated at the junior A tier II level.

The September tryouts are the "opening casting call" for the team and Waisglass said they are open to all players. Though he doesn't want to discourage applicants, they should realize "it's pretty competitive hockey," he said.

Those interested are asked to contact Lee and Waisglass, preferably by fax, at: 416-223-4041. Lee can be reached by telephone at 416-512-6660 or 416-259-6655.

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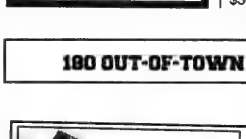

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Sophie Aarons** will take place Sunday, August 25/96 at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Palmerston Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
TILLIE CAPLAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Aug.25th, at 2:00 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Beth David Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Ida Adele Levy ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 25, 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of our beloved
ABE COHEN ז"ל
which will take place
Sunday, August 25, 1:15 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
IDA GOLDFARB ז"ל
mother of Ruth Shulman and Joyce Strauss
will take place
Sunday, September 1st, 1996 at 1:45 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth David Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup fine bread crumbs
1 tblsp. parsley, chopped
1/2 cup onions, chopped
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. pepper

Sauce:
1 3/4 cups bottled chili sauce
14 oz can jellied cranberry sauce
1 tsp. lemon juice
2 tblsp. brown sugar

Mix ground meat with first group of ingredients. Roll into balls 1-inch (2.5 cm) in diameter. heat the sauce ingredients together in a large pot. Bring to a boil, add meatballs, and simmer in sauce for 30 minutes. Yield: 40 meatballs. Freezes well.

Recipe courtesy of Beth Tikvah Sisterhood "All In Good Taste" Cookbook.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

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ROSI KERR ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 25th, 11:45 a.m.
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Dufferin St., N. of Major Mackenzie
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MINNIE ROSEN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 25, 10:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Mark Glassman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Aug. 25th, 9:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Stashiver Young Men's Society Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Alan Krofchick ז"ל
will take place
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In the interview, being professional is very important. Answer each question posed to you as thought the interviewer does not know you. Recognize that though the interviewer has seen you in action, he needs to know how you would "fit" in this new job. An interviewer who knows you will be scrutinizing your every word and action to see how much you know about the position, the department and the company. He will likely also be aware of how you interact with other people in the organization.

Be prepared with a list of three references from outside the organization, if you can, to add to one within the organization. Ensure the phone numbers are current and each individual is willing to be contacted. The list you give your interviewer will look best if it is produced on a word processor or typewriter, as opposed to being handwritten.

After the interview is over, send a thank you note. Using e-mail is okay but a card sent in the mail is more professional and looks like you are not using your internal candidacy status to give you an advantage.

You will likely see your interviewer in the hall several times before you actually hear about your application status. At all these meetings, try not to lead the conversation toward a discussion of the new posting. Instead, talk about anything you might normally talk about with this person.

If you are offered the job, ask the human resources officer about company policy with respect to leaving your current job, advising other employees, and protecting your health coverage and pension. Follow his advice.

If you are not offered the job, try to meet with the interviewer to see why he turned you down. Listen to the points and offer explanations, if appropriate. Remember to stay professional and thank him for considering you and for the time he took to sit down with you. A written note isn't necessary.

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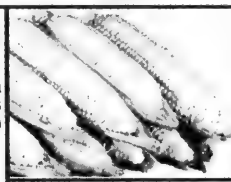

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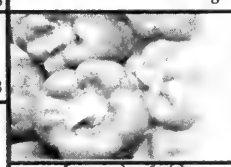

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PM may meet with Arafat

By LEORA EREN FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to meet with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat before Rosh Hashanah.

With Netanyahu scheduled to travel to the United States next month, there was speculation here that a meeting between the Israeli leader and Arafat might be a gesture for the White House indicating Netanyahu's intentions to continue the peace process.

Speculation about the possible meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat followed an announcement by President Ezer Weizman that he will meet with Arafat shortly, in what will be the Palestinian leader's first official visit to Israel since the new government assumed power.

The announcement, intended to revive the stalled peace talks, was seen as an embarrassment to Netanyahu, who has until now refused to meet with Arafat.

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During a joint press conference with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Ezer Weizman announced he has invited Yasser Arafat to meet with him in Caesaria.
[Reuters/RNSphoto]

Nemsila case back on track

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A decision by a Federal Court judge in a Toronto war crimes case appears to have opened the door to the resumption of legal proceedings in a parallel case in Hope, B.C.

Last week, Federal Court judge James Jerome ruled that Josef Nemsila, 83, cannot rely on his domicile in Canada to prevent deportation proceedings against him.

The Nemsila judgment will likely mean the case of Antanas Kenstavicius will move ahead and could be heard as early as September, said Paul Vickery, director and general counsel of the Justice Department's war crimes unit. Another war crime suspect could be named within 30 days, he added.

Vickery said both the Nemsila and Kenstavicius cases involve alleged Nazi war criminals who never obtained Canadian citizenship. Government authorities are seeking to deport them for lying about their wartime activities when they immigrated to Canada.

The Kenstavicius case was held up pending a resolution of the legal issues in the Nemsila case.

Nemsila's lawyer, Barbara Jackman, convinced an Immigration adjudicator that by obtaining Canadian domicile, Nemsila was immune from deportation even though he lied to enter Canada.

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'Matzahgate' report released

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Almost five months after talks began, the Office de la langue française (OLF) and Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) have finally dotted all the Is and crossed the Ts on an accord to keep the "matzahgate" affair from ever happening again.

The news was revealed at a press conference on Monday.

"We're glad to see it resolved," said CJC-Q chair Reisa Teitelbaum. "They're giving us something we always knew we were entitled to."

B'nai Brith (BB), however, said it was extremely concerned over the fact that CJC-Q and other Jewish organizations have agreed to "act as language inspectors" for the OLF, by promising to exert their "moral authority" on retailers in terms of how long Passover goods can stay on store shelves .

In the one-page document, the OLF officially recognizes the Jewish community's ongoing right to have imported Passover goods exempt from French-language labelling requirements.

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Israel's Choir Call

TORONTO – The World Assembly of Choirs is recruiting participants two years ahead of time for a special event.

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ISRAEL

Homes Demolished

JERUSALEM – Interior Ministry demolition crews tore down two homes built without permits in the Ras Al-Amud neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem last week, as police stood guard to prevent disturbances by local residents.

The demolitions followed a similar action a week earlier by the city, which tore down two illegally built structures in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Issawiya.

Rising Tensions

JERUSALEM – Weeks after Syria and Lebanon rejected a proposal from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for withdrawing Israeli troops from southern Lebanon, increasingly ominous warnings are emanating from Jerusalem and Syria.

The increase in saber-rattling on both sides has led several observers here, including the head of one of Israel's leading think tanks, to question whether an Israeli-Syrian military clash can be far off.

Foreign Help

JERUSALEM – Israel has sent messages to Syria via the United States, Russia and Egypt in an effort to ease increased tensions between the two countries.

Foreign Minister David Levy met last Wednesday with U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk and asked him to inform Damascus that Israel wants to restart the long-stalled Israeli-Syrian negotiations.

Friendly Fire

JERUSALEM – An Israeli soldier was killed and another seriously injured in southern Lebanon last week when they were mistakenly fired on by another group of Israel Defense Force soldiers.

The soldiers, belonging to the Givati brigade, were returning from patrol in the western sector of the security zone.

Bus Bomb 1995

JERUSALEM – The victims of a Jerusalem bus bombing were remembered last week at the site of the attack in Jerusalem's northern neighborhood of Ramat Eshkol.

Four people, excluding the suicide bomber, were killed in the Aug. 21, 1995, attack on Jerusalem's No. 26 bus.

Galilee Reunion

JERUSALEM – The architects of the Palestinian self-rule accords convened recently along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to mark three years since the first agreement was secretly initialed in Oslo.

No representatives from the Netanyahu government were at the gathering, which included former Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian and Norwegian officials.

WORLD

Rabbi Speaks Out

JOHANNESBURG – South Africa's Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris has strongly criticized local Jews who choose to emigrate, saying that they are abdicating their moral obligations to family members they leave behind and to the South African Jewish community at large.

Israel Dance Program

NEW YORK – Israeli dance events commemorating Jerusalem 3000, will feature noted choreographers and teachers from Israel as part of the annual Shorashim-Roots of Israeli Folk Dance Camp, scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Young Judea's Tel Yehudah, near Port Jervis, N.Y.

Participants come from across the U.S. and Canada.

Utah School Battle

WASHINGTON – Six Jewish and Christian groups have come together in defense of a Jewish high school student who continues to wage an uphill battle against her school's effort to compel her to sing religious devotional songs.

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CAN'T WAIT FOR PEACE, DAYAN SAYS

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has declared that Israel must regard herself as the "permanent" regime in the occupied Arab territories, and must carry out necessary projects there without waiting for the day of peace since it may be "very late in coming."

Israel, Dayan said, must concentrate on her own activities "unilaterally" without relying on Arab cooperation. That, he explained, was the only realistic course in the absence of peace.

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The announcement that a course in world religions will be offered to Grade 11 and 12 students in Ontario secondary schools in 1972 has received a mixed reaction. The Canadian Jewish Congress, which has fought against the teaching of religion in Ontario's schools, said the new course was only a small step in the right direction.

"The government is doing too little," the CJC said. "It is very difficult to determine whether through these steps the government is moving forwards or backwards...in dodging its essential responsibility to abolish religious education in public schools."

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Network Canada ceases operations

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Network Canada, the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students, has ceased to operate due to withdrawal of funding by the Council of Jewish Federations Canada (CJF).

Technically, Network has not "died" (it has not been dissolved legally), but has merely been abandoned. Diminishing membership was one reason given by CJF assistant director Jeremy Cohen for the funding cut.

In May, in response to the imminent Network shutdown, student leaders from across the country held an emergency Network conference near Montreal.

Out of that meeting was born an independent Ontario Jewish student council, as well as regional counterparts (which are still being set up) for western Canada and Quebec. The Atlantic region has a pre-existing system run by a community professional.

The Ontario council, which is student-run, held its first meeting recently at the Lipa Green building, where members representing 10 provincial campuses clarified their mandate for themselves and "establishment" observers including Jennifer Turack, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's director of community services and youth activities; and Lance Davis, program director of the University of Toronto's Jewish student organization.

Members of the new council voted to name it Kol Hastudentim Ontario/Ontario Jewish Student Voice. It is not a reborn Network, they stressed.

The focus of Kol Hastudentim is "definitely different," said Jason Young, coordinator of the new entity and immediate past president of the JSU at the University of Western Ontario. (He is now a student at the University of Toronto, where he is working on a master's degree.)

Although Network's political activist agenda has been abandoned, Kol Hastudentim will carry on Network's commitment to being student-run. It will also focus on developing student leadership, strengthening the individual campus groups and serving as a link between Ontario campuses.

Early plans include the creation of a "program bank" of Jewishly oriented programming ideas and how to implement them, as well as shared regional programming.

Young projects a yearly budget of $11,250, $1,000 of which is allocated for administration expenses.

Network, in contrast, had an annual budget last year of $67,000. Prior to last year, its annual budget was $100,000; the $40,000 was redirected to local communities for student travel to conferences.

Kol Hastudentim is seeking funding geared to projects such as

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SUMMER FUN
This summer 50 Canadian counsellors travelled to Israel to volunteer in English day camps. Israel's Ministry of Education paid half their airfare and provided the counsellors with training, room and board and a small living stipend. Seen above is Torontonian Chana Rothman cooling off in the pool with her Israeli campers at the Kefiada English Day Camp in Mazkeret Batya. [Debbie Taylor Zimleman photo]

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Back to school

In just over two weeks, Rosh Hashanah arrives in the embrace of Shabbat.

In just under one week, "school" arrives in the embrace of the usual anxieties and excitements. Over the course of the year, our children will spend as much time in the classroom as they do in their home, as much time with their teachers as with their parents. Between parent and teacher are the children, the heart of the matter. The relationship is thus more a trust than a partnership.

Last June, *The CJN* noted that the trust of education is the bedrock in which are implanted the precious pillars of our society. We also noted that the trust of Jewish education specifically, is the iron workshop forging the next links in the metaphysical chain of Jewish history.

"Anyone truly interested in Jewish continuity", *The CJN* wrote, "must acknowledge the immeasurable contribution to the future of the community made by the parents and the families of [the] children...learning in day school, congregational schools, or afternoon schools."

The financial burden of Jewish education, for the families whose children are enrolled in Jewish schools and for the communities supporting those families, is very great. Alas, rather than buckle under the enormous weight, some families, understandably, choose to carry a lesser financial load, and some communities, too, choose to allocate their limited resources to other compelling needs, besides that of Jewish education.

But the evidence is ever accumulating: Jewish education is indeed the surest way of ensuring Jewish continuity. For example, across my desk, I recently received the first three reports of 11 that are to be published over the next year on the attitudes of Jewish day school graduates in the United States. The survey is called *The Jewishness Quotient of Jewish Day School Graduates*.

The survey was conducted by noted educator Dr. Alvin I Schiff and by sociologist Dr. Mareleyn Schneider under the auspices of Yeshiva University's David J. Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration. It was funded by Irving Stone of Cleveland. It was the first time a comprehensive poll was conducted on the attitudes and lifestyles of Jewish day school graduates in the United States. It examines the relationship between Jewish education and some of the key indicators of a "Jewish" life such as intermarriage, home and school interaction, Jewish communal involvement, kashrut and Sabbath observance, Israel and Jewish summer camp experiences.

The central finding of the research is that "Jewish education has an overwhelmingly positive impact on adult Jewish identity and behavior, especially on marital patterns, and that the impact is much greater than previously believed."

The research disclosed that only 4.5 percent of the 3,600 graduates who responded to the survey married non-Jewish partners. This figure is in marked contrast to the findings of the the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey which showed an 18 percent intermarriage rate among Jewish day school graduates and an overall 52 percent intermarriage rate among American Jews overall.

So unsettling were the results of the 1990 demographic study that some researchers at Brandeis University and at the Jewish Education Service of North America concluded in clear and perfect simplicity that "assimilation and intermarriage do not occur on a random basis. The extent and type of formal Jewish education are clearly related to levels of Jewish affiliation and activism."

Schiff and Schneider confirm once again through science what our great sages knew through instinct: "It is eminently clear that greater exposure to Jewish day school education yields more pronounced Jewish behavior and attitudes," Schiff writes.

He then goes on to challenge the Jewish establishment: "Because the data confirms that Jewish education is an indispensable tool for the formation of Jewish identity, it behooves Jewish communal agencies and educational systems to support and provide opportunities for continuing Jewish education."

Because the financial burden of formal Jewish education is very great, we begrudge no family that decides not to bear it. But, precisely because that financial burden is so great, we commend the families that persevere, moving slowly under the weight, scratching deep furrows into their freedoms. Their achievement was enshrined by the psalmist who sang: *"hazor'im b'dim'ah, b'rinah yiktsoru."* Those who sow with tears and great effort, will surely harvest with a sense of great joy.

The first report provides an overview of the survey. The next two reports deal more specifically with attitudes and with the interaction of home and school. Next week I shall write about some of the findings contained in these reports.

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Social activist dies

TORONTO — Albert Rose, educator, activist and pioneering social worker, died in Toronto earlier this month of heart failure. He was 78.

Called the father of public and social housing in Ontario, Rose was a passionate crusader for social reforms in welfare, housing and other public policies. He was once hailed by a fellow academic as "the leading Canadian scholar of housing problems."

The late mayor of Toronto, Phil Givens, once said of him, "If Dr. Rose can't help us, there is no power on Earth that can."

He was also a respected commentator on relations between Jews and the genetal community.

The first dean of the University of Toronto's school of social work, Rose's main areas of expertise and advocacy were in housing, social welfare, metropolitan government and social work education and practice.

Born in Toronto, he earned a PhD in 1942 and served in the Canadian army's military intelligence department during World War II. Following the war, he became the first research director of the Toronto Welfare Council. He joined the U of T in 1956 and taught there until 1995.

In all, Rose authored six books, over 100 academic journal articles and countless research reports.

He was involved in many organizations, including Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada.

Rose is survived by his wife Thelma, sons Jeff and Leslie and daughter Janis Takach.

Greater Toronto Area

Magen David Adom launches Toronto chapter

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends of Magen David Adom (MDA) has hit the ground running with its first fund-raising event.

About 86 people gathered in Earl Bales Park recently to play bridge, kaluki and tile rummy — and raise about $800 for the Israeli humanitarian organization.

Magen David Adom (which in Hebrew means Red Star of David) is the Israeli equivalent of Canada's Red Cross. It provides ambulance service, blood supplies and disaster response for Israelis regardless of religious or ethnic background. Its blood service supplies 85 per cent of the blood required by Israel's hospitals and 100 per cent of the blood needed by the Israeli Defence Forces.

It also operates a fleet of 600 ambulances and mobile intensive care units and it trains thousands of Israelis in first aid.

The Jewish community in Montreal established a support group for MDA about 20 years ago but Toronto, with the country's largest Jewish population, lagged behind, said Gerald Berley, a spokesman for the Toronto chapter.

Last January the organization's national president Gerald (Ted) Nashman met with Toronto volunteers interested in forming a support chapter. Since then, the Toronto chapter has found premises at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue, elected officers, appointed directors and recruited an impressive list of honorary directors.

Among those serving in that capacity are Rabbi Mark Dratch, MP Art Eggleton, Paul Godfrey, Rabbi Gunther Plaut and former Ontario Premier Bob Rae.

Since it started operating, the Toronto chapter has sent out more than 200 "pushkes" — coin collection boxes — while attempting to raise its profile in the community.

Berley said an MDA ambulance will be brought to Toronto in October to tour various shopping malls to drum up awareness of the organization, particularly among young people.

MDA is also selling first aid kits, as well as tribute, anniversary and numerous other commemorative cards to raise funds.

For more information about the Toronto chapter of MDA, call 416-780-0034.

String quartet set to play at Selichot

TORONTO — This year, for the first time in Toronto, a Conservative synagogue will feature a string quartet as part of their Selichot services.

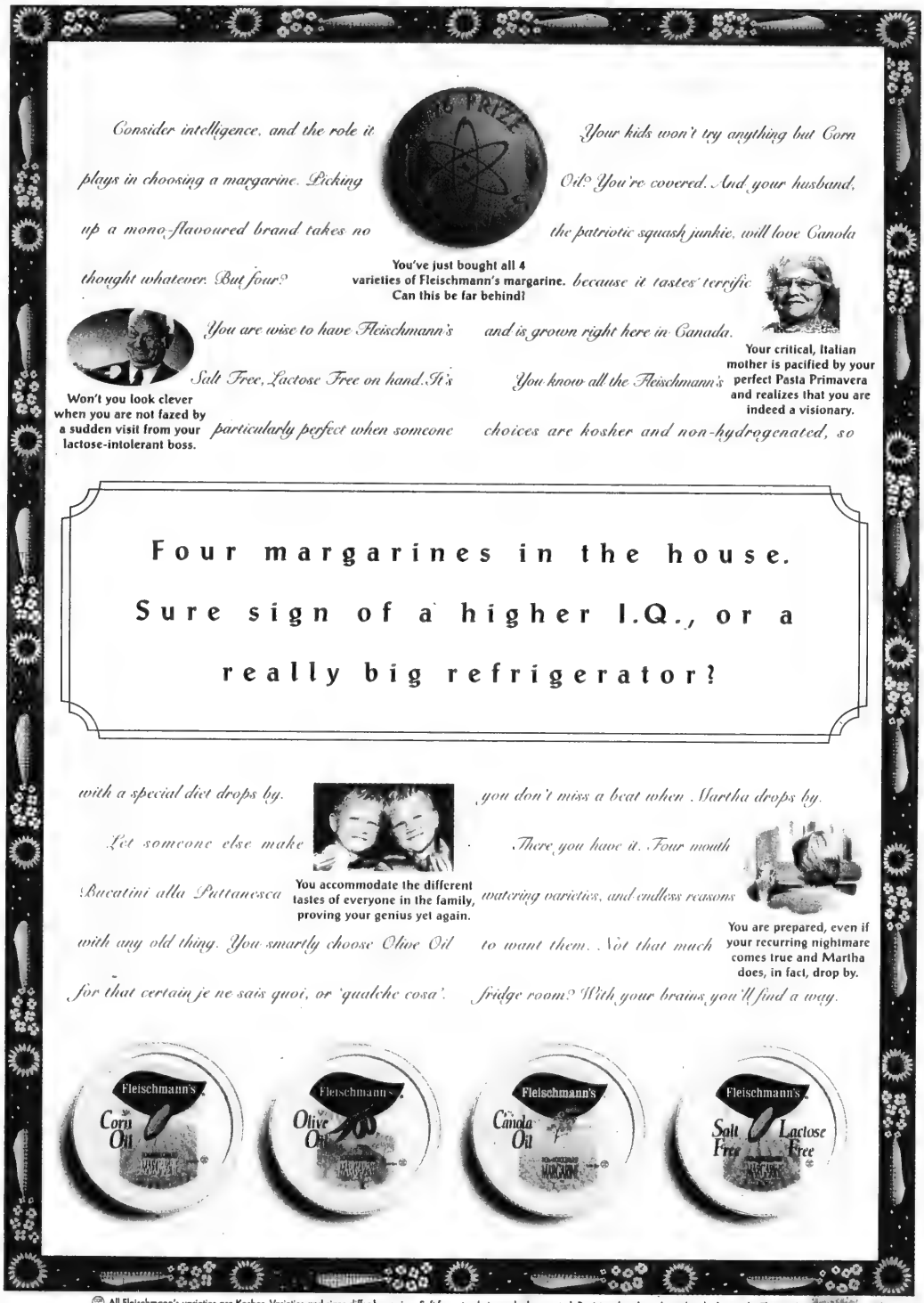
Beth Tikvah will feature The Festival String Quartet, consisting of four members of The Toronto Symphony Orchestra: Mark Skazinetsky, associate concertmaster; Semyon Pertsovsky, violin; Christopher Redfield, viola; and David Hetherington, cello.

Rabbi Wayne Allen and Cantor Efraim Sapir will lead the service, with the participation of the Beth Tikvah Choir under its conductor, Srul Irving Glick.

The string quartet will perform reflective music beginning at 9:45 p.m. At 11 p.m., refreshments will be served, and the Selichot service will commence at 11:45 p.m. and conclude at 1 a.m.

The idea of a string quartet was conceived and developed by Sapir. Beth Tikvah members Maurice and Renee Kulik sponsored the writing of the special service and Glick made all musical arrangements.

There is no charge for participation in this program and it is open to the community at large. For further information, call 221-3433.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Greater Toronto Area

Wallenberg bust to be unveiled Sept. 8

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Organizers are busy putting finishing touches to the unveiling of a bronze bust that will pay tribute to Swedish war hero Raoul Wallenberg.

Hundreds of dignitaries and members of the public are expected at the Sept. 8 unveiling, to take place in Earl Bales Park, not far from the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

Sculptor Ernest Raab, who finished the towering, flame-topped Holocaust obelisk in 1991, will take the wraps off a three-metre high bronze bust of Wallenberg, who is credited with rescuing some 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazis in Budapest during World War II.

A year in the making, the work will be located just off Raoul Wallenberg Road in the park. The bust will sit atop a granite pedestal, and organizers say there will be a "surprise" element added just before the unveiling.

Scheduled to take part in the ceremony are human rights activist Prof. Irwin Cotler, CBC journalist Joe Schlesinger, film-maker Harry Rasky and composer Srul Irving Glick, among others.

Also slated to attend are Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy; Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick; North York Mayor Mel Lastman and diplomats representing Sweden, Hungary, Israel and the United States.

Special guest will be Wallenberg's half-sister, Nina Lagergren, who is scheduled to make the trip from Stockholm.

The scion of a non-Jewish industrialist family in Sweden, Wallenberg was dispatched to Budapest in 1944 to save as many Jews as possible from the Nazis and Hungary's pro-Nazi Arrow Cross. He issued thousands of fake Swedish passports and took Jews to safehouses that flew the neutral Swedish flag. Often, he literally yanked Jews out of lines for trains heading to Auschwitz, claiming they were Swedish citizens.

He also pursuaded the Nazis to call off the destruction of the Budapest Jewish ghetto. In all, Wallenberg saved more Jews during the war than any single government.

But in 1945, he was arrested by invading Soviet troops as an American spy, and taken to Moscow. It was then the mystery of Raoul Wallenberg began.

In 1947, the Soviets issued a statement that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in prison, a position they hold to this day. But for years after that, there were numerous reported sightings of the Swede by former inmates of the Soviet gulag. Many believe Wallenberg lived well into the 1970s and '80s, and may even be alive today.

A few years ago, Cotler chaired an international committee of inquiry into Wallenberg's fate, and Russian authorities produced some new documents and a few of the hero's personal effects. But no news on his true fate.

All those present at the unveiling will be asked to sign a letter to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, asking him to come clean on the file.

Wallenberg was made Canada's only honorary citizen in 1985.

For Raab, Wallenberg holds a special significance. After several escapes from Russian and Hungarian forced labor camps, Raab went to live in Budapest as a gentile in 1944. While smuggling bread one day to Jews in the safehouses, he spotted the Swede leaving.

"He was tall and elegant," the sculptor recalls. "He was an angel."

Raab says the bust will sum up his lifelong dream to honor Wallenberg's heroism and martyrdom.

The project's honorary chair is Toronto philanthropist Leslie Dan. Letters of support have been received from Buckingham Palace and Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Organizers are asking anyone who was rescued by Wallenberg to attend the ceremony. A special grant in Wallenberg's memory is also planned to aid victims of injustice.

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Sculptor Ernest Raab puts finishing touches to the Raoul Wallenberg bust.

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Unit massacred civilians, Kalejs hearing told

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In July 1941, the pro-Nazi Arajs Kommando (AK) transported Jews from the central prison in Riga, Latvia, to the Bikernieki Forest where they were shot on the spot, an Immigration adjudicator was told last week.

Three hundred to 400 people were taken by bus to the forest and killed in that way, said Gennadij Murnieks, a former member of the Arajs Kommando.

"I had to escort the people from the central prison to the place of the shooting. First they were unloaded from the buses to the spot and there they were made to strip. Then they were driven to the place of the shooting to the pit," Murnieks said in even, dispassionate tones.

"Usually those who wanted to shoot did the shooting. [They] loved vodka best. They were given vodka all the time."

Murnieks, who was imprisoned in the Soviet Union from 1948 to 1962 for his role in the Arajs Kommando, said he participated in three such incidents.

His testimony was videotaped in September 1987 in Riga, as part of the court record in the U.S. immigration case against Konrads Kalejs.

It was replayed last week in Kalejs' Canadian deportation hearing. Canadian authorities are attempting to deport Kalejs on the grounds he is not a genuine visitor to Canada and because he allegedly participated in war crimes. A citizen of Australia, Kalejs was ordered to leave the United States in 1993 because of his role in the persecution of civilians during World War II. He moved to Canada in 1994.

Kalejs has been identified by numerous former comrades-in-arms as a senior lieutenant in the Arajs Kommando. In addition, an RCMP handwriting expert told Immigration adjudicator Anthony Iazzo that Kalejs' signature appeared on three wartime documents linking him to the Arajs Kommando.

Murnieks was the first witness who did not mention Kalejs' name in his testimony. He was called in 1987 by Kalejs' U.S. attorney, apparently because he did not know Kalejs as a member of the AK.

However, under cross-examination by lawyers for the U.S. Justice Department, Murnieks testified about numerous atrocities perpetrated by the Arajs Kommando.

Murnieks said that in December 1941 the AK participated in the liquidation of the Riga Ghetto. He said he helped "collect ... the things of those who were shot. They were stripped and then they were shot."

Twenty thousand Jews were "driven along the street" on foot to the Rumbula railway station near Riga where they were murdered at that time, he said.

Under further prompting, Murnieks admitted he took part in other shootings in the summer and fall of 1941, though he never admitted he actually pulled the trigger. Like other former members of the Arajs Kommando who have testified, he claimed his role was to guard or escort prisoners and that the actual shooting was done by others.

Another example where it appeared Murnieks downplayed his responsibility emerged during two exchanges, first under questioning by Kalejs' U.S. attorney Ivars Berzins and later under cross-examination.

At first, Murnieks said he participated in the burning of a Riga synagogue in July 1941. Viktors Arajs, the leader of the Arajs Kommando, and others hurled grenades into the synagogue while Murnieks and members of the AK stood guard.

"I saw it at a distance. They threw grenades through the windows on the first floor ... [and] into the basement, the lower storey," he said.

But in cross-examination by Justice Department lawyer Ronnie Edelman, further damning details emerged.

"I heard voices from the synagogue and from the rooms that were in the basement," Murnieks said. However, he couldn't recognize the language being spoken because "these were human shoutings."

"Do you mean they were screams and not noticeable words in any language?" he was asked.

"These were the shoutings of an unhappy person just shouting with horror," Murnieks responded.

Kalejs' hearing continues this week.

OMISSION

An obituary in last week's *CJN* on Audey Stanleigh, who died Aug. 9 after a 2½-year bout with leukemia, neglected to mention that among other family members, Audey is survived by his grandmother, Ruth Stanleigh.

The CJN regrets the omission.

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Middle East soup

The cauldron of Middle East relationships was put over a hot flame last week; and the bilateral atmosphere between Israel and three of its neighbors, Egypt, the Palestinians and Syria, was nearly brought to a boil.

Seeking to pressure Israel for not moving fast enough for his liking on the peace trail with the Palestinians, President Hosni Mubarak publicly threatened to cancel the third regional economic summit planned for November in Cairo. The summit is part of a process initiated two years ago to integrate Israel into the economic structure of the Middle East and to seek large scale Western investment in the region.

Seeking to embarrass the government of Israel in the eyes of the West, the speaker of the Palestinian Council, Ahmad Koray, a former key negotiator with the Israelis, told Israel television that the peace process was near the point of being called off. "I do not want negotiations that cover the expansion of settlements," he told Channel 1.

Seeking to wave a menacing sword before Israeli eyes, Syria was reported to have recently test fired a Scud C missile with a capability of carrying a half-ton chemical or biological warhead that could hit any target in Israel. In addition, *Yediot Achronot* carried a front page story last week, saying that Syria had moved several army units out of the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon to the Syrian side of the border. The movement of the Syrian troops was viewed by some Israeli analysts as Syrian President Hafez al-Assad's reaction to the warning issued by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu earlier in the week that the IDF would react forcefully to any attack by Hezbollah against Israeli soldiers or civilians.

Newspapers were filled all week with loaded language recalling the risks of "another Yom Kippur war," or lamenting that the peace process was on its deathbed. They fed the tension in the air as much as reported on it.

But by week's end, thankfully, the atmosphere had calmed considerably. The temperature, which had been near boiling, was again brought back to merely simmering, the usual state in the Middle East.

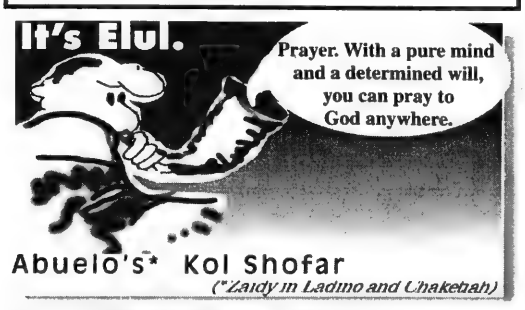
Netanyahu called Mubarak to personally assure him that an Israeli team led by former IDF chief of staff Dan Shomron will soon resume negotiations with the Palestinians. Thus the economic summit, to be attended by more than 3,000 delegates, is now back on track.

Reports confirmed that a senior PLO official, Arafat adviser Mahmoud Abbas, had met with Netanyahu's chief political advisor Dore Gold to discuss the resumption of peace talks. As well, both President Ezer Weizman and Netanyahu announced that they would meet with Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat in the near future.

And Foreign Minister David Levy met with U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk to ask him to personally convey a message of Israel's good will and peaceful intentions regarding negotiations over peace to Assad.

The situation no longer looks as dire as it did one week ago.

In the Middle East one must learn not to always look at the splashes spilling over from the boiling soup. It helps occasionally to notice who is turning up the heat.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The record on Zundel I

I draw your attention and the attention of your readers to the editorial in the *Montreal Gazette* of Aug. 3, which states: "The thought that there is even a remote possibility that hatemonger Ernst Zundel could become a Canadian citizen is profoundly troubling."

It is true that Zundel has not been convicted as a hatemonger in Canada, but he has been convicted in Germany of denying the Holocaust. His pamphlets, which contain similar Holocaust denial lies, are used by anti-Semites and other racists in Germany and many other countries as justification for their illegal activities. Just as the man who hands the firebug a can of gasoline and matches is equally guilty of arson, so in my opinion is Zundel, who incites racists around the world, equally guilty of racism.

Zundel has twice been convicted in Canada by a jury of his peers of *knowingly* spreading false news, a polite way of saying he is a liar. These convictions were overturned by higher courts, but on points of law, not on the facts. The Supreme Court of Canada did not excuse or condone Zundel's Holocaust denial lies, it simply said that this type of lie is not a crime under the Canadian constitution.

Two juries have found Zundel to be a liar. The *Montreal Gazette*, other respected newspapers, police officers and many prominent citizens have branded him a liar. I totally agree with these findings.

David Rotenberg
Toronto, Ontario

The record on Zundel II

Re: "Setting the Record Straight" (*CJN*) Aug. 1.

I wish to further set the record straight in clarifying some most important facts.

Ernst Zundel was *convicted twice* under Section 177, later Section 181, "False News" by a jury of his peers. The narrow decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, Aug. 27, 1992, *did not exonerate Zundel.*

One last thing — did the editor read any of the Zundel stuff lately?

Sabina Citron
Toronto, Ontario

Incident inspires Jewish spirit

"Always Remember" is a statement clearly understood in Jewish communities all over the world — two simple words that state the fact that the Jewish people across the world are bonded and will never allow another Holocaust to occur.

In my sheltered private school and in the Jewish community, I have never experienced a serious threat of anti-Semitism. Do I consider myself lucky to be so sheltered or unlucky to have never been exposed to the cruel reality of being a member of a minority? Last week, I discovered that anti-Semitism is our neighbor. The driver who delivers my father's baked kosher goods made a delivery at a certain restaurant. A part of the order was missing. The owner blamed the driver for this and added a comment about his Jewish background — according to the owner, his "dirty Jewish background." His words were a little harsher than that.

I am 16 years old. I learn at school to be proud of who I am. I learn from society to be ashamed. Which should I believe? I'll tell you. We will remain alive just as long as we "Always Remember."

Elisa C. Laxer
Montreal

Headline upsets reader

In the July 18 issue, your front page headline read "Arabs React Angrily." This was in reference to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to the United States Congress.

It is shameful that a national Jewish newspaper, rather than applauding Netanyahu's statesmanship as he represented the State of Israel with dignity and resoluteness, chose to focus on the Arab reaction.

Netanyahu deserves praise for his intelligent presentation to Congress. The American Congress recognized this accomplishment and acknowledged their approval with several ovations. How unfortunate that those within our own ranks cannot veer from their personal political agenda and accord the prime minister the recognition he deserves as the democratically elected head of state.

Atta Zieleniec
Toronto, Ontario

Researching Ambijan and ICOR

I am doing research on Ambijan and the ICOR, two organizations that supported the creation of the Birobidzhan Jewish Autonomous Region in the former Soviet Union. They had active Canadian chapters in Montreal, Toronto and many of the smaller Jewish communities. If any *CJN* readers have any documents, literature or personal memories of these movements, please write or call me collect.

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Perspectives

Political role of Canada's Jews

'Being a Member of Parliament is the highest service you can render...'

BY SHELDON AND JUDY GODFREY

Part I

The number of Jews elected to Parliament is at a historic low, with only three Jews among the country's 295 Members of Canada's House of Commons holding one percent of the seats — Herb Gray (Windsor West), Sheila Finestone (Montreal-Mount Royal) and Barry Campbell (Toronto-St. Paul's). This is down from nine MPs or over three percent of those elected in 1969.

At the same time, constitutional concerns have caused Canadians of all origins and beliefs to cast about in search of a deeper understanding of what we all have in common and of what we are trying to achieve as a nation. Should politicians be the leaders of this effort? The "Charlottetown referendum" of 1992 marked the first time that a proposal supported by virtually all of Canada's elected politicians was overwhelmingly rejected by the public.

"Being a Member of Parliament is the highest service you can render to a society," says Sheila Finestone. "An MP's office does social work, advocacy and other human concerns in the interests of their constituents."

Election to Parliament to serve the public has been a goal of generations of Jews since the first of our forefathers came to this country. The ability to participate equally and without restriction has been the goal of Jews in the Diaspora since ancient times – an achievement not fully accomplished until the 1850s. Although Canada allowed full participation in government to Jews and other minorities in the colonies of British North America that subsequently formed Canada, well before most other nations, the right of election to Parliament, the highest of the many steps in the historic struggle for all Canada's citizens to be treated as equals, had to be won.

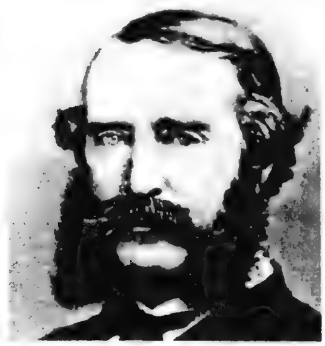
Samuel Hart, the first Jew elected to high public office in Canada, was forced to change his religion in order swear the oath of office required to take his seat as a member of the Nova Scotia Assembly in March 1793.

In 1807 and 1808, Ezekiel Hart was twice elected to the Assembly of Lower Canada, a colony that now makes up part of the Province of Quebec. Both times he was prevented from taking his seat, as the French Canadian majority of the Assembly determined that as a Jew, he was unable to take the oath of office.

In 1861, Selim Franklin was prevented from taking his seat in the Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver Island as a duly elected member for the Town of Victoria. Franklin was later allowed into the assembly following a ruling of the colony's chief justice that there was nothing in the law to prevent his taking his seat, but the legality of Jews holding office had been challenged once again.

It would be tempting to term the treatment of these three men anti-Semitism, but to do so overlooks a number of factors.

Barring members from their duly elected seats in assemblies of Canadian colonies was an occurrence that happened periodically and was by no means directed solely against Jews. Phillip Dorland was not allowed to take his seat as an elected member in the first Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in 1793 because, as a Quaker, he refused to swear any oath, even though it was a requirement of holding office. Laurence Kavanaugh was not allowed to take his seat in the Assembly of the Colony of Nova Scotia for several years during the 1820s because, as a Roman Catholic, he would not make the required Declaration according the the rites of the Church of England. Even closer to Ezekiel Hart's case, in 1810 Judge Pierre-Amable De Bonne, a French Canadian Roman Catholic, was unseated as a member of the Lower Canada Assembly by the French Canadian majority, ostensibly because judges were not allowed to sit in the House of Commons in Britain. A more probable ground for De Bonne's expulsion was that he, like Ezekiel Hart, supported the English party at a time when French Canadians were exploring the degree of power available to the popularly elected majority in the Assembly.



George Benjamin (left) of Belleville, Canada West, c. 1846, portrait by W. Sawyer, and Selim Franklin of Victoria, c. 1865, Visual Records Unit, British Columbia Archives and Records Service, Victoria. ***(Reproduced from* Search Out the Land, *Sheldon J. Godfrey and Judith C. Godfrey, McGill-Queen's University Press, 1995)***

In those times, adherence to the state religion was a prerequisite of full citizenship in almost every nation. In the Canadian colonies, prior to 1830, the British administration had used its rules to deny office to some elected representatives by making the highest offices available only to those who would swear an Anglican oath of office.

Jews and the many others of different religions opposed the right of any religious group to become the "official" religion, and to be thus promoted above others to important positions. Jews were joined by French Canadian Catholics, as well as by Presbyterians, Methodists, Quakers and other Protestant dissenters, all of whom had been denied equal access to public office by the adherents of the "official" Church of England.

As a result, between 1830 and 1850, the government of Britain finally agreed, colony by colony, to the removal of the prohibitions on persons of different races and religions holding elected office or higher civil positions.

It is perhaps significant that the same French Canadian majority that had expelled Ezekiel Hart from the Assembly 20 years earlier, led the movement to grant equality before the law to persons of different creeds. Throughout the 1820s and '30s, the French Canadian-dominated Lower Canada Assembly passed a number of unprecedented egalitarian bills removing restrictions to the legal equality of Protestant Dissenters and Jews in the province.

It was the Colonial office in Britain that prevented many of these bills from passing into law. One of the exceptions which was approved for the colony as a law by British officials in 1832, was a bill passed declaring that "persons professing the Jewish religion were entitled to all the rights and privileges of the other subjects of His Majesty." This law was passed when no Jews held seats in the Lower Canada Assembly.

Upper Canada, now part of Ontario, removed all remaining restrictions against Jews holding public office by its Oaths Act of 1833 and by the Governor's Instructions five years later. The Maritime Colonies ended restrictions against Roman Catholics holding office in the 1830s, and removed all remaining restrictions against Jews by 1850.

"Toleration" was the method used to restrict minorities from full civil and political equality, including the right to hold office. The heterogeneous population of the colonies that became Canada had a common goal of removing "tolerance" as the principle underlying the privileges which allowed access to office and important civil positions only to members of the established group.

Toleration has had a long established legal meaning in Britain. The effect of the English Toleration Act of 1688 was to exempt certain named Protestant Dissenters from being punished for openly practising religions other than the official religion of the Church of England, while retaining the penal laws for Roman Catholics. At the same time, the act did not grant any exemption to Unitarians or Jews. The benefits of the act were extended to Catholics in 1791, to Unitarians in 1813 and to Jews in 1846. By that point, all of these dissenting groups were finally legally "tolerated" although some other rights, such as being allowed a seat in Parliament, were still denied them.

Citizen Tom Paine, the American Revolutionary war patriot, put it succinctly. "Toleration," he said, "is not the opposite of intolerance, but is the counterfeit of it. Both are despotisms." Toleration, Paine realized, meant inequality and control by only one group within a society.

By 1800, thinkers in both the United States and France had rejected toleration in favor of equality, although implementing legislation followed much later. In 1790, the year after the French Revolution, the Jews of France petitioned the National Assembly asking that "equality" rather than "tolerance" be the object of the new code. According to the petition, "the word toleration, which, after so many centuries and so many acts of intolerance, appeared to be a word full of humanity and reason, is no longer suitable to a nation that wishes to firmly place its rights upon the eternal foundations of justice. America, to which politics will owe so many useful lessons, has rejected the word from its code as a term tending to compromise individual liberty and to sacrifice certain classes of men to other classes. To tolerate is, in fact, to suffer that which you could, if you wished, prevent and prohibit."

In 1839, Isaac Leeser, spiritual leader of Philadelphia's Mikve Israel Congregation, elaborated on why the United States had chosen equality instead of toleration. "Where equality is the law of the land, there is no privileged class," he wrote to the editor of the *Philadelphia Gazette*. "Liberty precludes the idea of toleration." Jews could never have long-term security in a nation where tolerance rather than legal equality is the operative principle.

In the Canadian colonies, the English Toleration Act was never formally applied. Equality rather than toleration became the guiding force by 1851 when the Church of England lost its official position as the established Church of the Province of Canada (now Ontario and Quebec).

J. C. Morrison, the Member of Parliament who introduced the subject in the assembly, spoke for almost all its members when he said that "very few indeed argue in favor of a state religion in this country, peopled as it is with persons from all creeds and from all nations, equally entitled to the favor and protection of the Government." Indeed the population of Canada in 1851 was already a multi-racial, multi-religious mix.

In a multicultural state like Canada, where no culture or religion is dominant, equality, not mere tolerance, has been the law for almost 150 years. In this respect, Canada is light years ahead of much of the rest of the world – the United Nations only last year called for an "International Year of Tolerance."

Thus in 1856, when George Benjamin was elected to become the first Jew to sit in the Parliament of the Province of Canada, he was confronted by no obstacles to holding the highest offices and was later even asked to serve in the cabinet led by John Sandfield Macdonald.

By the time that Canada came into being as country in 1867, it was already a unique place where individuals of different religions, and arguably even of different races, had the legal right to be treated equally by the government, not just to be tolerated. These concepts had been widely adopted earlier in Canada than in Britain or many of the individual United States.

In the next article, the question is asked: If having Jewish MPs was a symbol of equality, would a lack of Jewish MPs be regarded as a step backward? Would there ever come a time when we could stop being vigilant in defence of our rights without being in danger of reverting to becoming only a "tolerant society."

(Sheldon and Judy Godfrey are the co-authors of Search Out the Land, *McGill-Queen's University Press, 1995. Part II of this essay will appear next week.)*

Opinion

Reflections on Zionism, Jewish people

The elections are over. The people have spoken. A new page is being opened, with new problems, new worries, new uncertainties, a new leadership, even as the smoke still existing over the last two decades — the Lebanon war, the intifadah, the Oslo accord — is clearing away. It is a good time for some fundamental reflections on Zionism, Israel and the destiny of the Jewish people. And the new government's 100 days of grace are not yet over.

By Emil Fackenheim

I will ask three questions, give to each a clear-cut answer, and if this seems a tough job in our "post-modern" world, I will use the privilege of posing a fourth question for which I don't have an answer.

"Why are we here?" This means why are the Jewish people in Israel and why am I in Jerusalem and not in Toronto? My answer: without the secularists (= "the non-religious" in Israeli terms), "the religious" among us would still be sitting (assuming we were alive) somewhere in Europe waiting for the Messiah; and without the "religious" we would have gone to Uganda. The move to Israel is a shared religious-secular enterprise, composed, on the one hand, of religious memory of past and longing for future, and, on the other, of secular impatience with waiting and secular self-confidence.

"Why are we here now?" is my second question. We are tired of waiting, but more importantly, more profoundly, we are commanded to stop it. The Jews of Chelm (in which Jews invent absurd solutions for real problems) have to try to find a job for a guy with two left feet. Here is the job: he'll go to the end of the town and wait for the Messiah. The pay is poor, but it is a steady job. Well, the job was not steady after all, for that Jew got murdered.

Filled with religious longing and secular self-confidence — or whatever remnant of either was left in a people who were themselves a remnant — they returned to the Land, built up a state capable, until now, of self-defence, and, by the Law of Return, made it the Land of the whole people.

Will we stay? Some say we were interlopers at the start and are interlopers now. The Crusaders came, left, and left behind ruins surrounded by sand; so it will be with the Jews. But whereas they came, we came back; whereas they came and left, we came back to stay. And whereas they came, left, and left behind ruins surrounded by sand, we came back to rebuild Jerusalem.

But will we retain the stamina, refuse to give up on hope? To that I don't know the answer, and nobody else knows either and will not know for a long time.

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Dry Bones

Aliyah must undergo radical change

Part II

In order to save the ideal of aliyah from irrelevance and extinction, the call to aliyah must undergo a radical transformation. The community of crisis which fuelled interest in aliyah, making it into a live option for Jews, no longer exists.

By David Hartman

However difficult it is for the Zionist movement to admit it, the traditional survival-based language of aliyah no longer mirrors the situation of the community today. If Zionists are to avoid ceasing to discuss aliyah altogether, they must understand the difference between the contexts of "mirroring" and of "aspiration."

Aliyah must regain the inherent force of "aliyah" – a word that implies "going up," aspiring to, striving for something higher. It must become a concept that challenges, that points to new possibilities and alternatives, that disturbs complacency and self-satisfied acceptance of the status quo.

How do you make the language of aliyah resonate in people's souls without sounding anachronistic or pointless? How do you move the focus of "aliyah language" from crisis to personal conviction?

Preparing the Groundwork

You cannot speak about aliyah to people who do not appreciate the significance of Jewish spiritual aspiration. A crucial factor, therefore, is the quality of daily Jewish living. If you are a Jew in Dallas, Texas, then one day you may want to be a Jew in Israel. But if you are not a Jew in Dallas, you will never want to be a Jew in Jerusalem.

Receptivity to the language of aliyah is a function of the sense of Jewishness that permeates a person's daily life. The Aliyah Committee cannot be separated from the Jewish Education Committee.

For my father, being Jewish and living as a committed Torah Jew were natural and self-evident. His instinctive answer to my asking him about the meaning of Jewish observance was: "This is how my father lived and how his father lived!" For him, my questions were irrelevant because of the inherent power of the past that informed his present identity and practice. He could not sing a different nigun.

> Knowledge and personal conviction were necessary to make tradition part of my life

While this was true of my father's world, for me and my generation these were no longer pointless questions. The tradition had ceased to be self-evident. Knowledge and personal conviction were necessary if the tradition was to become a live option in my life. I had to choose to be Jewish.

Although I know that my family and my early Yeshiva education had profound influences on my life, I nevertheless realize that, in contrast to my father's Jewish experience, the gift of my past had to be re-appropriated through knowledge and personal conviction. I had to reclaim the past anew.

Leaving Montreal where I had built a synagogue and worked tirelessly to further Jewish institutions and university studies, wasn't simple. Leaving a productive rabbinic and university career and uprooting a family from a normal and comfortable way of life were not easy decisions.

As I said to someone who asked me why I made aliyah: "I was among the few people in my congregation who listened to my sermons! What could I do? I was so inspired by the rhetoric of aspiration that I forgot about reality!"

After making aliyah, however, I soon realized that Israel was not exactly what my sermons were about. It took me several years to bridge the gap between the Israel of my *drashot* and dreams and the manic-depresquality of daily life in Israel.

Without the powerful and inspiring image of a Jewish national spiritual renaissance – of what Israel "could be" – I could not have persevered in facing the strains, the *shtick* and — *mishegasim* of Israel life.

The language of aspiration is a corrective to the sense of futility and despair that can undermine the conviction and commitment to effect serious changes in Israeli society.

The "rhetoric" of hope and new possibilities is not a regressive escape into childish fantasy. It is essential for sustaining the vitality of a broader perception of what human life could be. I am happy, therefore, that I listened to my sermons!

Aliyah and Jewish education must be understood as integrated and inter-dependent issues. All the Holocaust horror stories and warnings of future persecutions will not move Jews to leave the comforts of Berkeley or Los Angeles for Israel. We must let go of the crutches of anti-Semitism and alienation in order to create and sustain conviction – in order to move aliya from "mirroring" to "aspiration."

Southern Baptists

For as long as I can remember, the northern Baptists of the United States could be counted on to defend the rights of all citizens, and in the 19th century were strongly anti-slavery. The Southern Baptist Convention, on the other hand, was more conservative, pro-slavery, but generally friendly to Jews, especially when it came to Zionism. They were evangelical Christians who believed that the Holy Land had to be restored to the Jews.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

But a serious change occurred this summer, when the Southern Baptist Convention re-entered the field of missionary work among the Jews. A resolution was passed that declared: "Be it resolved that we direct our energies and resources toward the proclamation of the gospel to the Jewish people."

This is not a new brand of anti-Semitism; quite the contrary. Many of the Baptists feel a special attraction to our people and therefore care for our spiritual welfare and are especially moved to target us with their latest spiritual offensive. The *Baltimore Jewish Times* reported that the Colonial Baptist Church, which recently purchased the facility of a Conservative synagogue, is now housing a Hebrew-Christian group calling itself B'nai Avraham — despite a promise prior to the sale that no missionary activities would take place.

Jews are up in arms over this whole new development, which flies in the face of long-standing cooperation on many communal projects. I first learned about this newest confrontation on the Internet, where I was urged to join the battle against this latest attack on our faith. Also, Dennis Prager recently devoted a whole issue of *The Prager Perspective* to this issue. Among his observations are these:

Whatever theological or social arguments Jews may offer, the biggest reason for our reaction against Christian missionizing among Jews is the Jewish anger against the Christian world. First we were accused of murdering God; then we were persecuted, ghettoized, expelled, equated with the Devil and all too often killed; and now we are once again grist for the conversion mill.

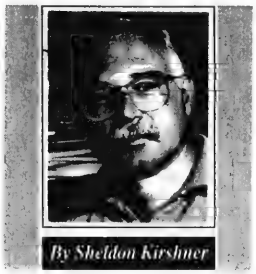
To be sure, seeking converts is permissible in an open, democratic society, but somehow the burden of 2,000 years of having been the targets of religious assaults weighs heavy upon us. While the majority of us are most likely immune to such efforts, there are those who are vulnerable, for whatever reason. The survival of Judaism in America is not at stake, says Prager. He has, however, two other concerns:

"First, I fear that the inevitable failure of Southern Baptist attempts to convert the Jews may lead to anti-Jewish sentiments among a group that is not so predisposed [i.e., to be anti-Jewish]. Second, I fear for America. I believe that a vibrant moral Christianity is necessary to save this country from its moral descent. Yet the more Christianity is identified with the belief that God cares only for those with a certain type of faith and sends to hell all good and just people who take a different road to Him, the fewer Americans will take it seriously."

The Kirshner File

Former Soviet diplomat criticizes Moscow's policies

For nearly a quarter of a century, Anatoly Dobrynin was the Soviet Union's nonpareil ambassador, its representative in the United States. Dobrynin arrived in Washington at the age of 43 — the youngest person ever to hold that position — and left when he was 67. He knew six presidents — from Kennedy to Reagan — and through the Cold War served as the main back channel between the White House and the Kremlin.



By Sheldon Kirshner

During his stewardship, Dobrynin was called upon to cope with, among other events, the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. He also monitored the Soviet Jewry movement.

In his cogent and revealing memoirs, *In Confidence* (Random House, $42), he treats these topics with refreshing candor, thus confirming his credentials as a balanced observer.

First off, Dobrynin takes his masters to task for having broken diplomatic relations with Israel during the Six Day War. "It was an emotional step," he writes bluntly. "In the long term this proved to be a grave miscalculation because it practically excluded the Soviet Union from any serious role in a Middle East settlement."

The misguided policy, he observes, left the Soviet Union with little flexibility. "We often blindly followed our Arab allies, who in turn used us to block many initiatives that were advanced for a peaceful settlement."

He adds: "We followed the Arabs in demanding immediate withdrawal of the Israeli troops (from the occupied areas) while the Arab countries remained vague about recognizing Israel after withdrawal. That was an unrealistic approach."

Dobrynin urged the Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, to restore ties with Israel. In the late 1970s, Brezhnev proposed a gradual restoration of relations, and the Politburo instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to examine the question. But the exercise was vetoed by Andrei Gromyko, the foreign minister, and Mikhail Suslov, the chief Communist ideologue. Not till the mid-1980s did Moscow finally get around to rectifying its policy with regard to Israel.

Natan Sharansky

The Soviet Union, Dobrynin says, generally opposed the decision by Egypt and Syria to launch the Yom Kippur War. Nor did Moscow believe the Arabs could win it.

In the penultimate days of the war, with the Israelis poised to annihilate the Egyptians' besieged Third Army, Brezhnev called an urgent meeting of the Politburo. The defence minister insisted on an impressive "demonstration of our military presence in Egypt and Syria." Cooler heads prevailed and Moscow prudently did not intervene.

"It would have been reckless both politically and militarily," Dobrynin notes, "for at that time the Soviet Union was not prepared to mount immediately a large-scale intervention in the region. And even if we could have done so, it would have transformed the Arab-Israeli war into a direct clash between the Soviet Union and the United States."

In assessing Moscow's policy toward Jewish emigration, Dobrynin is scathing.

"Our biggest mistake was to stand on pride and not let as many Jews go as wanted to leave. It would have cost us little and gained us much. Instead, our leadership turned it into a test of wills that we eventually lost."

The policy, he writes, was "a serious and permanent source of irritation" with the West and with the United States in particular. Dobrynin and his colleagues in the Soviet Embassy tried to change it, but to no avail.

Surprisingly enough, Gromyko professed to have no knowledge of one of the leading Refuseniks of the era, Anatoly (Natan) Sharansky.

When Jimmy Carter raised the issue at a White House meeting, Gromyko said in all sincerity that he had never heard of Sharansky. Carter was so nonplussed by his apparent ignorance that he dropped the subject.

Dobrynin assumed that it was all a trick. But as Gromyko left Carter's office, he asked in a low voice, "Who really is Sharansky?"

Dobrynin offers an explanation. "It emerged that he knew little indeed about the Sharansky case, because he had instructed his subordinates in Moscow not to bother him with what he called 'absurd' matters."

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Memoirs of ghetto policeman seared by realism and despair

In the bulging annals of Holocaust literature, not a single work written by a Jewish policeman from a ghetto has been published. But with the publication of Calel Perechodnik's diary, *Am I A Murderer?* (HarperCollins, $35), this yawning gap has been bridged.

Perechodnik, who describes himself as "a Jew of average intelligence," was born in Warsaw in 1916 into a middle-class family. He studied agronomy in Paris, writing his thesis on the cultivation of hemp in Poland, and after returning home he married Anna Nusfeld, who bore him a child.

In February 1941, fearing for their safety, he became a ghetto policeman in a small town near Warsaw called Otwock. Jewish policemen who worked for the Germans were considered traitors by the majority of Jews. Judging by his self-loathing observations, Perechodnik's opinion of his fellow policemen was also scathing. They were a corrupt lot, but in Otwock they were worse, not even bothering to warn local Jews of their impending deportation.

Sensing imminent danger, Perechodnik's wife wanted to hide herself and her 2-year-old daughter, Athalie, in a cellar. Perechodnik dissuaded her from doing so, having been assured by the commander of the Jewish police that no harm would come to Anna or Athalie if he brought them to Otwock's main square.

On Aug. 19, 1942, Perechodnik complied with his commandant's suggestion. But to his horror, Anna and Athalie, as well as some 8,000 other Jews, were herded into waiting boxcars bound for the Treblinka death camp.

Perechodnik was spared that fate. A Polish socialist, a train conductor, saved his life and that of his parents by providing a refuge in a friend's apartment. Perechodnik, however, did not survive the war. He perished in a Warsaw bunker in August 1944, leaving behind a diary — a "deathbed confession," as he put it — which he had written in 1943 and which he entrusted to a Polish acquaintance.

The original manuscript, now in Yad Vashem, gathered dust for almost 50 years before being published in Poland in 1993. The English edition, edited and translated by Frank Fox, is a poignant document seared by realism and steeped in despair.

Perechodnik, a pre-war Revisionist Zionist and Polish nationalist, believed in the brotherhood of man and in the inevitability of anti-Semitism's demise. His judgment was faulty, to be charitable. Perechodnik experienced acts of human kindness, but they were the exception rather than the norm. And in *Am I A Murderer?* he pours out his inconsolable grief and his hard-bitten disillusionment in a torrent of emotion.

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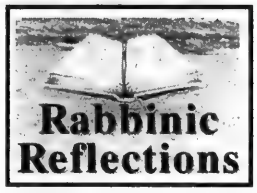

Despite our sins we are never alone

By RABBI KENNETH J. KATZ

We humans err and sin daily. We bury our sins and errors carefully, thoroughly, instinctively. As teenagers put it these days, "It's in the past now," meaning, "It's buried, it's over, forget it."

We hope and expect that time, like the earth, will make buried things decompose. And time does so for us humans. But God, as the machzor so inconveniently reminds us, forgets nothing: "There is no forgetting before Your throne of glory, nor is there aught hidden from Your eyes."

Sometimes for us, buried things may come back, unexpectedly and with force. When they do, it is special and unusual, the stuff of drama or of nightmares — as when the brothers of Joseph meet Joseph again in Egypt. A dramatic shocking return of past sins makes us repent and change.

But usually this is not how it happens. Like the cat, we instinctively bury and forget and think no more of those things. But before God who forgets nothing, we are all compromised. All of us. And should we, now and then, think of this, how can we hope ever to stand before God?

Consider a scene in this week's Torah reading, Ki Tavo: "Moses charged the people, saying, 'After you have crossed the Jordan, the following shall stand on Mt. Gerizim when the blessing for the people is spoken: Simeon, Levi, Judah ... And for the curse, the following shall stand on Mt. Ebal: Reuben, Gad ... The Levites shall then proclaim in a loud voice to all the men of Israel [the following curses]...' " (27:11-14)

It is an impressive scene. Hundreds of thousands of people are present. Six tribes stand on one mountain, six on another, announcing words of blessing and curse.

But there is, according to our rabbis, something buried on Mt. Gerizim, a compromising secret. In the book of Genesis, Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, massacred the men of Shechem, near Mt. Gerizim (Genesis 34). Disgusted with this massacre, Jacob says to his sons, "You have made my name stink."

Jacob then confiscates any idols his family has plundered from Shechem and hides them under an oak tree. "Jacob shivered them in pieces, and buried the bits under an oak upon Mt. Gerizim, uprooting the tree with one hand, concealing the remains of the idols in the hollow left in the earth, and planting the oak again with one hand." (L. Ginzberg, *The Legends of the Jews*, I. 413).

Shards of idols, memories of massacre under the very feet of the tribes of Simeon, Levi and Judah as they stand on Mt. Gerizim to bless or to curse. And the curses are directed against those with secrets — secret assaults, secret bribes, secret moving of a boundary marker and secret idols! The evidence of sins they are now to denounce are under their very feet! How can they stand before God, being so compromised?

But to ask the question is to answer it. In the Torah, God *asks them to stand there.* We are all compromised, but God, through graciousness we do not understand, wishes us to stand before Him nonetheless.

The machzor also says, "You are slow to anger and ready to forgive."

Sometimes when faced with misfortune, we may grumble that God has abandoned us. I would suggest we marvel instead that, though by nature we continually sin and forget and sin and forget, somehow God continues to crave our company.

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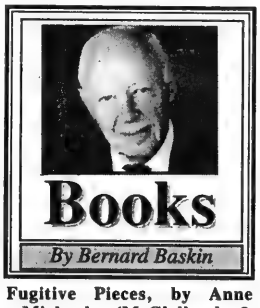

Author makes debut by tackling Holocaust

Fugitive Pieces, by Anne Michaels (McClelland & Stewart, $19.99).

For her debut novel, Anne Michaels, a Toronto award-winning poet, chose a formidable and daunting subject — the Holocaust and its effect on a number of interrelated lives. She succeeds beyond expectation because of her acute sensibility, her unusual range of knowledge and her remarkable use of language.

Seven-year-old Jakob Beer is orphaned in Poland when his parents are murdered by the Nazis and his sister abducted. Hiding in terror as the atrocities are committed, Jacob's mind and consciousness are irrevocably seared.

A fugitive "bog-boy," Jakob is plucked from the slime of a buried Polish city by Athos Roussos, a Greek geologist, and taken to his home on a remote Greek island where he is slowly nursed back to health and patiently educated.

At war's end, Roussos is offered a position as a professor in the University of Toronto's Geography Department. Together, Roussos and his young charge explore Toronto, discovering its ravines and streams, its flora and fauna, as if the entire city was an archeological tel.

After Roussos is killed in an Athens car accident, Jakob returns to the Greek island to continue his career as poet and translator. He sets down the incidents of his life — and his innermost thoughts — in a series of notebooks from which the events of the novel are taken.

In the book's second part, Ben, a young Toronto scholar and a child of survivors meets 60-year-old Jakob and senses in him the attributes of wisdom and equanimity that he needs. In his quest for greater self-understanding, Ben seeks and finds Jakob's notebooks in Greece.

What is astonishing about this book is its poetic imagery, sense of place and delineation of memorable characters. Numerous passages should be slowly savored and then reread for heightened meaning and arresting language.

The author does not dwell on the Holocaust, but some passages reveal its horrors. "In Warsaw, a nurse hid children under her skirt, passing through the ghetto gates, until one evening — gentle twilight descending on those typhus-infected, lice-infested streets — the nurse was caught, the child thrown into the air and shot like a tin can, the nurse given the 'Nazi pill': one bullet in the throat ... I didn't know that when there were too many for the ovens, corpses were burned in open pits, flames ladled with human fat ... that men were untangling limbs, the flesh of friends and neighbors, wives and daughters, coming off in their hands."

Again, "When the prisoners were forced to dig up the mass graves, the dead entered them through their pores and were carried through their bloodstreams to their brains and hearts ... as they felt another man's and another's blood-soaked hair through their fingers, the diggers begged forgiveness. And those lost lives made molecular passage into their hands."

This novel is clearly not for all readers. There is limited plot, negligible action, and the oblique and intricate prose often gets in the way of quick comprehension. But those in search of a reading experience of rare power and beauty will cherish *Fugitive Pieces.*

Jewish Life

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

Comparative Law

A pregnant 21-year-old glue-sniffing woman is the subject of a legal battle in Winnipeg. In an attempt to protect her unborn child from being damaged by the woman's addiction, a judge placed the woman, against her will, under the care of Winnipeg Child and Family Services and sent her to hospital for treatment.

Does the fetus have rights under Jewish law?

Jewish law does not grant an independent identity to a fetus. In fact, *ubar yerekh imo*, it is considered a mere limb or organ of its mother and so, for example, a pregnant woman sentenced by the court to death is executed immediately, despite her pregnancy (Arakhin 7a). Thus, in Jewish law, there can be no clash of rights. The mother and child are one and the same.

Halachah does not grant full human status to a fetus. The Torah itself does not view harm to a fetus in the same way it views harm to its mother. Thus, "If people strive together and hurt a woman with child so that her fruit depart, and yet no harm follow, he shall surely be fined" (Exodus 21:22). Harm here is physical damage to the mother. The Torah did not consider the miscarriage to be "harm" and demanded only *demei veladot*, compensation for the potential monetary loss that was caused.

While some authorities maintain that abortion is murder of potential life, and while abortion is prohibited except in extreme circumstances, one who performs an abortion does not have the same culpability as one who murders a viable human being (*Hil. Rotzeiach* 2:6). Other authorities maintain that abortion is not murder at all, but *hashchatat zera levatala*, the destruction of potential procreative possibilities, or *chabalah*, a form of physical assault.

Nevertheless, Jewish law and morality are vitally concerned about the welfare of the unborn. One Talmudic sage warns people against engaging in certain forms of sexual behavior because of the potential harm that such behavior might cause to the fetus (Nedarim 20a-b). And the sources are full of advice to parents as to what they might do to enable the birth of physically and spiritually healthy children.

In this case, Jewish law requires intervention to ensure the welfare of both the fetus and the mother. Halachah obligates all of us to engage in safe and healthful activities (*Hil. De'ot* 4) and proscribes behavior that is harmful (*Choshen Mishpat* 420:31). Thus, the mother would not be permitted to sniff glue, even if she were not pregnant, and the obligations of not standing idly by the blood of others and of rebuke (Lev. 19:16-17) require society to intervene in whatever ways are effective, even against her will, to stop this illicit and dangerous activity.

While these obligations apply to all addicts, this particular case certainly arouses greater compassion and concern for the welfare of the vulnerable and innocent unborn child whose future is in her mother's hands — and in ours as well.

Rabbi Dratch is the spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in Toronto.

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The Jewish calendar

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

We are now well into the month of Elul, the last month of the year preceding Rosh Hashanah. This is traditionally a time to take stock of our conduct during the past year, look at our goals for the coming one... and, of course, pick up a new Jewish calendar. You CAN get a calendar the old fashioned way by walking into your nearest Judaica store or bakery. Or you can do it the easy way... by travelling on the Jewish Highway.

There are two basic kinds of calendar programs on the Internet. Some programs are built right into a World Wide Web page. Typically, you type in the information you want, hit enter and you get your response. You can only use these pages while you are connected to the Internet. These calendars are all free and will work whether you're running a Windows- or Macintosh-based computer.

There are also some calendar programs which you can download onto your computer and use whenever you want. These programs are usually more sophisticated and may or may not be free. Also, a Windows calendar program will only run on a Windows-based computer and a Macintosh calendar on a Mac.

First, here are some of the Jewish Calendar programs that run directly on the Internet: If you want to check today's Jewish date, go to **[gopher://israel.nysernet.org:70/00/about/cdate]** and it will appear automatically. The "Yom Tov Calendar Page" **[http://www.torah.org/learning/yomtov/calendar.htm]** does a basic job well. It will give you a list of the dates for all Jewish Holidays until 2006.

The "PAO Calendar Conversion Utility" **[http://www.jewish.org/pao.calendar.convert.html]** goes a step further. In addition to generating lists of the Holidays, you can also print out the dates of all the Torah reading portions.

Using "The AIR Project Hebrew Calendar," **[http://www-syntim.inria.fr/htbin/air/hebrewcalendar2.pl]** you can create and print out the more familiar month-at-a-glance calendar which lists Holidays and Shabbat Torah-portions. It allows you to generate those calendars by using either the civil or Jewish months.

"The Perpetual Jewish/Civil Calendar" **[http://www.uwm.edu/cgi-bin/corre/calendar]** is a bit different. It lets you create two parallel calendars with the Jewish months on the left and the civil months on the right.

Now for the programs which you can download: Joseph Kohn's "Hebrew Calendar" **[http://users.aol.com/calmaven/calmaven.htm]** is a sophisticated program for Windows. You can double-check the Jewish date you were born on, look up a Yahrzeit date or figure out when that Bar or Bat Mitzvah is going to fall. You can even enter your time zone, latitude, longitude and elevation in order to create accurate candle-lighting times!

Here are some other Windows programs which are worth a look: Lester Penner's "JCAL - The Jewish Calendar Program" **[ftp://ftp.virtual.co.il/pub/software/msdos/calendar/jcal753.zip]**; Charles Marcus "Hebrew Date Conversion Program" **[ftp://ftp.virtual.co.il/pub/software/msdos/calendar/hdate.zip]**; and Michael Mefford's "Schedule" **[ftp://ftp.virtual.co.il/pub/software/msdos/calendar/schedheb.zip]**.

And finally for Macintosh users, there's Frank Yellin's "Jewish Calendar" **[ftp://ftp.virtual.co.il/pub/software/mac/jcal.source.hqx]**. (Just a reminder that many of these programs are "shareware." Shareware is software provided to you on the honour system. Try it. And if you like it, you are expected to pay for it. And what better time to take stock of all those shareware programs you're using but have forgotten to pay for than before Rosh Hashanah.)

Now that you've found your ideal calendar, you might want to understand more about why the mostly lunar-based Jewish Calendar is the way it is. For a clear explanation, check out **[http://members.aol.com/jewfaq/calendar.htm]**. The Genesis Project **[http://www.torah.org/learning/yomtov/assorted.htm]** also examines the history of the calendar and has a brief look at the origins of the names of the Jewish months.

Though all of the programs I've mentioned do a fine job of calculating dates, even the Internet still can't create a glossy calendar that comes with lovely photos of sunrise over Masada or sunset at the Kotel that we are used to. Maybe that bakery shop calendar isn't threatened, yet.

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JRCC campaign director returns to Israel

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Yaacov Erez, campaign director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre (JRCC), returns to Israel with his wife and son after almost 10 years in Canada, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment, hard work and loyalty to the Jewish community.

In his second tour of duty here, (his first was from 1977 to 1983 as national executive vice-president of Canadian Technion Society in Montreal) Erez, a retired colonel in the Israeli army, served as executive director, Canadian ORT, Ontario region, before joining JRCC.

"While in Canada, I've gotten to know the various Jewish communities from coast to coast and I've made many friends. These friendships are the treasure that I will bring to Israel with me."

Fundraising, though a difficult job, is made a lot easier in Canada, Erez says, because the Jewish community is committed to Israel. "Its support, care and involvement are heartwarming to an Israeli like me. Support does not only come in times of emergency — it goes on all the time.

"In my capacity as fundraiser for a number of communal organizations, I was constantly encouraged at seeing heads of major corporations take the time to sit down and listen to a representative from Israel. Most of the time, they did lend their support."

Erez, 60, who served in the Israeli army for 23 years, last in the Yom Kippur War as artillery division commander at the Suez Canal, plans to keep on working.

"During my civil career in Israel, I was the manager of the first North American-built mall, developed by David Azrieli, and I would like to continue working along those lines. We are returning to Israel because it is our home. Our three daughters and grandchildren are there. We extended our stay several times because of contracts, but in our hearts, Israel is always first.

"I was in Montreal working for the Technion when the war in Lebanon broke out and I went to Beirut without telling my family where I was going. I was a civilian, but I felt I should be there. When something happens in Israel, we are all on call."

As for the future of Israel, Erez says that although "I am not a political guy, I know that the country must continue to search for peace. I do not see any other alternative. I lost a son-in-law in the war in Lebanon and I have seen too many other people pay the ultimate price to see Israel live in peace.

"We must negotiate peace from a basis of strength. The Arabs will respect us and negotiate with us only if they realize that it is impossible militarily to destroy Israel. Otherwise there is no exit from the cycle of wars. I do not call peace with Egypt or Jordan real peace, but it is definitely better than meeting on the battlefields again. The fact is, when we talk, the canons are silent."

Thornhill Community Mikveh open house

TORONTO — The Thornhill Community Mikveh will host a Rosh Hashanah open house at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 11 for those interested in learning about the history of mikvah and immersing prior to the new year.

This marks the fifth year that the Liberal Jewish community has conducted mikvah information sessions before Rosh Hashanah.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, director of Kolel, will begin the evening with a talk about the origins of mikvah, halachic interpretations regarding immersion and a look at how Liberal Judaism interprets the ritual.

Following Rabbi Goldstein's talk, there will be a tour of the mikvah, which was opened in 1995, and an opportunity for both men and women to immerse.

Catherine Bianco, *shomeret* for the mikvah, said, "Many Liberal Jewish women interpret the ritual of mikvah with an emphasis on proactive change. This information session near the eve of Rosh Hashanah offers the perfect opportunity to increase ritual practice.

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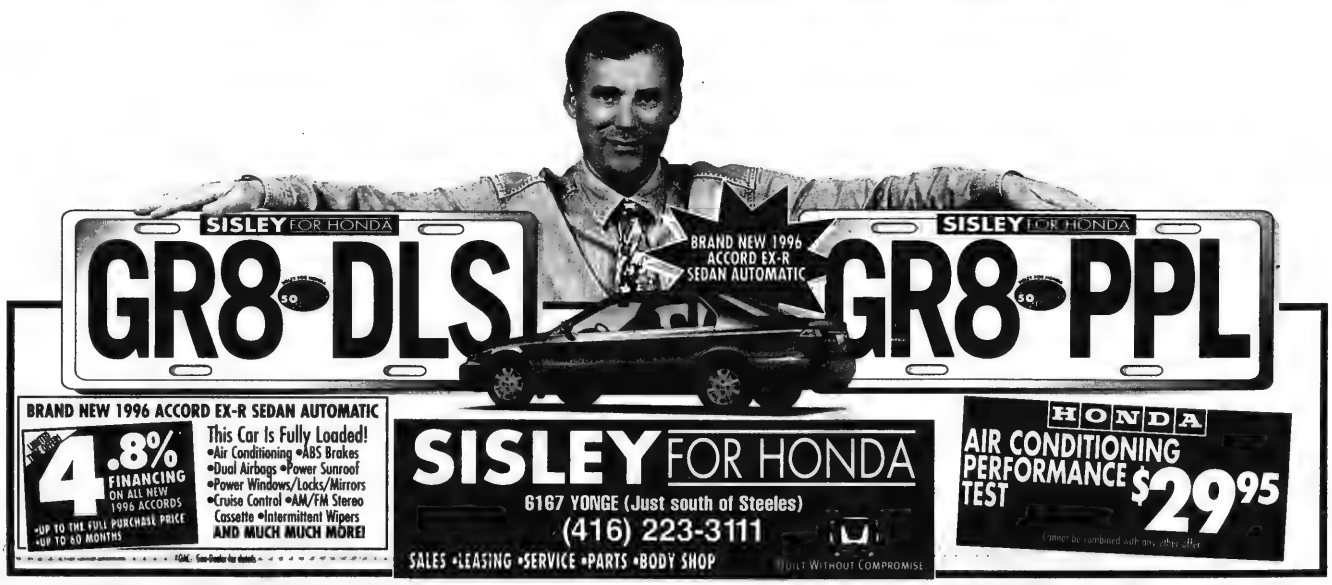
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Educator Manya Lipshitz promoted study of Yiddish

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Manya Lipshitz, an educator and activist, died on July 27 at the age of 89, after a lengthy illness.

For more than a quarter of a century, she taught Yiddish and Jewish history to hundreds of students. Her genuine love of children and her love of Yiddish inspired her students. Even after her retirement, students would stop her in the street and tell her she had affected their lives and developed their love of the Yiddish language and the culture of their parents and grandparents.

Her life also reflected the trauma of war and revolution of this century. Following World War I and the Russian revolution, at the age of 13, Margolia Kantorowicz (as she was then known), the youngest of nine children, left Bialystok, Poland and went with her sister to the USSR.

She joined the Twelfth Jewish Children's Work Commune in Vitebsk, Russia, where many of the children were orphaned.

Faced with poverty, food shortages and a lack of adult leadership, she and the older children became the leaders and teachers. And at the commune, she began writing plays and poetry. In 1923, she entered the Teachers' Seminary in Vitebsk.

Manya Lipshitz

Moved to Toronto

She came to Canada in 1926 to join her brothers in Montreal. After graduating from the Teachers' Seminary in New York, she took up her first teaching position in Canada at the Montreal Peretz School.

In Montreal, she married journalist and editor Sam Lipshitz in 1930. They moved to Toronto and she began teaching at the Morris Winchevsky Jewish School of the Labor League, a left-wing fraternal organization, later known as the United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO).

In 1956, after the revelations of the Stalinist crimes in the Soviet Union, she and her husband and many others left the UJPO and organized the New Fraternal Jewish Association.

In her book *Bletlach fon a Stormisher Zeit*, published in Yiddish in 1977 and later translated into English as *Time Remembered*, Manya documents the historical trauma of the Russian revolution, the economic and political upheaval, the insecurity of Jewish life, separation from family and the disillusionment with the Communist regime. The book also includes the writings of three remarkable journals of the Vitebsk children's commune which were rediscovered some 50 years after they were written.

The achievements of Sam and Manya Lipshitz are interwoven in their 66 years of marriage. Their partnership is described by Sam as "an ideal, harmonious marriage — we always worked as a team."

Their love of the State of Israel led to the establishment of the Manya Lipshitz Amal Scholarship Foundation.

In his eulogy, her grandson Dr. Eric Cohen spoke of his grandmother's "warmth, her unassuming strength, her commitment to equality and social justice, her devotion to Yiddish culture and the cultural life of the community at large."

Manya Lipshitz will be remembered by many as a remarkable teacher, humanitarian and acclaimed author and poet.

Sam and Manya have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren from their two children, Dr. May Cohen, who recently retired as associate dean of Health Service at McMaster University, and Joseph Lipman, a professor of mathematics at Purdue University.

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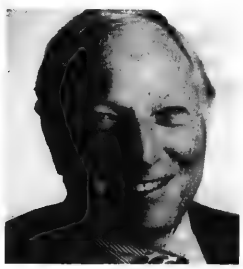

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די ווערטער זיינען מיר געקומען אויפן געדאַנק, ווען איך האָב, אַנומלט, זיך צוגעקוקט, ווי אַ גרופּע פון אונדזערע עלטערע ביר-גערס („סיניאָר סיטיזענס") האָבן זיך אַריינגעזעצט אין אַן אויטאָ-בוס, וואָס האָט זיי געזאָלט פירן אין אַ פאַרק, וואו מען האָט אויפגעפירט אַ מוזיקאַלישע פאָרשטעלונג.

די גרופּע איז געווען איינגעטיילט אויף פאַרהייראַטע פאָרלעך און אויף „סינגל" מענער און פרויען — כמעט האַלב אויף האַלב. מען האָט געקענט דערקענען די פאָרלעך, ווייל די מענער און פרויען האָבן זיך געהאַלטן ביי די הענט (אַ געזונט אויף זיי) און גע-האַלפן איינער דער אַנדערער. מען האָט זיך געשטופּט, געוויצלט, געלאַכט און זיכער געהאָפט צו האָבן אַ „גוד טיים". מען וועט זיך אַוודאי אָפּשטעלן צו עסן אַ גוטן „לאַנטש", און ביים סוף פון טאָג, נאָכן אַהיימקומען, וועט מען מסתמא גיין אין אַ רעסטאָראַן עסן „סאַפּער". אַז ס'וועטער וועט צושפּילן, וועט עס זיין אַ טאָג, ווי מ'פלעגט זאָגן ביי אונדז אין שטעטל, „ווע מאַ שאָן גיט ס'קינד"!

צוריק געשמועסט — פאַרוואָס נישט? זיי האָבן זיך זיכער פאָרדיינט צו האָבן הנאה פון לעבן אויף די עלטערע יאָרן. זיי האָבן שווער געאַרבעט דאָס צו דערגרייכן. די מענער האָבן אַוועקגעגעבן לאַנגע שעה'ען צו מאַכן די עקסטראַ פאָר דאָלאַר, וואָס עס איז געווען נויטיק אויפצוהאַלטן אַ באַלעבאַטישע היים, צו וואָס יעדער יידישער אימיגראַנט האָט געשטרעבט. פיל מאָל נישט געקענט פאָרברענגען מיט זייערע פאַמיליעס; און פיל מאָל נאָר געזען זייע-רע קינדער, ווי **מאָריס ראָזענפעלד** זינגט: „נאָר זעלטן, זעלטן זע איך אים, / דעם קליינעם ווען ער וואַכט, / איך טרעף אים אימער שלאָפעדיק, / איך זע אים נאָר ביינאַכט".

איצט איז שטיל אין הויז. דער יינגער דור איז אַוועק, געבליבן בלויז „דזשאַד ז'באַבאַן" (זיידע-באַבע); דאָס הויז איז אָפּגעצאַלט; אָפּגעשפּאַרט אַ שטיקל „מאַיאַנטעק"; זיך שוין צוריקגעצויגן פון דער אַרבעט, איז דאָ פרייע צייט. נו, וועט מען פרובירן איצט טאָן דאָס, וואָס מען האָט נישט באַוויזן צו טאָן מיט 30-40 יאָר צוריק — וואָס מער און וואָס שנעלער.

שטעלט זיי אָפּ און פרעגט: וואָס איז די איילעניש? וואו ברענט? . . . וועט איר הערן דעם זעלבן ענטפער פון אַלעמען: מיר איילן זיך צו לעבן, ווייל דער טויט שטייט הינטער אונדזערע פליי-צעס. מיר ווילן לעבן מער און שנעל, איידער עס ווערט צו שפּעט, איידער דער אָטעם גייט אויס. זיי זיינען אפשר גערעכט, אָבער טיילמאָל איז עס נישט פאָרשטענדלעך. צי וואָלט נישט געווען בע-סער, ווען אָט די מענטשן, וואָס איילן זיך אַזוי שטאַרק צו אָטע-מען, זאָלן זיך אָפּשטעלן אויף אַ שטיקל צייט, כדי צו כאַפּן דעם אָטעם. עס דערמאָנט דעם וויץ וועגן דאָרפס-פּויער אין דער אַלטער היים, וועלכער האָט זיך געאיילט צו פאַרענדיקן דאָס מאַלעווען דעם פלויט, איידער די פאָרב לאָזט זיך אויס.

עס איז טאַקע אמת, אַז קיינער ווייסט נישט ווען זיין לעצטער טאָג וועט זיין. איר הערט כסדר, אַז דער מלאך המות שפּרייזט מיט לאַנגע און שנעלע טריט. קען אפשר זיין מעגלעך, אַז אויב איר וועט פאַרלאַנגזאַמען אייערע טריט, וועט דער טויט-מלאך טאָן דאָס זעלבע. „אַריינכאַפּן" דאָס לעבן איז זיכער נישט דער ענטפער. אדרבה, זעט אַ שיינע פאָרשטעלונג, עסט אין אַ גוטן רעסטאָראַן, נאָר יאָגט זיך נישט, איילט זיך נישט. נעמט אייך אַ ביסל צייט אויף אַ לאַנגזאַמען שפּאַציר און באַוואונדערט גאָט'ס וועלטל; ליגט אַ שטיקל צייט רואיק אויף דער קאַנאַפּע; לייענט אַ גוט בוך, ספּעציעל די אַלטע קלאַסיקער און די נייע מחברים אין דער יידי-שער שפּראַך — ביכער וואָס איר האָט דורכגעלאָזט אין אייערע יינגערע יאָרן אָדער שוין פאַרגעסן. טוט עס לאַנגזאַם. קוקט נישט אויפן זייגער אָדער אויפן קאַלענדאַר. דאָס, מיינע פריינד, הייסט אויך **געלעבט**. שטייגט אויס פון עקספרעס-צוג און גייט צו צופוס. נאָר יאָגט זיך נישט. שטעלט זיך אָפּ און כאַפּט דעם אָטעם.

Greater Toronto Area

MORE SUMMER FUN

Fifty Canadian counsellors travelled to Israel this summer to volunteer in English day camps. Seen here is Winnipegger Caithlin McArton teaching hockey to her Israeli campers at the Kefiada English Day Camp in the Project Renewal community of Gan Yavne. [Debbie Taylor Zimleman photo]

Kosher Foodfest to be held at Promenade

TORONTO — Jewish Life and Kosher Foodfest, hosted by Aish Hatorah, will be held at the Promenade shopping centre, Sept. 8, noon to 5 p.m. and Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The fair, which is free of charge, will include video presentations, books, audio cassettes and videos. Judaica items will be on display and available for sale and children can take part in Rosh Hashanah arts and crafts sessions.

Featured are a scribal arts booth, in which a *sofer* (Jewish scribe) will demonstrate and explain how mezuzot and tefillin (phylacteries) are made and a Hebrew name booth where visitors can learn about the significance of their Hebrew name.

As well, there will be door prizes and a raffle. Raffle prizes include air fare for two to Israel, jewelry, a home security system, and a microwave. Tickets are available at the Promenade from Sept. 3 to Sept. 23, or may be purchased through the Aish Hatorah office at 949 Clark Ave. West.

Participants include corporate sponsor Wampole Canada, manufacturer of kosher nutritional supplements; General Mills; Pine Villa and Terrace Gardens Retirement Lodges; Park Plaza Hotel; Strub's Pickles; Planters Nuts and Reynolds Aluminum. All products and services represented are under strict rabbinical supervision.

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From coast to coast

Nemsila deportation case back on track

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Federal prosecutors, supported by four Jewish organizations, appealed that decision and last week, Jerome held that Nemsila was never legally domiciled in Canada.

To be domiciled a person must be lawfully admitted, Jerome ruled. "I do not agree that an immigrant who obtained leave to enter Canada by fraud or deception can be said to have been 'lawfully' admitted," the judge stated in a 10-page decision.

"If the entry of Mr. Nemsila into Canada in 1950 was based upon deception and misrepresentation as alleged...then it is an unlawful admission. If he was not lawfully admitted, it follows therefore that he could not have obtained 'landing' [and] if he was never landed, he never acquired Canadian domicile," Jerome stated.

Federal officials were pleased with the decision, saying it shows that "if someone gains entry to Canada by misrepresentation or deception, then they cannot rely on a passage of time as a defence," Vickery said.

The decision recognized that information about the misrepresentation may not become known until after five years had elapsed, he added.

Immigration and Justice Department officials contend that Nemsila lied about his wartime activities when he immigrated to Canada. They allege "he was a member of the [Slovak] Hlinka Guard from 1933-45 and was company commander of a unit of the alerted Hlinka Guard, which was an organization which collaborated with the German occupation forces in Slovakia in the period 1944-45."

They also allege he participated in and was responsible for the arrest, detention, interrogation and execution of civilians during the fall and winter of 1944-45 and that he served two years in custody for collaborating with the Nazis before escaping from prison.

Last week's decision, along with an earlier one denying a stay of proceedings, should provide a badly needed psychological boost and some momentum to government prosecutors trying to bring alleged war criminals to justice, say spokespersons for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Hopefully, the rulings will mean the case will now be heard on its merits and not get bogged down on technical legal issues, said Ed Morgan, counsel for Congress.

Despite Jerome's ruling, Nemsila may still avoid a hearing of the case on its merits. On Friday, lawyers for both sides will meet with Jerome. He may be asked by Jackman to certify a legal question to be heard by the Federal Court of Appeal. She might also ask for a stay of proceedings in the case pending a decision by that higher court. Vickery said government lawyers have not yet decided what their position will be should that request be made.

'Matzahgate' report

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rules, which exempts imported products "in limited use" and unavailable in Quebec.

But last March, the OLF had stores remove some Passover goods from shelves, just as the Jewish community was stocking up, triggering an uproar at home and embarrassing Quebec officialdom around the world.

The accord spells out that the exemption will apply for 40 days before and 20 days after Passover – 68 days in all.

For its part, CJC-Q, with Montreal's kashruth supervisory body, the Vaad Ha'ir, and the Communauté Sépharade du Québec (CSQ), will keep local kosher importers and producers apprised of Quebec labelling rules for locally made and marketed kosher products, and of the accord's scope.

The Jewish organizations also agreed to use whatever powers of moral suasion they had, to see that Passover goods are not on shelves outside the 68-day period.

B'nai Brith said in a statement, that it was dropping its lawsuit to protect future kosher imports.

But it also said CJC-Q's pact with the OLF set a "dangerous precedent," by making CJC-Q "effectively a language inspector for the OLF," according to BB vice-president Jonathan Schneiderman.

The statement said, "B'nai Brith opposes in principle having a community organization commit itself to help the government enforce a law among community members, and it believes that no community organization should be asked by the government to do so."

CJC-Q director Jack Jedwab said for the record that BB's reaction was "sour grapes," since BB "in 1982 and 1986, also agreed to cooperate through arrangements strikingly similar to today."

"We made it very clear that we had no intention of being language police," said David Sultan, CJC-Q's community relations director.

"We can't force people to do things and it's not our role. But we can let them know [if goods are on shelves too early or for too long]."

Sultan described talks with the OLF as "very honest and relaxed."

They recognized they made a big error," he said. "The important thing is that from the very beginning, they agreed to the principle" of Passover goods being exempt.

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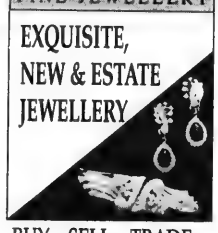

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1,000+ KICK-OFF UJA CAMPAIGN '97

Song, spirit, a special appearance by actor Al Waxman and over 1,000 people kicked off the 1997 UJA Federation campaign this week.

Monday's sold out Community Campaign Launch, featuring the Israeli vocal group, *Shorashim*, was held at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. It was the second consecutive year in which the launch was open to the entire community and turned out to be a standing room only event.

Many of the launch participants were Campaign volunteers who had already come out for campaigner training sessions which began August 19. "Attendance has been overwhelming," said Judy Engel, who is co-chairing campaigner training with Alan Winer. "People are really responding well and the energy is just great."

The 1997 UJA Federation campaign has already raised $16 million thanks to the 8,000 donors who responded to the Three Year Vision introduced last year. They pledged for three years in order to give campaigners time to acquire new gifts.

Making new contributors feel a part of the community is crucial, according to Rosanne Ain and Gary Grundman, who are directing the new gifts effort. "We owe it to our Three Year Vision subscribers to reach out and widen the donor base," Ain added.

A Challenge Fund has been set up to match, dollar for dollar, any pledge made by a new donor. "It's a special incentive that multiplies the importance of every new gift," Campaign Chairman David Goldstein told campaigners at a recent training session.

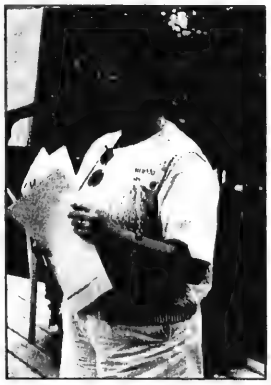
As part of the same initiative, UJA Federation divisions and cabinets are being challenged to bring in the greatest number of new gifts. They will be publicly recognized for their work.

There's also a special outreach drive through telethons and parlour meetings to Jews living north of Steeles Avenue. "York Region has a growing Jewish community and we need to show how UJA Federation belongs to them," explained Grundman.

The success of the campaign, according to Goldstein, will not only be measured in dollars raised, but in a community saved.

"Deep government spending cuts and rising demand for assistance are threatening the survival of community programs and services," he said. "Losing them will hurt us all."

Alan Winer



Rosanne Ain

Gary Grundman
Judy Engel (below)

AL WAXMAN: The King goes back to his roots

by Elana Carr

Al Waxman returned to his roots this week to be the featured speaker at the 1997 UJA Federation Community Campaign Launch.

His affiliation with UJA Federation is not new. He remembers participating in Sunday morning telethons with fellow members of the Jewish entertainment industry, such as Garth Drabinsky and Moses Znaimer, in the late 60's and early 70's.

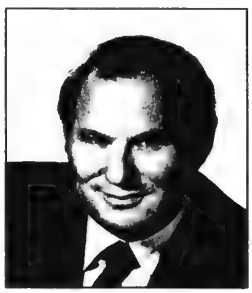
Born and raised by Polish immigrants, Waxman has never forgotten his Jewish roots. He attributes the love he feels for the community to his mother and the values she instilled in him - community involvement and tzedakah. Waxman remembers his mother teaching him that, "to belong to a community means not only to live in the community but to give to it."

After Waxman became television's "King of Kensington," requests for his volunteer time increased; whether to speak at a function or to serve on a board. He describes his usual response this way: "If I can assist for a good cause, I am always more than happy to help out." He also points out that it brings him great joy to contribute to the community in whatever way he can, through money or through time and talent.

Waxman has always maintained a balance between Jewish/Israeli causes and Canadian ones. In addition to his many commitments in the entertainment industry, such as serving as Chairman of The Canadian Academy of Cinema and Television, Waxman has been involved with many charitable organizations - among them the Canadian Cancer Society; The Heart and Stroke Foundation; Big Brothers; "Operation Go Home," a project dedicated to helping street children; The Variety Club; B'nai Brith; Hadassah-WIZO; Na'amat; ORT; Reena Foundation; State of Israel Bonds and Canadian Shaarei Tzedec Hospital Foundation. He has also hosted several Yiddish functions such as the Ashkenaz Festival.

"To be a Jew and to be a Canadian are not mutually exclusive, as far as I am concerned," says Waxman. "I feel Canada invites this from all its citizens, regardless of race, religion or cultural persuasion. To be a Jew and a Canadian are in me intertwined and to be a Jew also means being committed to the existence, security and flourishing of the State of Israel."

Waxman has always been upfront about his Jewish heritage. He recalls being asked to say grace at a reception where he and his wife were the only Jews in attendance. He informed the organizers that he could only say grace in the language of his faith. He recited the blessing over the bread in Hebrew and everyone there answered "Amen."



Al Waxman

Waxman believes that our rights in Canada cannot be taken for granted. He painfully remembers what life was like before the State of Israel was established, when Jews would feel the need to avoid drawing unnecessary attention to themselves.

"The Jews in Canada changed with the emergence and existence of the State of Israel, which gave Canadian Jews, as well as Jews all over the world, a strength and a *raison d'etre*, so that Jews worldwide stood proud and tall," he explains.

Waxman maintains that a crucial component of Jewish communal life is strong commitment to Israel. It was a happy coincidence that Waxman's bar mitzva took place in 1948 - the year Israel became a state.

"Canada," says Waxman, "has given me the right to free expression and Israel has given me the strength, pride and joy of being a Jew."

Mission memories live on

It was a night to remember a trip of a lifetime. The UJA Federation Mission 3000 reunion, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, allowed more than 100 mission participants to relive memories and experiences of the largest mission to Israel in Canadian history.

More than 1100 people from across Canada, 350 from Toronto, took part in the ten-day mega-mission last February, which coincided with Jerusalem 3000 celebrations.

Honey Carr, who was accompanied by her husband Jack on the mission, and Abe Glowinsky recounted trip highlights and memorable moments. "I'll never forget the uplifting feeling I had getting on the plane with hundreds of other people looking forward to the same thing," Carr said. "It's really wonderful seeing people who became like family to me," she added.

"It was a remarkable experience," said Glowinsky. "I left with a bus full of friends and came back with a plane full." Glowinsky, who chairs UJA Federation's Fashion Division, thinks it's exciting to "see people still involved in UJA Federation long after the mission."

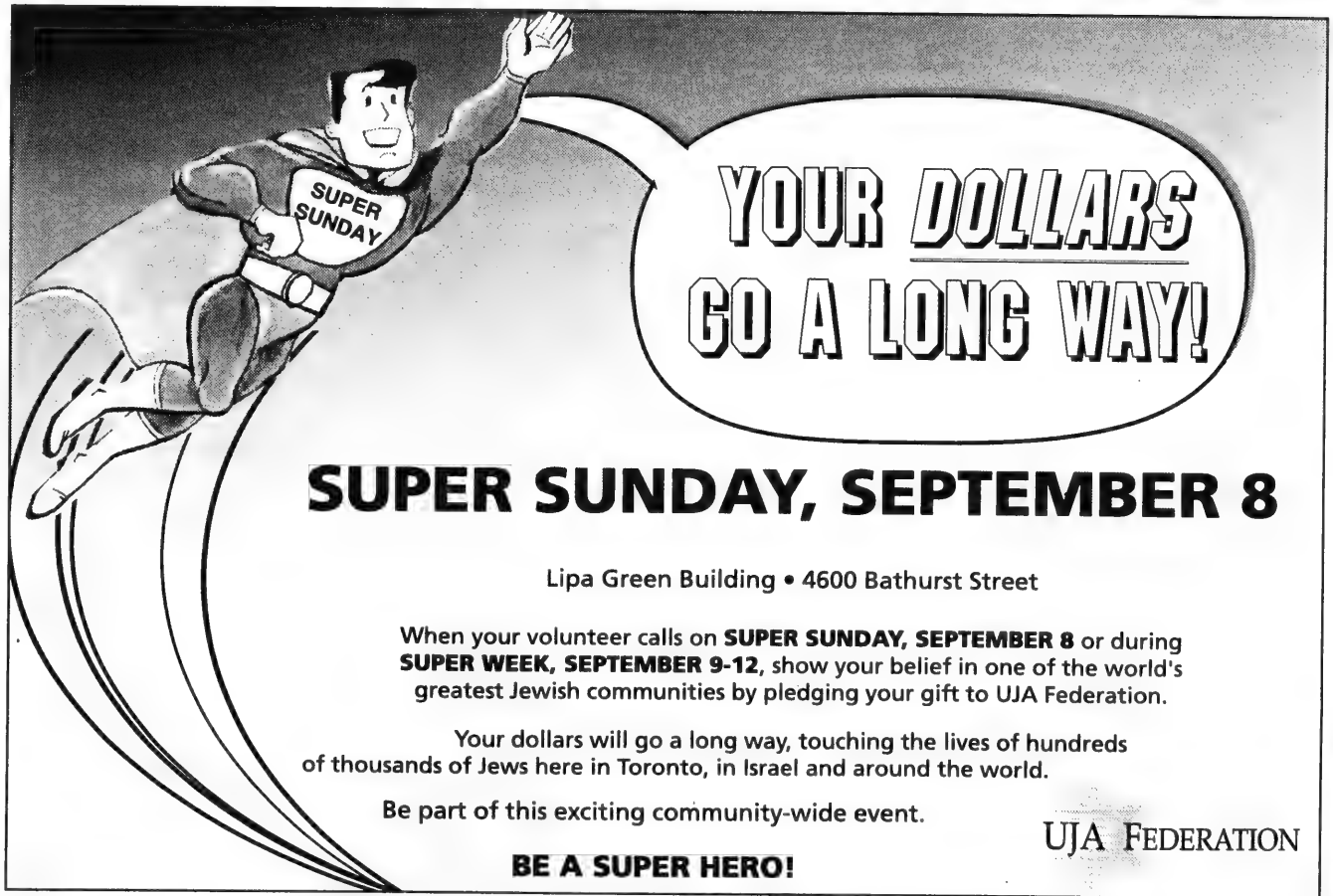
A number of buses organized their own reunions and some have participated in UJA Federation mini-missions, visiting local agencies in Toronto. "I consider myself a UJA Federation ambassador," Glowinsky explained, "and I feel it's important for me to know what's going on in our own community."

Rosanne Ain, who co-chaired Mission 3000 with Herb Rosenfeld, was very pleased with the impact the mission had on participants. "One of our goals was to encourage people to want to get more involved with UJA Federation."

Honey and Jack Carr (above) have already been on two UJA Federation missions and are looking forward to the next Mega Mission planned for 1998.

Abe Glowinsky, (top right) had visited Israel many times but says that seeing the country while on a mission is "a whole new ball game."

(pictured right) Mission 3000 participants Elizabeth Yan (left) and Rosalie Nepom remembering good times spent together in Israel.



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Community Matters

Drevnig put Metulla on the map

Bill Drevnig, who died two weeks ago of a heart attack at age 83, was widely known for his business savvy. But it was what he did to help others, near and far, including his contribution to the success of Canada Centre in Metulla, for which he will be remembered.

The Dorothy and William Drevnig Olympic Ice Skating Arena has helped make the Centre in Israel's northernmost community one of the country's most popular recreation facilities.

Drevnig, who was founder and CEO of the Pennington's women's clothing chain, until retiring in 1988, went from rags to riches. "He began as a dress salesman and ended up running one of the largest women's clothing retailers in Canada and the U.S.," recalls son-in-law Jeffrey Lyons. During the 80's, Drevnig owned 168 stores in Canada and 22 in the U.S.

"He was married to his business," explains Lyons, "but he was always willing to help friends, family and even strangers." Drevnig was widely known for hiring people down on their luck and maintaining employees who had already reached retirement age.

Drevnig, always busy expanding and improving his business, never forgot about those less fortunate. "He supported many charities but never wanted to be publicly recognized for his generosity," remembers Lyons.

"Each week he would meet with his secretary and go over the requests for help he received from the various organizations," explains Drevnig's wife Dorothy. Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest and Technion University are just a few of the many causes he supported.

"He was quietly committed," adds Donald Carr, who worked with the Drevnigs on the couple's $1 million contribution to Canada Centre, built with funds raised by UJA Federation and allocated through United Israel Appeal.

"He called me one day," Carr recalls, "and told me he wanted to make a major contribution to Israel."

The Dorothy and William Drevnig Arena, which serves thousands of people in Israel and in Lebanon, was where Israeli Olympic skater Misha Shmerkin, who placed second in the 1996 Skate Canada competition, trained.

"Bill's decision to become involved in this particular project exemplifies his vision and his understanding of the needs of the people living in that part of Israel," observes Dr. Gerry Halbert, Immediate Past President of UIA Canada.

Due to his illness, Drevnig was unable to attend the opening of the arena, although his wife was there, accompanied by other family members. Metulla's Mayor, Yossi Goldberg, came to visit Drevnig in Toronto last fall to update him on the project.

Dorothy and Bill Drevnig (centre) presented a cheque for the Canada Centre Arena to UIA Immediate Past President Dr. Gerry Halbert in 1994.

Community Partners

Building community

Howard Sokolowski and Peter Ekstein, co-chairs of the UJA Federation Construction Cabinet are building for the community's future. They're building what they consider one of the best campaign teams the Construction Cabinet has ever seen.

Sokolowski, who owns *Tribute Homes*, only became involved as a volunteer with UJA Federation last year, although he is a long-time Campaign supporter. "I find my volunteer work much more satisfying than just writing a cheque," says Sokolowski, who grew up spending summers at the Bathurst "Y" and attending Jewish camps.

Having had first hand experiences with UJA Federation funded agencies such as Reena, Sokolowski says he's been "sensitized to the importance of maintaining our community's unrivalled infrastructure."

His role in this year's Campaign is clear. "I want to bring a greater sense of awareness about UJA Federation and what it does for the community, to the construction industry."

Peter Ekstein, part owner of *Weston Forest Co*, began his UJA Federation volunteer career as a campaigner at Super Sunday 1992. "My mother was a Holocaust survivor brought to Canada by Jewish Immigrant Aid Service," explains Ekstein, "and she taught me about my responsibility to give back to the community."

He made his first visit to Israel at age 16 and immediately fell in love with the country. "I felt completely at home," says Ekstein, who now travels to Israel two or three times a year for his lumber export business. "It's a great way to see Israel more often."

Ekstein says he has high expectations for the Construction Cabinet based on the number of new people getting involved. "People are starting to recognize the need out there and making it their responsibility."

Howard Sokolowski

Peter Ekstein

Fishing in hot water

Fish ponds in the desert? Only a few years ago this would have been considered science fiction. Yet today, pisciculture is a thriving business in the Negev desert thanks to special research and technology carried out and developed by the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency for Israel.

Some 80 tons of St. Peter's fish, white bass, carp and mullet are harvested annually from pools at Moshav Kadesh Barnea. In addition, the water from the ponds is recycled for use in irrigating greenhouse fruits and vegetables.

The story began 15 years ago. While drilling for sweet water near the moshav, which is located in the Negev highlands on the border with the Egyptian Sinai, a government expedition hit upon large quantities of warm, brackish water.

The Negev/Arava R&D Station, which was set up about the same time to research and develop unique solutions to the agricultural problems of the region, decided it would be a crime not to put this hydrological bounty to use.

The Station had acquired the necessary knowledge for raising fish but didn't have successful experience in growing plants in hot water. The Kadesh Barnea growers turned out to be a stubborn lot and it was decided to go ahead on both fronts. About six years ago, a pilot project was established with the backing of JAFI's Negev/Arava R&D Project. Some 60 dunams of land were set aside for fish ponds and greenhouse cherry tomatoes.

The project proved to be a bigger success than was anticipated and has since become a commercial enterprise.

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Masada Chapter

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Sunday, Sept. 1

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave, 7:30 p.m. All welcome to listen or tell. $3 donation. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts. 440-1330.

Monday, Sept. 2

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Labor Day Children's Arts Festival, Mel Lastman Square, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with a giant outdoor stage for the visual and performing arts geared to children, hands-on activities and performers.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

ASK THE RABBI

Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation speaks on All That You Wanted to Know and Were Afraid to Ask, at Cafe L'Europa of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 2-3 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. **Pnina Zilberman** 635-2883, ext. 144.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

NEW KOSHER COOKBOOK

Club Masada, Na'amat's An Evening with the Authors features **Thelma Barer-Stein, Esther Schwartz** and **Risa Vandersluis**, authors of a new kosher cookbook *To Life*, 7:30 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. $10. Proceeds go to Na'amat Canada Shelter and Counselling Centre, Tel Aviv. 636-5425.

And What Else Is New...

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST

Beth Sholom Sisterhood and Brotherhood breakfast, in conjunction with State of Israel Bonds, honoring **Sandra and Bernie Parl**, who will be presented with a dedication award, Sunday, Sept. 8, 9:45 a.m. Guest artist **Neshama Carlebach**. Door prize for 1996 Bond purchasers, return ticket via El Al, courtesy Shalom-K Tours. RSVP **Belle Serota** 222-5798, **Ida Lerner** 494-9599, synagogue 783-6103.

OSTROVTZER MEMORIAL

The annual gathering in memory of victims murdered by the Nazis in Ostrowiec and vicinity, Sunday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m., Lambton Cemetery, Royal York Rd. Speakers include **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, executive director, Board of Jewish Education, and **Israel Gurfinkel**. Rabbi Witty will also lead in memorial prayers. Cars leave 14 Viewmount Ave. 10 a.m. In case of rain, service at 14 Viewmount. **Al Speisman** 785-5688.

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YIDDISH READING GROUP

Members of the I.L. Peretz-Sholem Aleichem Lodge and the Miriam Fishauf Lodge of Toronto United Jewish People's Order Yiddish reading group meets 1 p.m. Thursdays, Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Lovers of Yiddish are welcome to participate and to visit the library downstairs. Get involved in the selection of materials, readers, leadership of the group, future programming. **William Katz** 633-4869.

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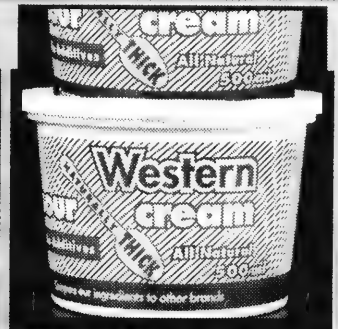

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HARBORD CLUB

Harbord Collegiate Institute's Harbord Club invites members, spouses and friends to join in a trip to Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore March 2-21. Tour presentation and video, Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:45 p.m., Sunquest Vacations, 3rd floor boardroom, 130 Merton St. For brochure/information **Jackie Kelman** 657-5006.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395.

New beginners course starts Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. Call for registration.

Sunday school for ages 3-12 consisting of Hebrew language, Jewish holidays, drama, arts and crafts, singing and dance. Register.

Morning Prayer Connection Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m., Sunday, 8 a.m.

Shabbat service, morning prayers 8:30 a.m., lecture 9:30 a.m., Zohar study 5:30 p.m., children's service 2:30 p.m.

Video class with **Rabbi Philip Berg**, dean, followed by discussion, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at the centre.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Everyone is welcome to attend Baycrest Terrace Reform Congregation High Holy Day services. Tickets $30. 782-3796.

IF YOU LIKE TO SING

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir invites new singers to join for its 71st season. Founded by immigrant factory workers, the choir has been serving the community by keeping alive the best in the Yiddish musical heritage and introducing new works on Jewish themes. Anyone with a love of music and interest in Jewish culture is welcome to attend or observe a rehearsal, Wednesday,, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. **Marilyn** 492-7110.

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STUDY CLUB

Forum 15 Study Club seeks new members for its 1996/97 season. Club offers eight lectures, four literary reviews with **Prof. Cathy Tile** and four lectures on Jewish issues with **Prof. Selma Sage**. Club meets Thursdays, once a month starting Sept. 19. **Randy** 756-0813.

THE JERRY-AT-TRICKS

Mel Lastman Variety Players present The Jerry-At-Tricks song and dance review, Thursday, Sept. 5, to Sunday, Sept. 8, Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. $10. Information/tickets, North York Seniors Centre. 733-4111. Portion of proceeds go to the centre.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Yiddish classes beginning in the fall, **Sylvia Lustgarten** 635-2883, ext. 155.

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SUMMER ART BASH

Summer Art Bash, the Bathurst Jewish Centre's members exhibition of artwork in all media by non-professional artists of all ages, is on view at Leah Posluns Theatre lobby until Sept. 8.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

North York chapter of the Older Women's Network meets one Sunday each month to share views and ideas about selected books, focusing on feminist issues of interest to older women, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. 395-5639.

For Seniors

Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services presents the Russian Dance and Music Company, artistic director, **Alexei Fateyev**, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $8 at BJC Information Booth. Proceeds to BJC Senior Adult Services. **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Thursday, Sept. 5, Peterborough, members $25, non-members $30; Monday, Sept. 9, Thornhill Square Mall, bingo with prizes, free refreshments, special discount for seniors in most stores, members $2, non-members $3; upcoming trips include Frankenmuth, Mich., Flint as well as Windsor casino; Buffalo, Atlantic City, New York; Las Vegas. Membership $12 per year. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Israel with a difference, Nov. 4-25, all inclusive. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building) **Aaron Dahari** 661-4689 or **Malka** 630-5771.

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Etrog, an Israeli cultural club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Sept. 4 program is a movie. **Anna** Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Sept. 1, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

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HUC-JIR APPOINTMENT

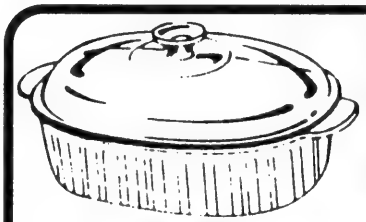
Arthur Grant has been appointed vice-president, Administration and Finance of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. After receiving his BA (1970) in Near Eastern Studies

Arthur Grant

from the University of Toronto, Grant worked at Ben Shemen Youth Village in Israel and taught at the Albert Einstein High School until 1972. Returning to Toronto, his home, he received his MA and taught Modern Hebrew in the Jewish Studies Program at U of T. Having worked for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on a part-time basis, in 1986 he became the UAHC's director of Regions and Program.

ORT GOLDEN CIRCLE

Pictured at Toronto ORT's annual Golden Circle event held at Vaughan Estates recently are (from left) Susan Gottlieb, Toronto president; Helen Friedman, Golden Circle chair; Elaine Todres, deputy minister of Correctional Services and guest speaker; Harriet Morton, past national president; and Ruth Druxerman, Golden Circle co-chair. [Graphic Artists photo]



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Quebec museum removes Hitler's portrait after protests

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A portrait of Adolf Hitler has been removed from a collection of Quebec folk art at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, following complaints from a Toronto-area doctor and others.

News of its removal was conveyed to Dr. Warren Goldstein, a Thornhill neurologist, by Arthur C. Eggleton, minister of International Trade and MP for York Centre.

"I was shocked to find a large portrait of Hitler when I visited the museum with my wife, Janice Rotman, and three children," Goldstein said. "We were having a wonderful time up to that point, particularly because there are so many hands-on things for the children."

Goldstein left a comment form at the museum's desk, objecting to the portrait, and three months later received a letter from Mauro Peressini on behalf of the museum, defending its inclusion in the exhibit.

Peressini said it was an example of genuine folk art by Ernest Gendron and was representative of how artists reflect people in the media. Gendron's body of work includes portraits of President John F. Kennedy, Charlie Chaplin, Marilyn Monroe, Olivier Guimond and René Lévesque, he wrote.

Though he did not offer to remove the portrait, Peressini wrote: "I fully agree with you that Hitler was one of the most dangerous creatures of this century." However, he said, it was not right "to sweep such horrible subjects under the carpet."

Nonplussed by this reply to his objection, on April 26 Goldstein wrote to Eggleton, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Minister for Veterans Affairs David Collenette and Minister for Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps.

A letter from Eggleton's office dated July 5 said that though the Quebec Folk Art exhibit would continue for another six to 12 months, the Hitler portrait would be removed.

Network Canada ceases operations

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a fall trip to Washington, for which Rabbi Benjie Jacoby, an observer at the meeting, promised office space at Jewish Education Program (JEP) and a budget for long-distance phone calls.

Turack said she supports the group and is there to help, but she isn't convinced that it will differ substantively from anything existing.

The CJC-run annual Council of University Presidents (CUP) conference is one example of the community addressing leadership development in small communities. However, as Young pointed out, there is no actual "CUP."

Kol Hastudentim members intend to make use of existing structures like the conference while maintaining their independence.

"I have no problem with the idea of it being student-run," said Turack, whose predecessor, Susan Jackson, was instrumental in fostering Jewish activity in small communities. As an ex-Networker, Turack differentiates Kol Hastudentim from its organizational predecessor by noting that "this group is clearly not anti-establishment."

Ali Rosenbaum and Ian Dworkin of Trent University in Peterborough said that Kol Hastudentim is necessary for communication between Jewish student groups within the province.

"This is my fifth year at Trent, and there was a real gap," said Dworkin.

The Jewish "establishment" recognizes that gap. "We're trying to respond to what the local communities are saying to us," Cohen said. He has been working for months on designing RISE (Regional Interstudent Exchange), a program to offer resources and create connectedness via computer.

"We're spending more money [on RISE and other vehicles to support students] than the money that was cut from Network — significantly more," Cohen said.

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From coast to coast

Liberals consider when to call federal election

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Parliament is coming back later this month from its summer recess for what will likely be the last session before the next federal election. Canadians are expected to go to the polls next spring at the earliest or next fall at the latest.

If it was only up to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, we'd probably be in an election campaign right now. All summer long Chretien has been pressuring the Liberal party back room boys to allow him to call a snap election this fall.

And all summer they kept telling him "Forget it Jean, the time isn't right." They remember Ontario Liberal premier David Peterson who called the provincial election nobody wanted and paid the ultimate political price for it at the polls.

Chretien's strategy in a fall election would have been to capitalize on the relatively low-profile of Bloc Quebecois leader Michel Gauthier (hoping of course that Premier Lucien Bouchard wouldn't campaign on his behalf) to win half a dozen more seats in Quebec, or failing that, let Jean Charest's federalist Tories take that many Quebec seats. Either way the idea would be to diminish the strength of the Bloc in the Commons in the run-up to the next Quebec referendum.

Couple that with whatever the Tories and New Democrats could win back in the rest of Canada, even if some of it were at the expense of the Liberals, and Chretien would consider himself in a good position for the upcoming referendum and for the next four years in Ottawa.

Few people noticed over the summer, apart from political insiders and the professional pollsters, but it became a four-way horse-race for second place in federal politics.

Four political parties: the Bloc Quebecois, the Reform party, the Conservative party and the New Democrats (NDP) are all sandwiched in between 10 and 15 percent in popularity in the polls.

Reform has been in steady decline

The Bloc with its regional base, has the least possibility for growth; Reform has been in a slow, steady decline in popularity since the last election; the Tories keep growing steadily as the party heals its wounds from the past; and the New Democrats, to everyone's surprise, sneaked up quietly from single digits to join the others during the summer.

The situation couldn't be any better for the Liberals. A distant dead-heat for second virtually assures them re-election. No wonder Chretien was so eager to go to the polls this fall.

The Liberals are far from invincible. They still haven't come in with a coherent national unity strategy in the buildup to the next Quebec referendum. Everybody in Canada knows it.

Every indication coming out of Ottawa has been that the Liberals don't have a clue what to do about Quebec, and the closest thing to a strategy they have so far is a plan to call a federal election before Bouchard can call his provincial election. That's not very much.

Suddenly this summer the Reformers came out in favor of tax reductions, just like the Republicans in the United States. These are the same Reformers who for the past three years kept repeating "no tax reductions until the deficit is brought under control."

They are still in favor of deficit reduction, only they are not in so much of a hurry anymore.

The Bloc now realizes that they will, or die at the whim of Bouchard. If he decides he doesn't need Bloc MPs in Ottawa any more, all he has to do is not campaign actively and the party will fold back into the Parti Quebecois.

The NDP is the most unexpected surprise. The new leader Alexa McDonough has hardly made a major impact, and the party is still groping to find new meaningful policies in the age of greed and globalization. Apart from the right-wing drift of the governing Liberals it is hard to explain the NDP's comeback in popularity.

The biggest political surprise of the summer has to be Charest who has definite charismatic appeal in Quebec and could carry the torch for federalism in the next referendum if only the Liberals were magnanimous (or sacred) enough to let him.

Charest's major problem is getting the rest of the country to forget that Brian Mulroney was a Conservative. That's why Charest keeps making the distinction every time he can: "The Conservative government was defeated, the Conservative party was not." Sometimes it works, sometimes it does not.

With all the jockeying for position going into the next election, it promises to be a lively, partisan and hot political fall.

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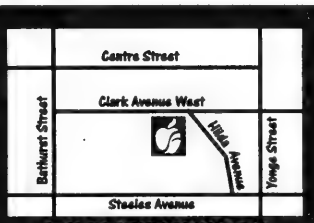

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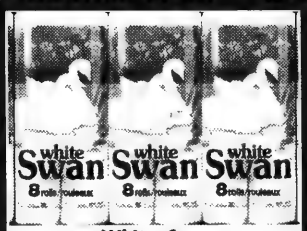

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From coast to coast

Montreal camp suing former employee

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — One of Montreal's best-known Jewish camps, Camp Massad, is suing a former employee and her now-estranged husband, after $150,000 went missing from the camp between June 1989 and March 1995, according to public court records obtained by *The CJN*.

On May 2, Superior Court Judge John Bishop upheld a motion by the lawyers for Eleanor Diner, the camp's former paid administrative secretary and one of the defendants in the case, to overturn the seizure of her Cote St. Luc home, which took place in August 1995.

A civil trial against the couple is pending, and at writing no criminal charges had been sought against either of the Diners.

The court upheld the defence motion because, it said, a prima facie case has not yet been established that Eleanor Diner either acted fraudulently, profited by the fraud, knew of it before March 1995, or that the camp's claim against her would be jeopardized without the seizure.

However, in his ruling, Bishop said that over a six-year period, Eleanor's husband Melvin, a textile salesman and "compulsive gambler," "defrauded the camp of amounts in excess of $150,000 by preparing camp cheques to pay non-existent claims," obtaining the signatures of camp officers for the cheques "on the basis of false representation," increasing the amounts on some cheques and forging payee endorsements on 27 of 74 cheques involved in the case.

According to court records, the fraud was discovered accidentally in March 1995 and the couple separated shortly afterward.

"Mr. Diner first denied and then admitted his responsibility for the fraud," Bishop writes, with the funds obtained used "for gambling losses."

"The validity of the camp's claim against Mr. Diner is not contested at this stage [before a civil trial]."

Eleanor Diner's degree of liability, if any, however, is less clear.

A teacher, she worked for the camp part time out of her home. Her duties included processing cheques and being one of the camp's signing officers.

But according to the court records, she says she entrusted her husband with several of her duties — including preparing camp cheques for signing.

Virtually all of the bogus cheques were for camp "maintenance work."

The camp is contending that Eleanor Diner should be held liable because she either did know or should have known about the fraud and because her husband, who received no salary, acted as her "agent," rather than the camp's. The latter point, in particular, could determine during a civil trial whether she is ultimately held liable for any of the money embezzled.

The court ruled that there is no prima facie basis yet established for the camp's claims against Mrs. Diner.

In his ruling, Bishop said Eleanor Diner claims that her husband kept her in the dark about his financial situation, gambling losses and fraudulent activities, and that she signed all the cheques in blind faith.

"The proof does not yet show that Mrs. Diner deliberately chose to ignore facts [as the camp alleges] about her husband which should have given her cause for concern," the court said.

"It indicates instead that she allowed him to assume full responsibility for certain camp work and, because of her trust in him, did not herself verify the circumstances surrounding the bogus cheques."

Bishop's ruling also raised serious questions about the camp's internal operations.

The camp's former auditor, David Finestone, who died in 1987, "failed to notice the large number of cheques endorsed and deposited to Mr. Diner's account, [or] the substantial increase in maintenance expenses."

Camp officials even failed to notice the names of fictitious payees and forged signatures of the camp's own officers on a few of the cheques.

Lawyers for the camp and the Diners, as well as camp president Irving Ludmer, declined to comment on the case before it is resolved.

Secular Jewish group hosting Toronto events

TORONTO — The Secular Jewish Association will now be hosting events in the downtown core, as well as continuing its regular schedule of events for the North York and Thornhill areas.

The congregation, which serves hundreds of members across Metro, is expanding its membership to include younger participants, including university students, young singles and couples without children.

The programs begin Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m., with a lecture at the University of Toronto's Wallberg building, 200 College St., Room 219. Dr. Jerald Bain will discuss Is There Only One Way To Live A Jewish Life? Suggested donation is $5, or pay what you can. More events are being planned for this year, including lectures and possibly social events.

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From coast to coast

Winnipeg group home vandalized

By MATT BELLAN
The Jewish Post & News

WINNIPEG – David Wilder had a disturbing experience when he showed up for work as a counsellor at the Chevrah Group Home last Aug. 9.

Anti-Semitic graffiti covered the front door and part of the Tyndallstone facing on the 427 Templeton Ave. residence for adolescents "in transition."

The bright red graffiti included a Star of David with a big "x" over it, two inaccurately drawn swastikas, and the words "F- yoy" below a stickman hanging from a noose.

Wilder recalled that morning that he alerted Winston Duncan, a live-in counsellor at the Jewish Child and Family Service run home who'd spent the night there. Touring the outside of the residence, they came across Duncan's Isuzu Impulse, a 1990 red hatchback in the driveway.

"He said, 'I don't have tinted windows,'" Wilder remembered. Opening a car door, they saw what looked like extensive fire damage.

Much of the interior and the entire inside roof of the car was covered with black soot. Large parts of the back seat upholstery and part of the front upholstery appeared to have melted away, exposing the foam rubber padding. And the inside windows were covered in an opaque, smoky film.

The spraypainting and attack on the car, which the staff members said happened in the early hours of that morning, were the most violent assaults with anti-Semitic overtones in recent Jewish community history.

"I felt very offended that that would happen here," Wilder said of his initial reaction. "It felt like a violation." Duncan expressed shock. "It's the kind of stuff you read about in the newspaper," he said. "But you don't see it in your car in your driveway over night."

Wilder said he couldn't "begin to speculate" about what caused the damage to Duncan's car. Someone could have "just doused it with gasoline and lit it," he mused. Or "it could have been some kind of cherry bomb."

He also noted that a Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS) van sitting in front of Duncan's car in the driveway was left untouched, and that Duncan had left one of his car windows open overnight.

"My guess is it was more an act of convenience," Wilder said of the attack on the Chevrah counselor's car.

Wilder also expressed annoyance at how long it took the police to respond to his report of the incident.

"I called the police at 8:30 a.m.," he said. It was now nearly 11 a.m. and no police had shown up. "They weren't planning on showing up," Wilder claimed. "It was going to be a report over the phone. I told them it was anti-Semitic material, and they became a bit more interested."

David Wilder stands next to anti-Semitic graffiti he discovered on front entrance to Chevrah Group Home.

Wilder contended that police arriving earlier could have scanned the area for the can used in the graffiti spraypainting, or checked Duncan's car for fingerprints.

Barney Yellen, executive director of Jewish Child and Family Service, also said he was "shocked and upset" about the spraypainting and the attack on Duncan's car.

The Chevrah Home houses older preteens and teenagers with a variety of emotional problems, and some have been in trouble with the law over the years.

"Destructive behavior is part of the lifestyle of these children," he said. But the home has been open since 1967, Yellen added; some residents have sometimes caused damage inside, but there has never been the kind of vandalism on the outside that happened Aug. 9.

Yellen declined to speculate on whether any current or recent residents might be linked to the attacks.

"Whoever did it was obviously extremely angry," he said. "The sentiments were very clear, and clearly anti-Semitic."

Sentiments clearly anti-Semitic

Whether that represents the anger of a "disturbed child" or a "hate group, I have no idea."

Yellen confirmed that all four of the current residents are non-Jewish. Asked what percentage of Jewish residents the home has over a given year, he said that varies. "Three of four were Jewish at one point in the year," he added. Overall, though, the number of Jewish residents is "less than 25 per cent."

Asked why JCFS has to administer a home for troubled adolescents when so few are Jewish, Yellen maintained it's "a very Jewish thing" to provide services to the larger community.

He added that it's important to have a Jewishly run facility for Jewish teenagers "when it's demanded."

As for security of residents and staff following the Aug. 9 incidents, Yellen acknowledged that the home has no "exterior alarm" or other devices to detect an outside prowler. He added, however, that the JCFS and Chevrah Home staff are "always as careful as we can be."

Quiet residential neighborhood

Sophie Tapper, executive director of B'nai Brith Canada's Midwest Region, showed up at the home Aug. 9 to photograph the spraypainting and the damage to Duncan's car, and file a report to her organization's Toronto headquarters.

She said later that day she considered the incidents "very serious.

This is a home where there are children."

Tapper noted that the Chevrah Home is in a "quiet residential neighborhood," but that it's not far from the Lubavitch Centre and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, which also experienced anti-Semitic vandalism in the past few years.

She acknowledged, however, that she's never seen violence like the burning of the interior of Duncan's car.

Tapper also expressed surprise that even by late morning, police hadn't shown up to document the incidents.

"I know they're busy, but a police photographer could have come down, and certainly somebody to interview the staff."

She acknowledged, however, that she didn't know what police "priorities" are, and whether police arriving a few hours earlier would have made much difference.

Members of the Winnipeg police force's Hate Crimes Unit were off duty last weekend, and couldn't be reached for comment.

Sargeant Harry Bakema of Police District #13 on Hartford Avenue, said in the late afternoon on Aug. 9 that police would look into the incidents "immediately," and try and determine who might be responsible. He also declined to speculate on who might have been responsible, saying the report would be passed on to the police Hate Crimes Unit, and they will "draw conclusions."

Asked why police didn't show up until 12:21 p.m. to investigate the incidents, which Chevra Home worker David Wilder said he reported to them nearly four hours earlier, Bakema said that in early morning, the police have a "huge backlog" of cases.

He disputed Wilder's claim that the staff sargeant on duty initially wanted to only take a report over the phone.

"They would want someone to look at the damage, especially if there was damage to a car," Bakema contended.

He said police woudn't take the spraypainting and the attack on a staff member's car lightly. "We'll be looking into it immediately to find out what the situation has been, and who might be responsible."

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Wrestlers show mettle — but win no medals

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Two Montreal Jewish wrestlers may have come home from the Olympic Games in Atlanta without any medals, but it was not for lack of showing mettle.

Maccabiah and previous Olympic veteran Andy Borodow, a super-heavyweight (130-kilogram) contender who finished 16th overall, said the results had a lot to do with the luck — or the bad luck — of the random draw.

Borodow, 26, had to face American team flag-bearer Bruce Baumgartner in his first freestyle match. And Baumgartner, a true legend, was maybe the toughest opponent in the field.

Borodow did very well in his second match, beating a Kirghizstanian opponent 5-3, but was ousted from medal contention and from further competition in a tight, third round 1-0 loss to a Greek wrestler from the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

Oleg Ladik, a top heavyweight Russian import competing at his first Olympics, did better, finishing eighth overall, and got a better draw, winning his first match against an Albanian opponent.

Ladik, 25, lost his second match to a Pole — this year's European champion — but won his third round by default when a top Russian freestyler forfeited. He then lost his next two matches to Ukrainian competitors.

Their overall results, said their coach from the Montreal Wrestling Club, Victor Zilberman, was indeed influenced by the draw, as well as by an overall higher calibre of performance from other countries benefitting from the break-up of the Soviet bloc.

Many of the former U.S.S.R.'s top coaches and wrestlers have lent their expertise to a new generation of wrestlers in other countries.

Still, Zilberman, who guided a non-Jewish Canadian wrestler, Guivi Sissaouri, to a silver medal, says the draw isn't everything.

"Whatever the draw, you still have to win," he said.

Zilberman thinks Borodow and Ladik did the best they could, but sometimes that's just not enough.

The Olympics are the Olympics and they can produce nervousness and a "flat" performance, something he said he saw in Ladik at the Atlanta Games.

Despite his very respectable showing, Ladik said he hopes to do better four years from now in Australia.

"It was a tough draw in a tough weight class [100-kg], with over 20 wrestlers," he said.

"I'm disappointed, but I just have to take the time to improve some technical matters."

Borodow, too, plans to be in Sydney.

He thinks he also could have finished among the top eight, had he gotten a better draw and beaten his Greek opponent, whom he said should have been penalized for evasive moves that may have been illegal.

"My draw was the worst case you could have had," Borodow said. But it's all part of the game."

Borodow has also been trying to deal with some painful bone spurs in his right ankle, although he said they did not bother him in Atlanta and did not hurt his performance.

Ironically, Zilberman said that the way the Olympic matches are structured, the odds of finishing among the top 10 are higher with a first-round loss.

Once a first round is lost, the best hope is for a bronze medal, but even that would require winning the next five matches.

Maccabi recruiting master athletes

TORONTO — If you're an athlete who's slightly past his or her prime but still loves the adrenalin rush of competition, there's no need to fret.

Next summer's 15th Maccabiah Games, which run from July 14 to 24 in Israel, offers "master sports competition" in a variety of disciplines.

Athletes with a little bit of seasoning can compete in golf, squash, swimming, tennis, track and field, triathlon, basketball and soccer.

The master events run parallel to the open and junior competitions. There's also a round of events for physically challenged athletes at the quadrennial games, held the year after the Olympics.

Masters athletes are defined by age and, judging by the costs involved, the depths of their pocketbooks.

The youngest age category for master athletes begins at 35 for squash, tennis and soccer, while 40-year-olds are the youngsters in events like basketball, track and field and swimming.

Master competition is self-funded by the athletes and costs run around $5,000 per athlete. Unlike previous years, the Maccabi organization will not subsidize master athletes.

Canada expects to send at least 25 master athletes to the games and their families are encouraged to come along to share in the unique experience of participating in an event that brings together Jews from around the world.

An estimated 5,600 athletes from more than 50 countries, including 250 from Canada, are expected to participate in next summer's games.

Victor Salem, Maccabi Canada's national masters chair, said "other countries have seen that master athletes come back as valuable ambassadors-at-large for their Maccabi organizations."

"In several other countries, it has helped to bring people into their organizations, developing new leadership and enabling other people to go," added Roy Salomon, president of Maccabi Canada.

For more information, contact Salem at 514-334-7533 or 514-482-4216.

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Maccabi Ontario's regional tryouts in mini-football, a.k.a. indoor soccer, will be held on three days in early September.

The first tryouts begin on Friday Sept. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (at Bloor and Spadina).

Day two of tryouts is set for Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. and then again from 6 to 8 p.m., again at the Bloor JCC.

A third day of tryouts is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 8 with the time and location yet to be announced.

For more information, contact the team's assistant coach, David Rumack, at 416-424-2525 or the team's head coach in Montreal, Joe Amar, at 514-956-6000 or at 514-684-5017. Amar can also be reached by fax at 514-956-6001.

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Happy first birthday to Joshua Carlos Mechali. Proud parents are Laura & Joey. Thrilled grandparents are Rose & Albert Mechali and Brenda & Marvin Panofsky.

Happy fourth birthday to Samantha Lindsay Robyn Zurin on Aug. 6 from proud mother Merle Zurin and grandparents Trudi & Arnold Zurin and family.

Announcing the newest member of our *mishpocha* Juliet Victoria, born May 15, daughter of John & Zehava Rohlmann. Very proud are grandparents Nathan & Anna Jacobs and Uncle Jon.

Happy first birthday on Sept. 13 to Samantha Eden Spiegelman, daughter of Felicia & Warren. Grandparents are Fay & Cy Spiegelman and Connie & Bernard Fox. Great-grandparents are Rose & Morris Gula and Mary Spiegelman.

A happy, healthy 90th birthday to Mollie Lewis on Aug. 19 from children Bunnie & Ed, grandchildren Jason, Margarida, Debbie, Norm, Bobby and Michelle, and great-grandchildren Adina and Rebecca.

Robyn Feldberg recently graduated from the University of Western Ontario's business school. Love from parents Phil & Rochelle; siblings Jeff & Waleuska, Adam & "Buffy;" and grandparents Eva Feldberg, Dorothy & Reuben Farberman.

Happy 90th birthday to Zipora Epstein on July 31 from daughter Rachel Sova and grandchildren Dorit & Allen Ansel, and great-grandchildren Ashley & Aryeh.

Happy 85th birthday to Sam Rich on Sept. 24 from his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Tziona, daughter of Rena Zayit, and David, son of Rabbi Robert & Helene Fine on their recent wedding. Proud grandparents are Dorthy & Irving Fine and Marge & Ben Mintz.

Max & Ray Glick celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 4. Mazel tov from children Frances & George Kaplan, Rochele & Calvin Sager and Sandra Matteson. Adding joy to this day were their seven grandchildren and five great-grandsons.

Mazel tov to our parents and grandparents Max & Belle Birken on their 50th wedding anniversary. With love from your children and grandchildren.

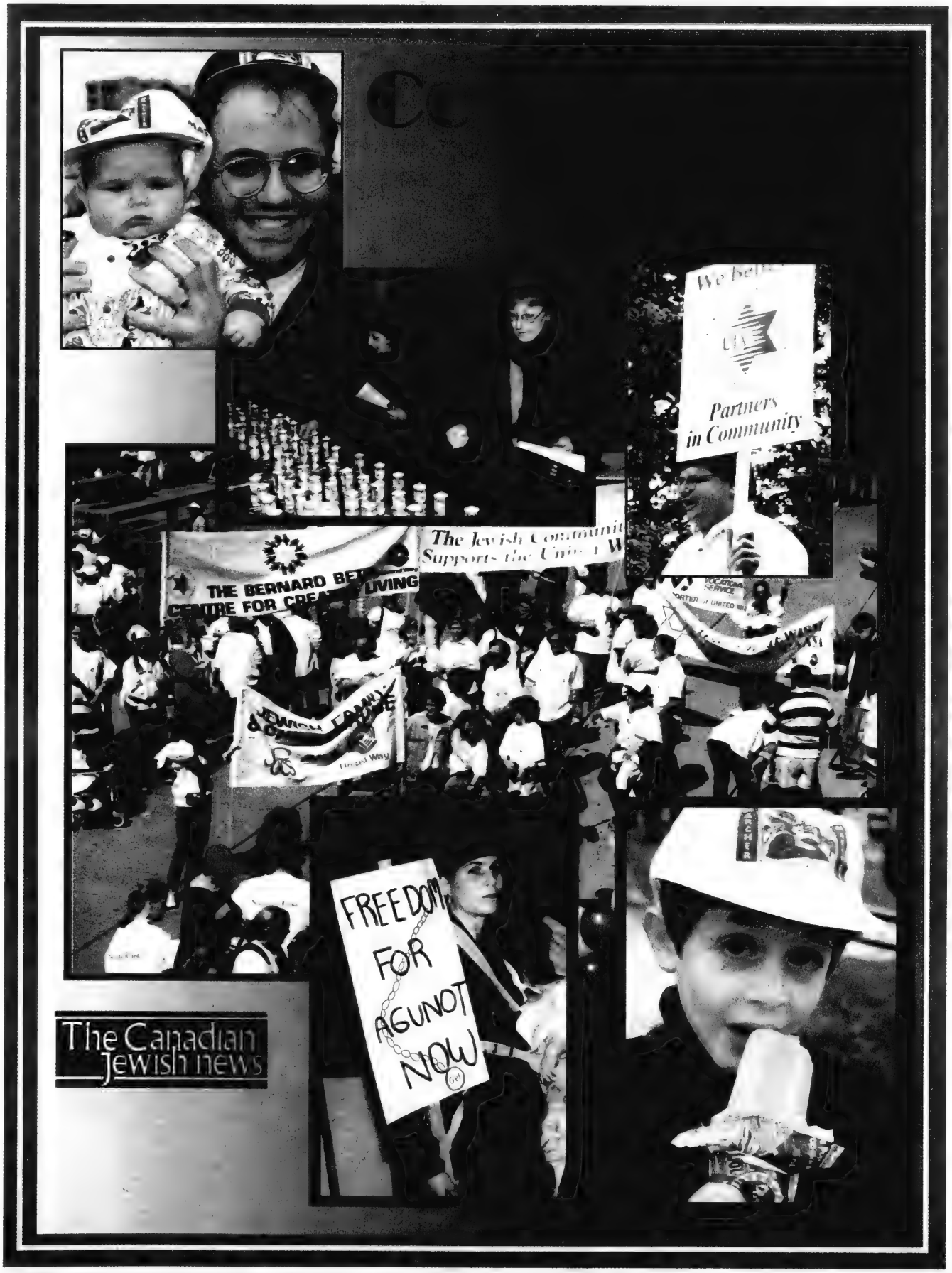
Happy 50th anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Max Salzman from Abe, Harriet, Samantha, Tanya, Miriam, Annette and the *gantza mishpocha*.

David & Rachel Leff will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25. Congratulations from Doreen and children, and special hugs from great-grandchildren Alexandra, Britney, Kira, Sierra and Dominique.

Ruth & Hy Goldberg of Windsor recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Love from their children and grandchildren.

Claude Stark, son of the late Milton & Isabel Stark, shown with sister Judie, recently celebrated his 50th birthday with many friends and relatives from Toronto and the United States.

Sam & Rosa Weisberg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21. With love, admiration and best wishes for many more healthy, happy years from family and friends.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On the most superficial level, we cluster with other Jews so that we can have the Jewish stores, synagogues institutions and schools that we need in order to live a fully Jewish life. It is no accident that as Jews have moved from Kensington, to Bathurst Street, and now north to Thornhill, those amenities have moved along with us.

But there is a more gut-wrenching reason to maintain a Jewish community. Simply put, we don't only need Jewish "things," we need other Jews.

Editorial

In earlier times and in other lands, it was for comfort in times of illness, grinding poverty or pogroms. How inexpressibly lonely, how much more terrifying it would have been to face these hardships without others who understood. After all, they had gone through it all too.

Jews in Canada, especially in places like the Greater Toronto Area, tend to have the same problems as the general population: dealing with government cutbacks in social services, an aging population, a sense of an alienated and sometimes flundering youth.

Yet who will forget that night in November when thousands of us made our way to a North York hall to memorialize an assassinated Israeli prime minister. We were not then divided into religious and non-religious, wealthy and poor, men and women, young and old. We were one family, huddling together for warmth, and some sense that hope was not lost.

At happy times, too, we seek each other out — for a new baby, a wedding, a bar or bat mitzvah, a new house. These celebrations, we feel, are not our families' alone, but are made sweeter by sharing them with others.

It is during the ordinary, routine days that we forget how much we need each other and the Jewish community as a whole. We forget that the community cannot exist except as a union of each one of us, and that we have a responsibility to that union. This supplement, as always, celebrates those who live up to that responsibility. *Yeshar koach.*

Toronto's really a diverse place

By SIDURA LUDWIG
CJN Staff

I was on the bus a few weeks ago with my 7-year-old sister, when she was in Toronto to visit. An East Indian couple got on and stood in front of us, speaking their own language.

My sister turned to me and said, "There's something I've noticed about Toronto."

"What's that?"

"Everyone speaks a different language."

I explained that no, not everyone, but that many people come here from different countries.

"Oh," she said. "Then I guess this is a place that really brings people together."

When I first moved here two years ago from Winnipeg, I felt the same way about Toronto. I wanted to live in a place full of diversity and choice. And not just in the general community, but in the Jewish community especially. I believed that a city the size of Toronto would have something for every Jew and that I could find my place here.

Now that I'm settled, I've discovered that diversity isn't al ways desirable and choice can be limiting.

I'll say what I do love. I love going into a restaurant and knowing I can order anything on the menu. I love having a selection of kosher restaurants to choose from, including one on my own university's (York University) campus. I love going into a major supermarket and having aisles of kosher food, never feeling limited.

I also love the abundance of Jewish activities going on at any given time. Whether a Klezmer festival, a Purim *seudah*, a Jewish book fair, a feminist seder – in almost any month, there are a number of programs to participate in. Nobody can deny that Toronto is a Jewish friendly city.

But the downside I have found with all this choice, is the lack of communal *mishpachah*.

I'm very involved with the Jewish Students' Federation (JSF) at York. Because of my involvement, I have often listened to complaints about the way the organization serves the Jewish student population. The two most common complaints I've encountered are: The JSF is too religious; and the JSF is not religious enough.

There doesn't seem to be a common ground here for all Jews. With the greatness of this city, the large Jewish population becomes so overwhelming that it breaks off into smaller communities. So we get active Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and other branches; but when we try and develop an organization to cater to us all, we find ourselves stretching beyond our limits.

I would never say that a smaller community can offer choice for all Jews. In my experience, a smaller community is mainly made up of one branch of Judaism. But the result is a togetherness, a communal strength that is not found with a larger population. The people in the smaller communities share common concerns, values and visions.

In our larger community, each sub-community has its concerns, values and visions, but as a whole, they often seem to conflict.

I have been asked many times whether I see myself living in Toronto after I graduate. And while I've lately been answering that I miss my family and would like to go home, I am at a toss up. If I go home, I'll be giving up my choice. I'll be giving up the enjoyment I get from walking in the Bathurst/Clark area Shabbat evening and hardly seeing any cars. I'll be giving up the opportunity to learn more about Judaism by having friends who have different ways of practising religious observance.

But there's little that can rival working in my neighborhood bookstore and knowing that every day someone I know will walk in. There's little that can rival the pride that comes with sharing in a community member's accomplishment, with the added nachas of knowing him or her.

I agree with my sister. This is a place that brings people together. But that feeling of togetherness is limited.

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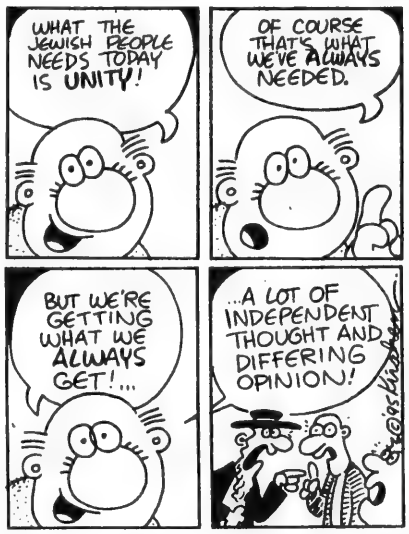
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Jewish facilities expand to meet growing needs

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

As the Jewish community in and around the Toronto area continues to grow in size, numerous facilities are expanding and new ones are being organized to meet the religious and spiritual needs of the community.

The diversity of the Jewish community is reflected in the numerous synagogues, temples, educational facilities, religious groups and organizations that serve the needs of the many segments of Judaism, from the acculturated to the most pious, as well as humanist, egalitarian, secularist, reconstructionist, gays and lesbians, and others with special needs.

A walk on Bathurst Street presents a panorama of cultural and religious variations. Religious facilities are moving northward and a new vibrancy has become evident in the revitalized downtown core. There are well over 100 synagogues and temples in the Greater Toronto Area.

To accommodate the needs in the community, there are a growing number of Hebrew educational facilities, organized kashrut supervision, social service agencies, mikvot, burial and cemeteries and facilities for the elderly.

Lifestyle changes have brought with them newly developed programs and practices which have been undertaken by synagogues, temples and social agencies. And new and exciting groups have been formed to meet the needs of Jews who have settled in Toronto from around the world — Sephardi, Russian, Hungarian, Indian and Iraqi.

Jewish Information Service (JIS) collects and dispenses information about Jewish services, programs, synagogues and temples, cultural/social/singles groups and activities, accommodation, holidays and festivals, camps and much more.

Recently, JIS circulated a list with a roster of synagogues and temples in the area which have extra seating for the High Holy Days.

Along with services at synagogues and temples, some of the locations where services will be held include, the Hebrew schools, public schools, community centres, Earl Bales Park, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, National Council of Jewish Women, Garnet A. Williams Centre, Bloor JCC, Leah Posluns Theatre and even at a Shriners temple.

There will be signed services for the deaf at the North York Community Hall, student services will be held by the Jewish Student Federation at York University and services will be conducted at the Ontario Institute for Studies and Education.

The policy of the Reform temples is that friends of family or relatives from out of town may acquire tickets. All Reform congregations in North America have reciprocal arrangements whereby members from an out of town temple may attend services free at a temple in another city. A letter is required from the home congregation.

Services in many synagogues and temples are for members only. There is an extensive list of congregations with available accommodation for a fee of $25 to $115 for an adult ticket and special rates for students and children. There are also synagogues that provide subsidies.

JIS lists several Orthodox services that have seats available at no charge — Knesseth Israel, off Runnymede, one block north of Dundas, Minyan Avreichim (The Boat Shul) on Bathurst Street, Ner Israel Yeshiva on Bathurst Street, and Koil Yankov Anshe Emes on Brunswick Avenue (that notes that donations are optional).

The major rabbinic organizations in the area are the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto, the Vaad Harabonim (Orthodox Rabbinical Council), which is a body of Orthodox rabbis throughout Ontario, excluding Ottawa, the Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region (Conservative rabbis), the Union of Traditional Conservative Judaism — a coalition of Conservative "right-wing" rabbis and the Toronto Board of Rabbis.

According to the statistics recently released by JIS, more than a dozen synagogues and temples have increased their membership over the past year. The First Narayever Synagogue on Brunswick Avenue, an egalitarian traditional congregation, had the greatest increase in membership.

Some new listings of religious services includes, Aish Hatorah Learning Centre, Dan Family Learning Centre on Clark Avenue in Thornhill, the Associated Hebrew Day School Synagogue on Atkinson Avenue in Thornhill, Hachal Yisroel (Sephardi) on Bathurst Street, Khal Toras Chesed on Lawrence Avenue, Shivter Yisroel on Finch Avenue West, Tifereth Yaakov Congregation on Bathurst Street, and the Uptown Shul on Bathurst Street. These are all Orthodox congregations or minyanim.

There are more than 10 mikvot (ritual baths) located throughout the city. The newest listing is Kollel Avreichim Mikvah on Coldstream Avenue. The mikvah is used by Jews who follow the laws of *taharat hamishpachah* (family purity). Immersion in a mikvah is also part of the conversion process.

The Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth — COR — the Kashruth Council of Toronto which supervises synagogues, thousands of retail and commercial products, kashrut services, hotels and catering establishments also provides an educational program, a cooking school and a kosher information service which is open to the entire community.

Brit milah (ritual circumcision) is performed by 13 mohelim.

Cemeteries are spread throughout the area and there are four facilities where you can make funeral arrangements: Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, Hebrew Basic Burial, Simple Alternative and Steeles-College Memorial Chapel.

For those who spend time away from the city, seasonal religious services are held in Muskoka, Orillia, two locations in Wasaga Beach, two in the Belle Ewart-Tent City area, in Jackson Point, as well as Barrie, Ajax, Bramalea, Newmarket, Oakville, Mississauga and other smaller communities.

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Lipa Green's a hub for Jewish services

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Browse through the directory of the Lipa Green Building on Bathurst just north of Sheppard and you get a quick overview of Toronto's Jewish community. As the home to many Jewish communal agencies, a major part of what happens in the community happens right there.

How would the Jewish community function without the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the central agency for Toronto's Jewish communal life? Among its functions, the federation allocates funds raised by United Jewish Appeal in Toronto to such agencies as Jewish Family & Child Service Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and Jewish Information Service, many of whom have offices in the Lipa Green Building. As well, the federation identifies needs for social, cultural and education services in Toronto and surrounding areas.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, was established in 1934 in order to address the concerns of central Canadian Jews. The agency operates through various committees including the Israel affairs committee that serves as a vehicle for education, information and advocacy as well as community mobilization on matters concerning Israel and Israel affairs. Other committees include education and culture and joint community relations.

The Ontario Jewish Archives, a joint department of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, is responsible for collecting and preserving documents reflecting Jewish history in the province. Its holdings include minutes and other records of Jewish organizations, personal papers, newspapers, photographs and some artifacts.

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The Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library is a treasure trove of books, magazines, periodicals and reference material on all aspects of Jewish life, in English, Yiddish and Hebrew. Included in the library is a large children's section, all standard resource books and a number of rare volumes.

The Board of Jewish Education is the central agency for Jewish education, serving day schools and supplementary schools in the Toronto area. It maintains a media centre, teacher creativity centre, and an information bank related to Jewish education. Its services include recruitment and placement of qualified teachers, consultation and school visits and administration of the Toronto Jewish Teachers' Seminary. It also oversees the distribution of federation funds to schools to support needy students.

The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre is committed to the advancement of public awareness of the Holocaust. It offers visitors a view of Jewish life in pre-Nazi Europe and a slide persentation. In the Hall of Memories, the names of Holocaust victims are inscribed in ceramic tiles lining the walls.

Toronto Jews know there is somewhere to turn in time of need. For financial aid, they may be eligible for a small interest-free loan from Toronto Jewish Free Loan Casa G'milath Chasodim Association that has assisted the Jewish community since 1924. Loans may be provided for personal, education and business needs.

Jewish Family & Child Service offers a broad range of services to meet the social and emotional needs of the Jewish community. Its services include individual, marital and family counselling, financial assistance, family violence services, group therapy and information and referral services.

Jewish immigrants to Toronto can turn to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. Dedicated to helping immigrant Jews, it does such things as facilitate their entry into the country, assisting sponsors and providing consultation and counselling.

Don't know where to turn for information? Call Jewish Information Service, which is largely staffed by volunteers in order to provide information to the public in such areas as social services, synagogues, accommodation, Jewish holidays and community information for newcomers. It offers a daily telephone service and publishes various community directories.

Since 1901, the Jewish National Fund has been involved in reclaiming the land of Israel through afforestation, building reservoirs and dams, new housing for immigrants and soil and water research. Part of its funds are raised through its blue boxes and planting of trees, both well-known to the community.

United Israel Appeal of Canada, manages funds going to Israel and ensures that Israel receives its optimum share of funds raised in Canadian community campaigns.

Food plays an important part in the life of all Jews and the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashrut was established in order to provide supervision of food suppliers, including bakeries, butchers, caterers, restaurants and hotels. It publishes an updated directory of products and establishments it endorses.

Where do all these agencies turn when there is a meeting or function and they want to serve food? To the Lipa Green Building kosher kitchen, of course, which provides, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks or anything in between.

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Israelis find a home at BJC

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

"We used to feel like orphans but not anymore," said Shula Jacobi, one of 30,000 Israelis living in Toronto.

"We feel that community attitudes have changed towards us and that opening an Israeli Community Centre (638-2677) in the Bathurst Jewish Centre is a form of approval which makes us feel good," said Jacobi, the Israeli Centre's interim treasurer.

She was reflecting the "two solitudes" division in Toronto, with Israelis on one side, and the rest of the community on the other. Though Israelis have a high profile in business and the arts in Toronto, their participation in organized community events is less visible, which the new centre hopes to repair.

As David Gerichter, the centre's interim chair puts it, many Israelis have an "internal conflict" about whether to stay in Canada or go back to Israel. For those Israelis who have decided to stay in Canada, it makes sense to bring them closer to the mature, organized Jewish community, he said.

But the centre is not interested in attracting other Israelis to emigrate, he added. "We are in no way a growth industry."

Toronto's Israeli community is the fourth largest in North America, placing behind Los Angeles (150,000 to 200,000), New York (100,000) and Miami (70,000). Forty percent of Toronto Israelis have a university background and are employed in management and administrative fields. Many Israelis have their own business in construction, small manufacturing, real estate and financial services.

At the new Israeli Centre, 12 volunteers, who speak Hebrew and other languages, will take calls each morning, Monday to Friday, to answer queries from Israelis about the services and facilities available in the Jewish community and in the city at large.

For example, one woman called wanting to know whether her family could live six months in Canada and six months in Israel and still collect a Canadian pension. She was referred to the Aliyah office in Toronto. Another wanted directions on how to apply to move back to Israel from Canada.

Another 30 volunteers, doctors, lawyers, psychologists, trades people and members of the senior citizen clubs Etrog and Aluma among them, all Hebrew speaking, are available. Their free advice can be obtained through the telephone corps members like Dafna Schondorf, Tami Savion and Shula Levin.

Jacobi is high in her praise of Sandra Brown, Marty Goldberg, Alan Reitzer and Meir Klein of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto for paving the way for the new Centre office.

Among events scheduled for the next few months are a fashion show by high school students, a canoe trip and picnic on Labor Day weekend, participation in Holocaust Education Week in November and a Chanukah party.

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Seen in this photo is the Association's leadership. (Left to right) Shula Jacobi, David Gerichter, Jacob Erez, Meir Klein, Nava Viner, Leah Zelver, Miriam Pinhas.

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SAJAC helps South Africans to establish in community

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When Colin Baskind, a South African-born businessman, emigrated to Canada with his family eight years ago, members of the Toronto South African Jewish community helped him get established in Canada. Baskind said he vowed to do the same for other immigrants.

Networking with other South African Jews — they gave him the names of contacts — enabled him to land a job relatively quickly, he said. One of his contacts, an Egyptian Jewish business executive, was extremely helpful, Baskind recalled.

"He didn't know me, but he gave up a lot of time and started making calls on the spot. He knew what it was like to be a Jewish immigrant."

Baskind, who now heads his own linen rental business, helps other immigrants through his volunteer work with the South African Jewish Association of Canada (SAJAC), where he has served as president for eight years. He is also on the board of Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS).

The main function of SAJAC is to help new South African Jewish immigrants adapt to Canada by locating accommodation and providing them with a networking system for finding work, he explained.

With the change in the economy jobs are harder to find, but he still gets calls from SAJAC members looking for people with specialized skills, he said.

Younger people find work faster than middle-aged people who are sponsored by their children, he said. "People 50 and over seldom do the work they are able to do."

SAJAC has 8,000 members, roughly one-third of the South African Jews living in Toronto, Baskind said. The association puts out a magazine three times a year which provides information for new immigrants, job information and job listings.

The paid advertising covers the printing and mailing costs, and it also funds a bursary for university students.

There is a separate seniors group called SAJAC (Seniors) with 300 members. They meet monthly — usually every third Sunday afternoon — at the Banbury Community Centre in the York Mills and Leslie area. Association chair Leonard Rubenstein and his wife Nancy, residents in Canada for 35 years, founded the senior's group 18 years ago. They felt their needs were different than the younger group of South Africans, Rubenstein said.

The meetings sometimes consist of lectures, but there are also organized day trips to such places as Stratford, St. Jacobs, Orillia and Woodbine Race Track. Their "big bash" is at Chanukah time Rubenstein said.

SAJAC seniors take new people under their wings, he said. "We make them feel at home and introduce them around." Although coming to Canada was an adjustment, Rubenstein is thankful to be living in Canada, he said. "It's a great country. People don't appreciate it."

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Volunteers: the lifeblood of service organizations

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Service organizations could not exist without a core of dedicated volunteers always there to lend a hand where needed. Despite the high number of volunteers in the community, there is always a need for more. A sampling of the organizations seeking volunteers include:

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, (225-2112) a centre for seniors that offers recreational, education, fitness and general interest courses to persons over age 55. As well, the centre provides health clinics, nutrition and family counselling, hot kosher lunches for a small fee, and Russian and Hebrew speaking clubs. Volunteers are always welcome at Bernard Betel, especially friendly visitors — warm, caring people with a sense of humor, willing to spend at least one hour per week visiting isolated, homebound seniors.

Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), (638-7800) a multifunctional agency providing counselling and support services to all age groups is in urgent need of men over age 19 to build a special, big brother relationship with boys between the ages of six to 16. A minimum commitment is three to five hours a week for one year and orientation and training is provided. Presently, about 20 boys are waiting for big brothers.

JF&CS also seeks tutors in all subjects for some of the children of agency clients, and seeks chaplaincy visitors to visit the Jewish residents of hospitals, rehabilitation centres and nursing homes.

Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, (488-7649) raises funds to maintain and equip Israel's four Beit Halochem centres that provide rehabilitation services for the thousands of Israeli men and women who became disabled while serving the country. Annually, a group of disabled veterans is sponsored on a two-week vacation to Toronto. The agency's Toronto office always needs volunteers to assist in clerical work such as filing and mailing.

Reena, a social service agency that supports adults with developmental disabilities (787-9554), is getting set to open the new Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre in the City of Vaughan. The 45,000-square-foot centre will feature such things as a wellness centre, gymnasium, creative arts workshop, computer centre, greenhouse and library. The centre will provide respite care and relief for those who care for their family members at home.

Volunteer opportunities, for those willing to donate a few hours a week, are plentiful. They include PAL-unteers to work one-on-one with someone with a developmental handicap, home visitors, administrative volunteers or lifeskill trainers. Public speakers serve on the speakers bureau to help educate the public, escorts take clients to classes or events and help the class instructor, family friends invite a client who may not have a family to their home and informed parents can be mentors to new parents in need of guidance.

ORT, the Organization for Educational Research and Technological Training (Toronto ORT 787-0297), operates a worldwide, non-governmental network of more than 800 vocational schools throughout the world, including about 140 in Israel. The organization is in the midst of fundraising for its new creative technology centre, a joint project between ORT and the North York Board of Education. ORT vounteers, interested in technology, education and the training of young people, can get involved at any level, from jobs that require no skills at all, to those that need people with refined skills such as marketing and writing.

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (785-2500) also seeks volunteers in all capacities from people to work with seniors in the areas of creative arts, music therapy or exercise classes to those who can lead discussion groups in English, Russian, Hebrew or Yiddish, do clerical work or assist in fundraising. All new volunteers take an orientation program.

A volunteer program at Baycrest for teens ages 13 to 17 gives youth the opportunity to work in the same areas as adult volunteers.

The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation (781-3584) represents Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. Volunteers are always welcome in the areas of office work, fundraising or to join the new leadership division.

Don't forget the many opportunities for helping others in other formal organizations, such as B'nai Brith, Hadassah, Mizrachi, Emunah, Na'amat, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women International, Mount Sinai Hospital, schools and the many Israeli-based organizations and universities.

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By SIDURA LUDWIG
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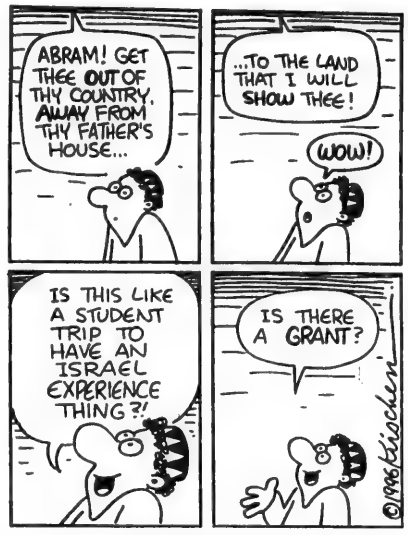
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And of course, you're supposed to be a grown up now, know where your life is headed and exactly what profession you're going to practise to earn your millions. Meanwhile, you're not even sure what book you were supposed to read for that lecture two weeks ago.

Thankfully, the community has a number of stress-escape routes, both on and off campus for students.

Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto (JCS) is the umbrella group for the Jewish student organizations on four Toronto campuses – University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson Polytechnic University and Seneca College.

"We're like a clearing house for referrals to other organizations," said Zac Kaye, director of JCS. "We want to provide a variety of services for students on campus."

JCS aims to provide programs that will strengthen Jewish identity, pride and continuity. Programs include sports and leisure activities, text study groups, Shabbat dinners and city-wide dances.

"We're planning a home food kosher service for the U of T campus," Kaye said. The service would provide kosher food at a central location on campus for both commuter and residence students.

(York University has a kosher delicatessen, L'Echaim, which provides both kosher groceries and meals to residence and commuter students.)

Monthly Shabbat dinners offered through JCS affiliates have attracted close to 40 students at a time from a wide range of religious observance.

JCS is planning to publish a brochure for High Holy Day services. The brochure will outline the various services available and list which services students can access for minimal or no cost.

JCS also recognizes the growing desire among students to gain practical work experience while in university. In the coming year a career development series will offer internship and mentorship opportunities in a variety of fields for students interested in work/study.

Israel programming also remains popular with students. Along with the annual Israel days held on the various campuses, JCS is developing summer programming in Israel.

Kefiada is a summer volunteer experience for students wishing to teach English in a camp setting. This summer JCS sent 20 university students. Another volunteer program the service is promoting is Partnership 2000. Students are sent on volunteer missions to Eilat, Toronto's sister city.

Kaye stressed that there are many extra curricular sports and social activities available on the campuses. A city-wide dance is planned for the Thanksgiving long weekend. And students are encouraged to get involved with Jewish student councils and activities planned on the separate campuses.

Outside of JCS, the broader Toronto Jewish community offers some services for students.

The Bloor Jewish Community Centre (Bloor JCC) has extensive workout facilities, including a pool, aerobics classes of all levels, free weights, an exercise room and a sloped track. There are also racquetball, hand ball and squash courts, with no court fee.

Jeff Perlmutter of the Bloor JCC said there is a reduced rate for students age 18 to 25, as well as for full-time students over 26. There is also an eight-month membership available from September to May for those students only in Toronto for the university term.

The Jewish Women's Federation is offering a home hospitality program for students needing Shabbat accomodations. Lisa Morrison, the director of the federation, said students can be paired up with families for Shabbat meals and/or Passover seders. Students in need of this service should contact the Jewish student's office on their campus.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Bernard Betel Centre serves vital role for seniors

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is such a vibrant place it should be a role model for other seniors centres, says Hal Jackman, Ontario's lieutenant-governor.

He spoke to 300 people at the centre's recent open house that drew an estimated 1,000 people throughout the day.

There were many new faces and new members signed up, executive director Esta Wall said in an interview. "It was really a very exciting day."

The Bernard Betel Centre is a cultural, educational, recreational and social gathering place for Jewish seniors, which offers more than 80 programs annually, ranging from tai chi to Yiddish literature. But it is also a multi-service centre providing a number of health and social support services.

The centre began in 1965 as a weekly half-day program with a handful of participants. In 1982, the centre moved to its present location at Bathurst and Steeles.

Today, the centre boasts 1,200 members with a total of 3,000 people on an annual basis making use of the centre's multiple services which include La'Briyut, the Health Centre; and kosher hot lunches and counselling.

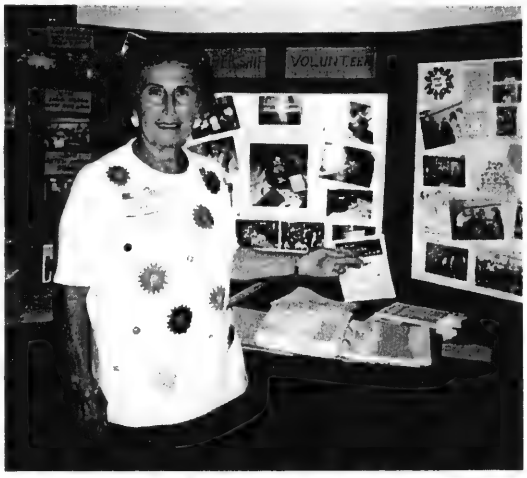
The average age of members is 77, 99 percent of whom are Jewish. About 65 percent are single, divorced or widowed women. The centre also serves a large Russian population.

The centre is staffed by 25 full and part-time workers. But there is also a large contingent of teachers hired by the centre and the North York Board of Education for specialty courses like yoga, computer studies, soap stone carving, tai chi and doll making.

It is the only seniors centre in Ontario with a health centre on the premises, Wall said. La'Briyut offers a number of programs which include blood pressure screening; chiropody and low vision clinics; nutritional counselling and weight training; support groups for osteoporosis, low vision and arthritis; lectures in alternative medicine and preventative health care and monthly healthy cooking courses. These services, available to all seniors in the community, are provided by health professionals.

The Bernard Betel Centre also organizes day trips to places like Stratford and Buffalo as well as longer trips to Florida and the Catskills. The on-site synagogue holds Shabbat and High Holy Day services which are open to the community.

The Home Support Program runs the Diners Club, which caters to a frailer population. Members participate in a morning program, eat together in a special small dining room and then go to the auditorium for the weekly concerts by local Jewish entertainers, attended by some 300 people a week.



Evelyn Rabkin, chair of volunteer committee, Bernard Betel Centre.

The Diners Club members — some are accompanied by private attendants or escorts — have the opportunity to socialize in the more intimate atmosphere of the small dining room, Wall said.

"Some of these people are quite isolated. This is a good way to get assimilated into the larger group."

She said socially isolated people need to get out as often as possible, and so the centre will be trying to extend the Diners Club to Fridays so that this group will have the opportunity to participate in oneg Shabbats.

Another home support program matches isolated seniors to volunteers who visit and/or take them on outings. The centre also provides a Meals on Wheels program delivering kosher meals to seniors living on their own, or in Jewish residences and nursing homes.

The centre gets 43 percent of its funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health, 13 percent from United Way, nine percent from Metro Community Services, eight percent from the federation. A small percentage of funds is generated by the annual $40 fee paid by centre members.

Given the general cuts in government funding for social service agencies, Wall said she is worried about how the cutbacks will impact on the centre.

"They're looking to agencies like ours for relief. It's hard to explain that we're being hit as well." She said the centre is gearing up to launch a fundraising drive

According to Wall, the Bernard Betel Centre fills a vital role for seniors. "As they age they need to maintain a sense of purpose, a sense of self-worth."

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JIS has all the answers

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Toronto Jewish community and were afraid to ask is just one phone call away (635-5600). That's the number of Jewish Information Service.

The agency provides information services to the community from giving out the numbers of Jewish organizations in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) to answering simple questions about Jewish rituals.

Some 5,000 listings accumulated by the service are on computer and can also be accessed through the Internet at the federation Web site at [http://www.feduja.org]. The agency also compiles service directories that can be purchased at a nominal price, Verbin says.

20,000 calls a year

Situated in the Lipa Green Building on Bathurst Street, Jewish Information Service has been operating under the auspices of UJA/Federation and its predecessors since its inception. A full-time staff of two and a contingent of 15 volunteers — there are two volunteers at each shift — man the three phone lines, fielding an average of 20,000 calls a year. Verbin says he expects that number to be higher for 1996.

Right now the agency is gearing up for its busy season which begins just before the High Holy Days. An average of 200 people, unaffiliated with a shul, will be calling to find out where they can attend holiday services. Jewish Information has prepared a list of 60 places across the GTA with seating available for non-members.

The holidays also trigger calls from some non-practising Jews, who may want to renew or explore their Jewish roots, but are not sure what steps to take, Verbin says. Workers will often direct these callers to the community chaplain, he adds. Tourists call to inquire about where to find kosher restaurants and synagogues, and there are sometimes questions about Israel from people planning trips there.

The agency operates a community calendar, which is a clearing house for organizations planning major events: they can call up to make sure the date of a particular event does not conflict with that of another Jewish organization, Verbin says.

School boards also call to check dates for their yearly calendars and non-Jews will call to find out about customs so they don't make any faux pas, he says.

Jewish Information also keeps a listing of Jewish schools, day cares and adult education courses, to help the community access these programs easily.

One of the most well-used service is the weekly listing of events for Jewish singles, Verbin says. There's even an after-hours hotline that was instituted two months ago. Singles can call the Jewish Information number in the evening to listen to a tape of the weekly singles events.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Jews for Judaism Ciss tackles missionary activity

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

There are more than 50 Christian missionary groups that are targeting Jews for conversion in Ontario says Julius Ciss, the executive director of Jews for Judaism's Canadian operations.

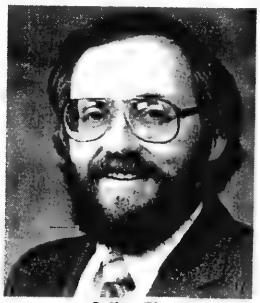
"In the Lawrence-Bathurst area, there are at least three groups overtly involved in evangelizing Jews."

Ciss and Rabbi Michael Skobac, Jews for Judaism's education director, spearhead the counter-missionary organization which is active in educational, outreach and counselling activities. Their mission is to counteract the increased missionary activity that is focused on Jews.

"There are roughly 600 well-funded missionary groups in North America with a combined budget of more than $200 million," says Ciss.

"Along with door-to-door ministries, these groups, like Jews for Jesus, buy full-page newspaper ads around the Jewish holidays." They exploit Jewish symbols and phrases and some worship in churches called "messianic synagogues" with kippah-wearing ministers calling themselves rabbis, he says.

Charisma Magazine, a Pentecostal Christian publication, reported recently that "more Jews have converted to Christianity in the past 19 years than in the last 19 centuries."



Julius Ciss
[Stephen Epstein photo]

Ciss says that the missionaries are most successful through Christian contacts with Jews such as a fellow student, a co-worker, nannies or neighbors. "It is with these individuals that the Jew often develops open lines of communication and a friendly rapport so the Jew's guard is down and he feels less threatened by overt attempts by these individuals."

One of the deceptive methods of influence the missionaries use is to say you don't have to convert to Christianity but by accepting Jesus as the Jewish messiah you are fulfilling or completing your Judaism, he says.

Proselytizing happens behind closed doors and any force that discourages their belief in Jesus may be interpreted as a satanic force. "It is hard to get Hebrew-Christians to come to speak to us. Our experience is that the Jew who comes to Christianity never made informed decision."

Ciss in action
[Stephen Epstein photo]

With critical decision-making they usually get a second opinion but these converts are only presented with the Christian position, he says. "The majority of those who listen to the Jewish argument against Christianity renounce Christianity and return to Judaism."

He notes that without exception, Jews who get involved with Christianity come from spiritually shallow upbringings. As an example, the Russian Jewish community is targeted because they were spiritually starved in the former Soviet Union.

He believes that to most Jews who convert to Christianity, Judaism is meaningless and not spiritually fulfilling — it is practised by rote, it is a visit to the synagogue once or twice a year or a Passover seder.

"Jewish parents have to stop assuming that Judaism is only a football to be passed on to the next generation. Instead it is a legacy of rich spirituality that must be embraced by themselves personally. One can assume that by osmosis, that through the parents' positive example, the children will be able to carry the torch of Judaism.

"Parents rely on the religious school system as an antibiotic, to fix a problem when the problem is them." He says you shouldn't blame your kids, and the Jewish school system, but look at yourself and your commitment to Judaism.

Although the elderly and teenagers are heavily targeted by missionary groups, Ciss says the entire community is vulnerable because there is a reduced commitment to Judaism thus creating a Jewish rootlessness.

He explains that Jews for Judaism has two primary goals — to provide preventive counter-missionary educational programs that instil a greater appreciation of and commitment to Jewish beliefs and values and secondly to win back those Jews who have been influenced by missionaries.

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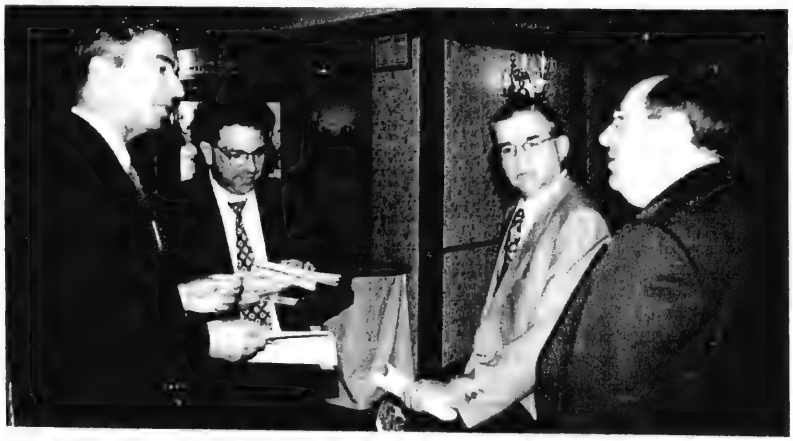

[From left] National executive vice-president Avner Regev, Toronto president Tom Unger, Jerusalem emissary Doron Kadmiel and Toronto executive director Ben Prossin in discussion at this year's annual meeting in June. [Photo courtesy Jewish National Fund]

JNF team effort makes arid country bloom

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

The Jewish National Fund has a history of turning the marvellous into something that appears commonplace, muses Toronto executive director Ben Prossin.

Its many projects, from reclaiming desert, planting trees and building roads to research into irrigation and fighting forest fires, attest to its 95-year history of accomplishing the seemingly impossible — making an arid country bloom.

While JNF is "always doing exciting things," Prossin told *The CJN* with a twinkle in his eye, this year is even more special, with two projects designed to honor Jerusalem 3000 "as gifts to the city and the people of Jerusalem."

Gan Yaldei Yisroel (the garden of the children of Israel), funded by the children of the Diaspora and of Jerusalem, part of the Jerusalem Peace Forest, will be built on the eastern slopes of the city, facing the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

Eight gates will each tell the story of one facet of the holy city: Jewish life beyond the city walls; yearning, prayer and hope; the return to Zion; the Bible; the National homeland; the birth of the state of Israel; united Jerusalem and the city of peace.

The second gift is the KKL-JNF Events Centre, a huge, outdoor ampitheatre, seating 40,000 people, which will be used for cultural and national events.

Located in the south end of the city, near the Teddy Kollek sports stadium and one of Canadian developer David Azrieli's megamalls, the park will also have picnic sites, recreation areas and playgrounds.

The projects were launched in Toronto in March with a gala celebration at the Leah Posluns Theatre, where eight prominent Torontonians were honored, including Irving and Madam Justice Rosalie Abella, Judy Feld Carr, Garth Drabinsky, Moshe Ronen, Allan Silber and Rabbi Irwin Witty.

The regular work of the Jewish National Fund continues, Prossin said. Action Plan Negev, a joint program of JNF, the Jewish Agency and the Israel Ministry of Agriculture, is designed to develop the Negev, which comprises 60 per cent of the country, all of which is within the Green Line, and thus will be unaffected by any peace process decisions.

Projects in Action Plan Negev include hothouses, relocating citrus growing, fish breeding, and olive plantations. Research and development of scarce water resources is also a priority.

Prossin is an unashamed idealist about the place of the Jewish National Fund, "the peoples' fund," as he constantly refers to it.

Noting that many Israeli prime ministers, especially the late David Ben-Gurion and Yitzhak Rabin, were strong supporters of JNF, he emphasized that the pennies donated in the famous blue boxes by rich and poor Jews all over the world "built the Jewish state."

"Jews in the shtetls of Poland and Russia and [early immigrants to] New York and Toronto were caught up in the romance of the kibbutz and the moshav. They felt that that was how they could help build the third Jewish commonwealth, the new Jewish state."

Prossin praised the "team effort" of the JNF office staff, administrators and lay leadership.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Feigenbaum served as Weizmann's messenger

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

An octogenarian supporter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science is a living link with the man for whom the Israeli university is named.

Sam Feigenbaum, 88, was a messenger for Chaim Weizmann some 75 years ago during Weizmann's visits to Warsaw once or twice a year. Weizmann would lend support to the local Jewish community and speak on behalf of the Zionist organization, of which he was then president.

Feigenbaum remembers Weizmann as "one of the greatest Jews that ever lived" for both his role in making the Balfour Declaration a reality and his concern for Polish Jewry.

Michael Cylan, a family friend and then secretary of the national minorities bloc in the Polish parliament, chose Feigenbaum as a messenger because he was a good runner and a member of the Maccabee club, which met in the same building as the Zionist organization.

Polish Jewish leader Yizhak Gruenbaum, who was to become Israel's minister of the interior in its 1948-49 provisional government, was a member of the Polish parliament when Feigenbaum was a messenger. The young boy would bring messages from Weizmann to Gruenbaum's sixth-floor apartment in a building with no elevator, about three blocks away.

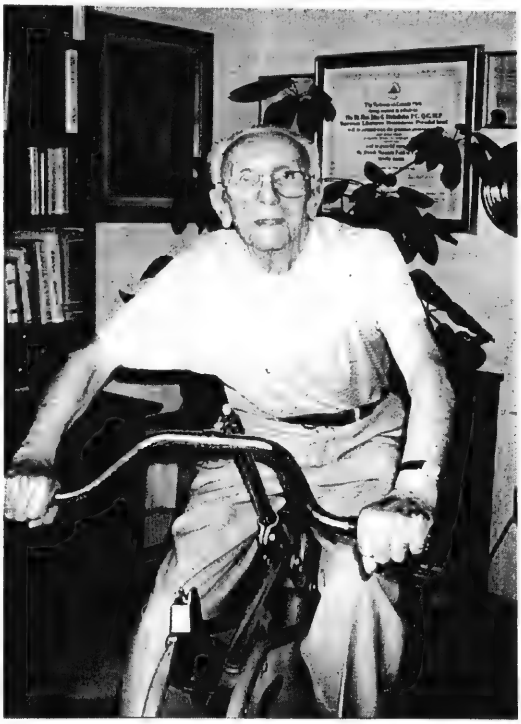
Because of changing borders, Feigenbaum received his early elementary schooling in Russian; when he was a little older, he studied in German; and finally in Polish. At home, the family spoke Yiddish. Every evening after school, until his late teens, Feigenbaum attended an Orthodox yeshiva.

As a young man, he was drafted into the Polish army, where he served for two years in the heavy artillery unit before entering his father's leather goods business.

He went on to become a factory manager, but decided to emigrate in 1935 because of the political situation.

Feigenbaum and his wife Phyllis joined his brother in Simcoe, Ontario, where Sam opened a retail business called the Reliable Store. He began importing soap and mouthwash from Israel with the idea of supporting the country economically.

In Simcoe, the Feigenbaums were one of eight Jewish families. They attended synagogue in nearby Brantford, and raised two young girls who had been orphaned during the Holocaust.



Sam Feigenbaum, former messenger for Chaim Weizmann, still exercises on his stationary bicycle every day. [Frances Kraft photo]

Feigenbaum moved to Toronto following Phyllis' death in 1960 and opened an importing business, working until he was in his 70s.

On one of his first visits to Israel, Feigenbaum visited his old friend Cylan who took him to see Weizmann, the new president of the fledgling country. "Mr. President, do you recognize this man?" Cylan asked.

"He stood up, looked in my eyes, and said, 'Is that you, Simchale?' "

A longtime generous supporter of Israeli causes such as Bar-Ilan University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Jewish National Fund and United Jewish Appeal, Feigenbaum has a special affection for the Weizmann Institute, where two residences for foreign students are named for him and his wife.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Federation aims to serve needs of entire community

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

The mandate of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is to ensure that this is a community that cares about its members and stands by such basic Jewish values as concern for the poor and for the sick, educating its children, and caring for each other.

This is the philosophy that propels Sandy Brown, who has been president of Federation for a little over a year.

"We are not affiliated with any ideological group. Our role is to bring all facets of the community together — to look at klal Yisrael in the most positive way," she said in a recent interview.

The Toronto community faces many challenges, she said. For one thing, "since we are not really certain what the impact of government cutbacks will be, we have to examine our [social] service needs."

When those needs are determined, she said, the community must ensure that there is no unnecessary duplication of services.

Ontario, she added, is one of the only provinces not offering government funding for Jewish education.

"We must see how we can continue to assist in providing the best education possible in both day schools and supplementary schools."

Continuity remains a major issue, she said. To assist in the battle against intermarriage and assimilation, last year Federation awarded continuity grants to several agencies, schools and programs.

"These grants touched the fringes of the community. It got people not connected with the community involved."

Israel is a priority to Brown. She suggested that the Diaspora should "plan a long-term relationship that goes beyond the merely financial," such as using it more and more as an educational resource and taking advantage of the increasing economic opportunities.

That is not a one-way street, she added as an aside. "North America has much to offer Israel, especially dealing with such issues as assimilation of immigrant groups and intermarriage."

It is a major challenge for Federation to raise "enough endowment-type funds to sustain the community." These funds, she said, must be found in addition to the annual campaign contributions.

Strong relationships must be forged between professional staff and volunteers. This will help overcome the fact that "UJA is not the only game in town in terms of donations."

Lay people must be made to feel they are part of the decision-making process. They should have a say in where their contribution goes and how it is used, she believes.

There is a huge population in the north Bathurst corridor, she said — over 40,000 Jews. "It is a challenge to connect to these newer, younger members of the community."

Sandy Brown

People take for granted the strengths of the Toronto Jewish community, its educational resources, its strong leadership, its diversity, its growth, Brown said. "But we must not be complacent. We must keep it that way."

An attempt is being made, she said, to integrate UJA and Federation activities into one entity.

"We want to integrate staff, so that they will work so closely together that they will be able to move and flow between fundraising, planning and service functions."

This is happening across Canada, she said. "National Jewish agencies are trying to come up with proposals to avoid duplication of services and budgets, and to have a more effective delivery of national objectives."

Such agencies as Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, the Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Federations and UIA/UJA are taking part in this effort.

"We Jewish people all have different opinions, but we have one thing in common — the love of our people.

"We have to find ways to build bridges. That's what Federation is all about," she mused, "building bridges."

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

In search of Inuit art

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Beverley Borins, 73, admits to being obsessed with Inuit art. The Toronto-born handcrafter and former gallery owner isn't exaggerating.

A case in point: Several years ago Borins, accompanied by the youngest of her three grown children, was travelling in the high Arctic when an airplane flight from Pond Inlet to Pagnirtung turned nightmarish. The engine reverse mechanism (used for landing) had failed, and the plane was diverted to Iqaluit, where the longest runway in the north offered the best chance of a safe landing.

Miraculously, the plane touched down "like a bird," and the emergency vehicles awaiting its arrival were not needed.

Borins didn't miss a beat. On learning that it would take several hours to repair the plane, she found someone to drive her to nearby Apex to buy hard-to-find fabric for a traditional Inuit beaded parka known as an Attigi.

Borins worked on the parka for two years and eight months, sewing on thousands of beads by hand.

A member of the Pomegranate Guild, an organization of Jewish handcrafters, Borins has worked in a variety of media.

Recent projects, initiated at the request of her young granddaughter, included a stuffed monkey and a Haida button blanket with 1,400 buttons. Over a dozen mosaics, for which she cut each piece of stone, hang on her walls.

Borins' interests are reflected in her attire: a necklace made of African trade beads adorns her classic blouse; her skirt is one she made herself of handprinted fabric from Santa Fe; an ivory bracelet on her left wrist and a muskox horn ring in the shape of "two little kissy bears" complete the outfit.

Her obsession with Inuit art began some 25 years ago. After she and her late husband, Sidney, retired from the hotel business, Borins opened a gallery for wall hangings and handcrafted items called Up the Wall.

Although she sold items from all over the world, Borins quickly realized that she hadn't been supporting aboriginal artists. The result was a deep fascination with the Inuit world.

In the past 15 years, Borins has been to the far north a dozen times, and has spoken about her experiences to schoolchildren and seniors. She has participated in an all-night seal hunt, travelled by Skidoo, slept on the ice and visited in numerous Inuit homes.

"I go primarily not to buy. I want to know the people and their art. I'm interested in going into people's homes, talking with them, and watching them work."

Sidney, who died earlier this year, never accompanied her on the trips, preferring the comforts of home — things like beds and easily accessible bathrooms. Once, Borins recalls, she had to put on boots and a parka — in the summer — to go from her cabin to the bathroom facilities.

Borins acquired a taste for adventure some years ago when her oldest son invited her to join him as he travelled around China before a summer teaching stint there.

She is fascinated by art from all over the world. "I like anything unusual that's hand-made, and the more primitive the better."

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Rubinovitch decision led to a family dynasty

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Like many Jews in the former Russian Empire, the children of Benjamin and Ester Rubinovitch of Zhlobin, Belarus, faced a difficult decision in the first years of this century: to stay or to go?

There were at least eight children in the Rubinovitch (later Rubinoff) family. Four of them, the risk-takers, came to Canada with their families, while the other four stayed behind, seemingly willing to weather an increasingly oppressive climate at home.

Many of their cousins from Zhlobin and neighboring towns also chose Canada, a land which for them was no less vast than Russia but which, unlike Russia, signified vast opportunity and freedom. Among the many, Meyer Feivel Naftolin and Etta Rubinoff Naftolin landed with their children at Quebec City on June 20, 1907.

One can visualize them, a bewildered Yiddish-speaking family on the docks of the bustling French port, gazing up at the looming Chateau Frontenac and equally imposing Citadel. Presciently, they didn't linger in French Canada, but travelled westward by train to Kingston, where they lived for a year or two before continuing to Toronto.

It was in Toronto that their son, Isaac Naftolin, married Ester Arnoff in 1912: they are my grandparents. Second cousins marrying was evidently no big deal in an extended family tree with many such couplings. Dozens of Naftolin and Rubinoff cousins settled in Toronto; a few went to Windsor, Detroit, New York and Florida. In Toronto, members of this cousinhood worked hard to establish themselves as they diligently obeyed the biblical edicts to be fruitful and to multiply. They stuck together instinctively as a means of survival.

They became grocers, bakers, tinsmiths, tailors, barbers, junkyard dealers, owners of department stores. Many lived within walking distance of each other on streets like Fenning, Shaw, Ossington, Tecumseh, Niagara, Queen and Dundas. Others lived in the Junction, a west Toronto neighborhood. By 1928 their number had become so large that a family organization was formed: Agudas Hamispoche, the United Families Organization.

A United Families Loan Society was formed in 1929 to help relatives in financial distress. A Gmilas Chesed, or Benevolent Society, came in 1933 to allow members to borrow amounts of $100 or more interest free. In 1930, the Ladies Auxiliary maintained an active social calendar of teas, rummage sales and other events to raise money for charity. There were anniversary dinners, social affairs, family celebrations, picnics in High Park and on Centre Island.

In 1948, the organization was prosperous enough to acquire its own building on College St. W. "The Hall" was a gathering place for weekly breakfasts and many family events. My earliest childhood memories of the hall date from the late 1950s. I remember a plurality of anonymous but adoring adults, Canadian and Israeli flags posted side by side, and photographs of loved ones from the Old Country staring down from the walls. In the 1960s, the organization moved into a new hall near Wilson and Bathurst (since sold).

In 1993, several hundred cousins attended the Agudas Hamispoche's 65th anniversary banquet in a north Toronto synagogue.

Today, the Rubinoff-Naftolin cousinhood is more numerous than ever. From five Rubinovitch siblings in the Old Country, including Benjamin, has sprung an enormous family that, in Toronto alone, accounts for an estimated one-half to one per cent of the city's current Jewish population of about 165,000. Alas, the Agudas Hamispoche – which was apparently Toronto's only family-based *landsmanshaft* organization – may not survive long into the next century, a casualty of the fast-paced, impersonal, technological age in which we live.

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Broken during the Holocaust era, contact with our surviving Soviet cousins was miraculously restored in the 1970s after a newly-released Soviet Jew passed through Toronto making inquiries on behalf of friends left behind. In 1988, I learned that a Toronto cousin, Frances Ittleman, had been corresponding in Yiddish with an elderly relative in Russia. Attaining an address in cyrillic script, I penned a brief letter in Yiddish with the help of another cousin, and mailed it along with copies of several old family photos.

Months later, a response in Yiddish arrived from the daughter of the woman to whom I had written.

"I am sad to write that my mother died on the 30th of December," my Russian cousin, Bella Gintsbourg, wrote. "I studied the photos you sent with tears in my eyes. Unfortunately, they arrived after my mother had died. My mother used to cry when she looked at the old pictures of her family in America."

Still, Gintsbourg was able to

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Bill Gladstone (centre) with Bella and Volodya Gintsbourg in Bat Yam, Israel, April 1996.

Agudas Hamishpoche, photo circa 1938, Toronto. Yehuda and Zelda Rubinoff (lower left) Beryl and Sarah Rubinoff (lower right).

Family dynasty thriving

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identify all of the unknown faces in the old family photographs I had sent her. She was also able to relate the unknown fate of our family's ancestral village.

"All Jews were executed in Zhlobin on April 12, 1942, on the first day of Passover," she reported. "They were buried in a mass grave and now there is a monument there."

I learned much from that first letter from Bella Gintsbourg. Thus began a prolonged exchange of letters between Toronto and the former Leningrad, now St. Petersburg. Through this correspondence, I learned first-hand of the many difficult choices that politics has forced upon the Jews of the former Soviet Empire.

According to Gintsbourg, her parents had survived because her grandparents had left Zhlobin for Leningrad just after the Revolution of 1917 "in order to give the children a proper education."

Before the German siege of Leningrad, they moved to Novo Sibersk, Siberia. "It's amazing to think how we have grown up in absolutely different environments and lived absolutely different lives," she wrote.

Circumstances were forcing the Gintsbourgs and many other Jews to leave, she wrote in 1990. Close to retirement age and feeling too old to start a new life elsewhere, they had applied to emigrate to America but without luck. While Canada was not a feasible option for them, members of our family set up a fund to help them. Perhaps they would go to Israel, or perhaps Germany to be near their son, who with his family was living near Rome.

Upon emigrating to Germany, they found that "everything we heard in Russia about how Germans want to take in Russian emigrants was wrong," she wrote. "Nobody needs us here."

Living on social assistance, they found even a visit to Italy beyond their means. After eight months, they emigrated to Bat Yam, a Tel Aviv suburb. Life was a bit easier but still no bed of roses, they wrote; somewhat stoically, they didn't elaborate on their complaints.

That was in 1993. I wrote back after a few months but the post office returned my letter. Evidently, the Gintsbourgs had moved and had left no forwarding address. On a visit to Israel in 1994, I found they were not listed in the phone book. Was our correspondence to terminate so abruptly? Would there be no meeting between two branches of a family that had separated nearly 90 years before?

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Last spring it was my good fortune to be in Israel again. While in Jaffa, a town midway between Tel Aviv to the north and Bat Yam to the south, I asked a taxi driver to take me to the last known address I had for the Gintsbourgs in Bat Yam. It was a spur of the moment thing. I didn't know what I would find. But I considered it a very good omen that the taxi driver was friendly and could speak Hebrew, English, Yiddish and a smattering of Russian.

At the apartment block, another name was on the mailbox. Still, we entered the dim corridor and climbed the stairs. I knocked on the door and heard a woman's voice.

"Bella Gintsbourg?" I asked.

"Da," came the response, then something in Russian.

Yiza, my driver, took over. I heard him say my name and explain something about a cousin from Canada. The door was opened to reveal my Soviet cousins, Bella and Volodya Gintsbourg, looking bewildered.

Bella stared intently, apparently recognizing me from the photographs I had sent. I stared back, seeing a face that could have belonged to one of my Toronto relatives. To the best of my knowledge, this was the first time the two branches of our family had come together in almost 90 years.

Inviting us into their apartment, Bella and Volodya directed me to the most comfortable armchair. We attempted to converse in Russian and Yiddish through the overtaxed linguistic conduit of my driver-translator.

"Yiza, tell them I was in Israel two years ago but couldn't find their phone number."

A moment later I heard: "They say they're not listed in the phone book because they took over the phone from the previous tenant. They want to know, how is your mother?"

If Yiza minded being the conveyor of small talk in three languages, scrambling here for a phrase in Yiddish and there for a word in Russian, he did not show it.

It amazed me that after three years in Israel, the Gintsbourgs spoke almost no Hebrew. Since they are retired, they live in an isolated community, interacting primarily with other Russian emigres.

The visit was short and sweet. As I was leaving, Bella and Volodya gave me their phone number and a promise that they would write. In return, I gave them a bottle of Seagram's Whiskey that I had brought from Canada on a hunch that it might come in handy.

As Yiza and I drove away, I thought: there but for the grace of God go I. I felt extremely lucky that my great-grandparents had chosen Canada, a land of many blessings and opportunities, a land that has been unfailingly good to us.

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Torah view of organ donation adapts to changing technology

By RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL

During the past two years in Toronto, we have witnessed a number of campaigns which sought to find a bone marrow "match" to provide a life-sustaining transplant for an individual afflicted with a leukemia-like illness. Each of these efforts has brought forth an outpouring of financial support and volunteers for blood tests.

In 1994, *Moment Magazine* headlined the issue of organ donation and recounted two cases regarding this type of procedure. Dr. Joel Rosh, an Orthodox Jew who co-directed the liver transplant program at Mt. Sinai in New York City, told of an Israeli girl flown to the United States for a transplant. On route, she was declared brain dead. The team assembled to save her life turned to the family to request the donation of the remaining healthy organs. They said no. In the other incident, Alisa Flatow was killed in a terrorist attack at Gush Katif in the Gaza Strip. Her father flew to Israel, identified his daughter and was asked whether he would consent to the donation of her organs. He consulted with his rabbi and decided to donate six of her organs to six recipients. As a result, four people lived and Alisa's corneas were saved for later use.

What is the view of our Torah tradition regarding these medical procedures? In responding, it should be noted that there are three interrelated questions: Is it permissible to accept a donated organ? May a living person offer an organ to another individual? May one arrange for a post-mortem organ donation?

In the past, when these procedures were experimental, our tradition viewed such operations as unwarranted for the patient and risky for the donor. In 1961, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein prohibited transplantation. He reaffirmed that decision in 1968. Similar positions were taken by Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg and the former chief rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yehudah Unterman. These rabbis were concerned that the patient's status might be compromised by risky surgery. Thus, an early consensus emerged in opposition to transplantation in both rabbinic and medical circles. However, as the risk/benefit ratio changed, so did the entire outlook of Jewish law.

The first shift took place regarding corneal and skin transplantation. Later, as the success rate for kidney transplantation changed, so did the attitude regarding its acceptability both for the recipient and the donor. By 1972, Rabbi Feinstein had revised his initial opposition to indicate that if there is a 50 percent possibility of success, the patient may elect surgery and if the success rate is higher, the patient *must* undergo the procedure.

More recently, Rabbi Moshe Meiselman even argues that one may choose a risky procedure if it seems to be the best path to long-term survival. The *Toronto Star* recently reported the comment of Dr. Ronald Busattil, head of the liver transplant program of the University of California at Los Angeles, that "new anti-rejection drugs, new preservation methods and refinements in surgical techniques have greatly improved the survival rate of transplanted organs over the past five years while cutting their costs nearly in half." These developments have triggered an increase in transplantation and a generally positive perspective regarding receiving the donation by Jewish legal authorities.

Affirmative obligation to save life of endangered human being

On what basis does Judaism permit a person to donate his or her life organs to others? The Torah tells us "*Lo taamod al dam re'ekha*, You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:16). This verse creates an affirmative obligation to save the life of an endangered human being. Moreover, the Talmud interprets the commandment to restore lost property (*hashavat avedah*, Deuteronomy 22:1) to apply to the effort to restore lost health and well-being (Sanhedrin 73a).

Finally, the mandate to preserve life, *piku'ah nephesh* takes precedence over most other religious requirements. Former British chief rabbi, Immanuel Jakobovits succinctly summarizes these ideals: "It is obligatory to disregard laws conflicting with the immediate claims of life and ... it is sinful to observe laws which are in suspense on account of danger to life or health ... It is not only permitted but imperative to disregard laws in conflict with life or health" (Jewish Medical Ethics, p. 50).

The obligation, "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" requires one to help another when there is no danger to oneself. Generally speaking, supererogation is not required. Granted that self-exposure is not required, may one still take the risk? Blood donation is a relatively innocuous procedure, but kidney or bone marrow transplantation involve more hazard to the donor. An early responsum states that the loss of an organ to save the life of another puts one in the category of a pious fool, *chasid shoteh* (Teshuvot Radbaz –627). Based on that opinion, some authorities prohibited donating an organ unless there was absolutely no danger. Others have contended that such procedures now involve minimal danger (for example, under two percent for kidney donors) and the ability of the body to function without the particular organ is not in question, therefore, such a procedures should be permitted (Barkai 3/ Fall 1985, and Rabbi Eliezer Weldenberg, Tzitz Eliezer 10:25, pp. 5-12, revising his earlier prohibition).

In the Spring of 1996, the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly (the authorative legal decision-maker for Conservative Judaism) accepted a *tshuvah* (legal decision) by Rabbi Joseph Prouser on the subject of post-mortem organ donation. Rabbi Prouser noted that since the human body is sacred, holiness adheres even after a death. Accordingly, Jewish law prohibits *nivul hamet*, benefitting from a cadaver, as well as obligates us to ensure a timely burial *halanat hamet*. Ordinarily, all these would militate against doing anything to the dead other than arranging for a timely burial.

However, there is a strong argument for setting aside these prohibitions to allow the "harvesting" of organs after death for the purpose of transplantation. Rabbi Unterman, revised his initial prohibition and developed a strong case in favor of organ donation. "Regarding the question of whether the Law permits surgical removal of tissue from a dead body ... to be transplanted as an organic part of the living ... I find the matter to be quite straightforward. Since these procedures constitute preservation of life there is no difficulty. After all, weighty Torah prohibitions are set aside for the preservation of life. Therefore, surgical procedures conducted to save a life are absolutely permitted" (Shevet Miyehudah, p. 54, 1983). Rabbi Prouser and the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards concurred with his reasoning.

What about non-life threatening transplantation? May the dead body be used for corneal transplantation? Rabbi Unterman ruled that eyesight is critical to a full life and such transplantation would legitimate the use of a deceased donor and not

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Robert Engel and Tamara Stieber

A multi-generational link

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

The bond between grandparents and grandchildren is often a strong one.

The bond between York University graduate student Tamara Stieber and her grandfather, Robert Engel, has an even more special component.

Engel, former chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Education Committee, is a Holocaust survivor who frequently speaks to groups about his experiences in the Netherlands and in Westerbork concentration camp.

But like all survivors of that terrible time, he is getting older. Stieber is determined that his witness will not be lost.

Engel is also concerned. "Teachers always say that of any education on the Holocaust, survivors are the most effective teaching tool," he said in an interview. "But what will happen when we are gone?"

Stieber has joined him in a mentoring program, in which, as often as possible, she goes with him when he speaks.

"Just my being there makes a statement," Stieber said. "There is a two-generation gap between him and the kids he speaks to. I am like a bridge."

While Engel does most of the talking, Stieber is there to answer questions as well. But most of all, she is there to absorb his manner of speaking, his words, his message.

"I want to anticipate what they will ask, and see how he deals with it," she said.

Engel plans to make a 20-minute tape of his talk for her to play when she goes alone to speak.

The Holocaust is "not just my family's history, it's Jewish history," Stieber said. "It's not just my grandparents, it's every grandparent."

Nevertheless, for the families of survivors, "there's a difference to how we look at it. We can put faces to the stories. We have a moral obligation to make sure that those stories are not forgotten.

"I want to be his voice when he is gone."

So far, Stieber and Engel are the only grandparent-grandchild team, according to Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto. But she thinks the idea is a sound one. She wants to encourage others to join them and is eager to hear from those who are interested.

People tend to look at survivors' experiences during the Holocaust as being all of their existence, Engel mused. "But I had a life before and a good life after."

"And I'm part of his life after," his granddaughter added.

Torah view of organ donations

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violate the three prohibitions indicated. Another consideration was raised by an early decision of Rabbi Ezekiel Landau of Prague (*Noda Beyehudah, Yorah De'ah* –210) regarding autopsy. Such a procedure would ordinarily be seen as desecration of the deceased body. However, if information from an autopsy might save a life in a timely manner, then it might be permissible. The Law Committee argued that in our world, where information is transmitted electronically and body organs can be transported quickly throughout the world, it is possible to save the life of an individual in Canada with an organ from another country; therefore the person who is ill is always immediately before us. In the spring of 1996, a bone marrow transplant involved a donor from South Africa and a recipient in Toronto.

The Globe and Mail reports that although 90 percent of Canadians agree with the principle of organ donation, only a small percentage of available organs are ever donated. As many as 25 tissues and organs can be transplanted and one person's decision to donate may benefit as many as ten people. There are no chronological age limits to becoming a donor; physical health is the determining factor. However, in 1994, while 56,000 people in the United States awaited transplants, only 19,000 received them and 3,000 patients died while waiting. An estimated 100,000 people never got onto any waiting list. Understanding this, the Law Committee contended that since we are prohibited against unnecessary destruction of anything potentially useful to others (*bal tashit*, from Deuteronomy 20:19), we mandated to give of our bodily tissues to save the lives of others. As Rabbi Prouser observes, not using viable human organs to save another person's life is "tantamount to the destruction of rare, desperately needed medical supplies."

In a new and bold development, the Law Committee decided that *giving consent for post-mortem tissue donation should be considered a moral obligation* (chiyuv) *to save the life of another person.* This obligation may be fulfilled by completing donor cards and by next-of-kin giving consent if, God forbid, a dear one is suddenly killed. By acting with this awareness of moral obligation, our deeds of loving-kindness can bring glory to God, great good to the living and honor to the dead.

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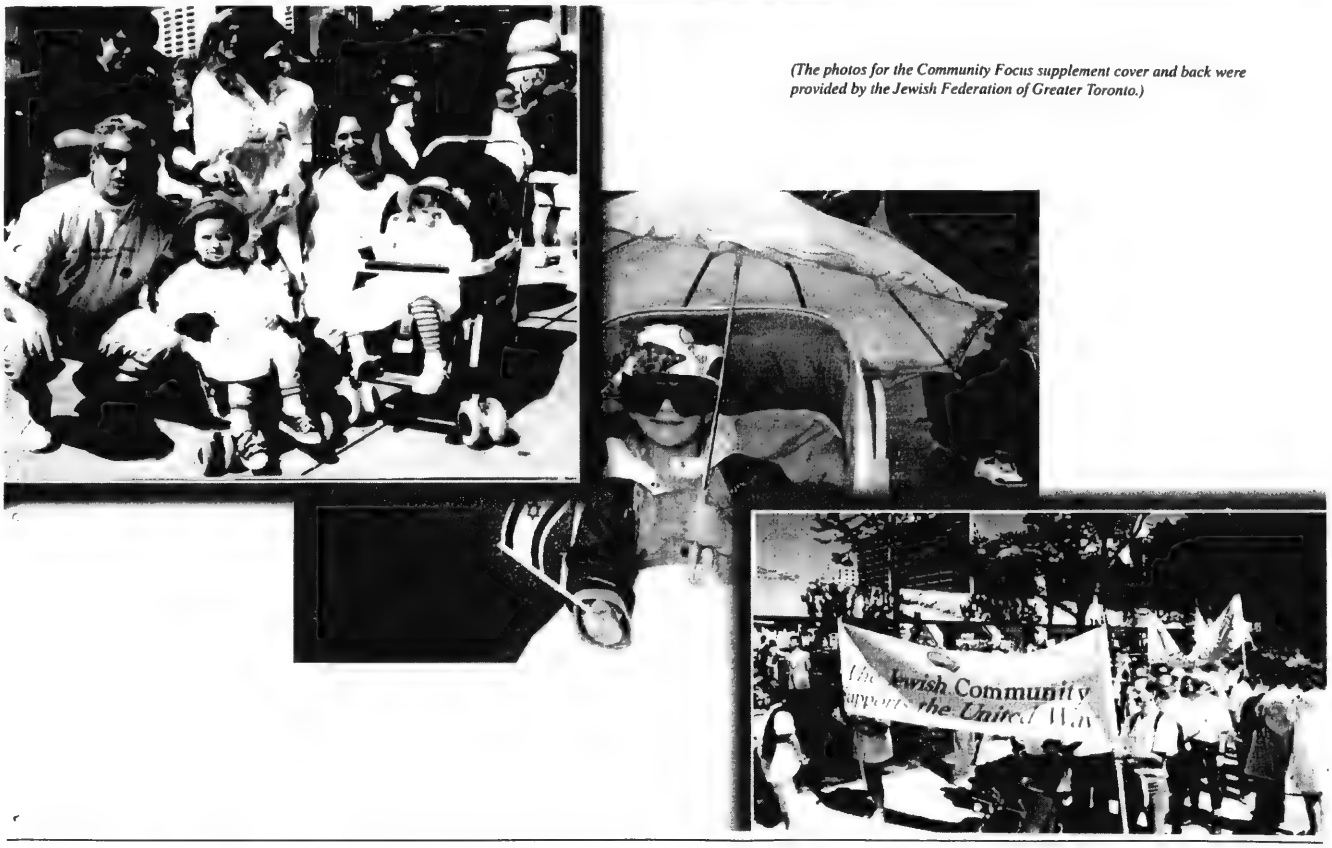

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ROSH HASHANAH FOODS

Here's a recipe for getting food ready on time

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

No doubt about it, when the High Holidays roll around we absolutely, positively try and direct all our thoughts to a higher level. We have every intention of leaving our mind and hearts open to Hashem and become one with our community during services. However, there comes a point somewhere after the Torah service, probably during Musaf, where those random thoughts of "I wonder if I have enough food" or "will I be able to beat everyone home to get things on the table before everyone gets there" intrude.

Relax, enjoy the Adon Olam and know EVERYONE else is worrying about their holiday meals too.

We're all in the same "time" boat preparation — serving wise, that is. Services all get out about the same time and everyone wants to be able to be a guest at their own table. The key to making it happen, however, is being able to have things ready to go as soon as you walk through the door.

With the exception of rewarming the main course, side dishes or cholent, everything should be on their serving plates, covered and ready to set out. Keeping with the early prep motif you should set your table the day before and the wine and challah can be put out just before everyone sits down. Don't, however, cut the apples for the apple and honey until just before you serve them. The apple slices will brown unless coated with lemon juice and quite frankly I think they taste better au natural.

Finding recipes that lend themselves to early preparation and still taste great when reheated is sometimes a challenge. The following recipes all incorporate either apples, honey or both and can all be made well in advance of your meal.

SCALLOPED SWEET POTATOES AND APPLES

- 8 sweet potatoes, chunked, peeled and cooked
- 4 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced thin
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup pecan pieces
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. ground mace
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 3 tbsp. margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13 pan (or 3 quart baking dish). Combine the apples and potato pieces in the pan and sprinkle the brown sugar, pecans, salt, mace, nutmeg and margarine over the top. Cover and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. This can be made a day or two ahead and only cooked for 20 to 30 minutes and then reheated just before serving.

(Serves 6 to 7)

CRUNCHY APPLE SALAD

- 1 cup diced unpeeled apples (red or green)
- 1 cup diced bananas
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ½ cup drained pineapple tidbits
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- ⅓ cup mayonnaise
- red leaf lettuce

In a large bowl toss together the apples, bananas and lemon juice. Add the pineapple, raisins and nuts. Toss gently. Add the mayonnaise and mix thoroughly. Place lettuce leaves on individual salad plates and spoon salad on top.

(Serves 6 — can be doubled or tripled)

ORANGE HONEY DRESSING

- ¼ tsp paprika
- ½ tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. celery salt
- ½ cup honey
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. kosher cider or wine vinegar
- 3 tbsp. frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 cup salad oil

In a large bowl combine all the dry ingredients. Add the honey, lemon juice, vinegar and orange juice concentrate. Blend well. Beating constantly add the oil. Continue beating for several minutes. (You can do this in the blender or food processor if you prefer) Chill. Shake well before using. Great over mixed greens tossed with strawberries and sunflower seeds. Makes 1 pint.

APPLE STREUSEL MUFFINS

- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ cup margarine (or butter if you want it dairy)
- 1 large tart apple, cored, peeled and diced (1 cup)
- ½ tsp grated lemon zest
- 1 egg
- ⅔ cup non dairy creamer (or milk)
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- ¼ cup chopped walnuts
- 2 tbsp. sugar

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GINGER SQUASH SOUP

1 large acorn squash (2½ lb.)
1 tbsp. parve margarine
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
2 leeks, thinly sliced
1 small carrot, thinly sliced
4 cups chicken stock
1 tsp. ginger
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
¼ cup non-dairy creamer
¼ cup water
snipped chives or green onion tops

Cut squash in half and remove seeds; place cut side down in shallow glass baking dish. Cover and bake in 350 F oven 40 minutes or until tender. (Or cover and microwave at High 8 to 10 minutes.) Scrape squash from skin.

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, heat butter and oil over low heat. Cook leeks and carrot, uncovered, and stirring occasionally, for 40 minutes or until leeks are softened and light golden. Stir in stock, cooked squash, ginger, salt and pepper; cover and simmer over medium heat 20 minutes.

Puree in food processor or blender until smooth. (Recipe can be prepared to this point and refrigerated, covered, up to 1 day.)

Return to saucepan; stir in milk and heat through without boiling. Taste and adjust seasoning if desired. Garnish each serving with a sprinkling of chives.

(Serves 6)

VEGETABLE SOUP

2 medium Spanish onions, chopped
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
½ lb. zucchini, diced
2 large potatoes, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tsp. paprika
1 lb. tomatoes, peeled, chopped (2-3)
6 cups onion-flavored or chicken broth
1 tsp. basil

Saute onion in hot oil until translucent. add zucchini, potato, garlic and paprika. Cook over low heat 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, broth, basil and salt to taste. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes.

(Serves 6)

MOTHER'S RICE TOMATO SOUP

3 lbs. short ribs (or suitable meat)
1 onion, quartered
3 stalks celery, with leaves
3 carrots, quartered
1 lg. can solid pack tomatoes
½ cup rice (uncooked)
Juice of one lemon
¼ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt

In a large soup pot, cook meat and vegetables with water to cover for about one hour (covered). Skim top and add tomatoes. Cook another hour and add rice, lemon juice and sugar. Cook additional 30-45 minutes, adjusting seasonings to taste. Can be prepared a day in advance. Serve meat with soup or as a separate course.

(Serves 8 to 10)

GREEN PEPPER SOUP

2 green peppers
1 large onion
1 tbsp. parve margarine
½ tsp. salt
1 large potato, peeled, diced
2 tbsp. sugar
1 28-oz. tin tomatoes

Slice peppers and onions. Saute in butter. Stir constantly until slightly brown. Add tomatoes. Fill a 2½ qt. saucepan with water. Add vegetables. Add sugar and salt as above or to taste. Simmer 2 hours. Dice potato, add to soup. Simmer 15 more minutes.

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Okay. Now you can eat some chicken

Chicken is always a favorite at holiday time. Try these recipes that combine the sweet ingredients of Rosh Hashanah with the bite of mustard, ginger and vinegar.

HONEY GLAZED CHICKEN
(Adopted from Foodland Ontario)

50 mL all-purpose flour
2 mL salt
0.5 mL pepper
1 kg chicken pieces
25 mL vegetable oil
125 mL liquid honey
15 mL vinegar
10 mL soy sauce
10 mL prepared mustard

Combine flour, salt and pepper; coat chicken pieces. Brown chicken pieces in hot oil in electric or heavy frying pan. Cover and cook chicken over medium heat for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients. Pour over chicken. Continue cooking covered for 15 to 20 minutes, basting occasionally.

(Serves 4 to 6)

PLUM CHICKEN

2 chickens, cut into pieces
½ cup soy sauce
½ cup plum jam
¼ cup honey
¼ cup orange juice
1 clove garlic, crushed

Combine all ingredients and pour over chicken. Bake, uncovered, in a 350 degree oven for 60-75 minutes, basting occasionally.

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The world's upside down — so's this kugel

UPSIDE DOWN KUGEL

¾ cup brown sugar
¼ cup corn syrup
¼ cup parve margarine
6 oz. egg noodles, medium width
4 eggs separated and beaten
1 tsp. salt
1 dash of cinnamon
20 dried apricots and prunes (pitted)

Soak apricots and prunes in hot water for 1 hour to soften. Mix ½ cup brown sugar, corn syrup and margarine and melt mixture in 9 inch square pyrex baking dish in oven at 350 F for approximately 5-10 minutes.

Place fruit on bottom of pan in melted mixture; arrange fruit alternately and cut side up.

Cook noodles in boiling water, lightly salted. Drain.

In the meantime, mix beaten egg yolks, ¼ cup brown sugar, salt and cinnamon. Beat egg whites to soft peaks and fold into mixture.

Mix egg mixture with noodles and pour over fruit in pan.

Bake at 350 F for one hour until sides are crisp. When baked, run knife along edges of pan and invert onto platter. Cut into squares and serve. Freezes well.

PINEAPPLE-APRICOT NOODLE KUGEL (eggless)

1 pound eggless noodles, cooked and drained
½ cup brown sugar
¼ cup vegetable oil
½ cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
1-8 oz can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 cup chopped dried apricots
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Topping:

¼ cup brown sugar mixed with 2 tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375 F. Generously oil 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Place cooked noodles in a large bowl. Stir in brown sugar, oil, orange juice concentrate, cinnamon, nutmeg, pineapple and apricots. Mix well and pour into prepared dish. Sprinkle with topping mixture and bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes or until nicely browned and firm in centre.

SWEET PINEAPPLE KUGEL

8 ounces broad noodles
6 eggs
4 tbsp. pareve margarine, melted
½ cup sugar
1-8 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. cinnamon
pineapple rings
cherries

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Parboil noodles in salted water. Rinse and drain. Combine eggs and margarine. Beat well. Add the sugar, crushed pineapple and juice, vanilla, and cinnamon. Mix well. Add the noodles.

2. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish with the vegetable oil. Pour in the kugel. Place pineapple rings on top with a cherry in the middle of each ring. Bake 40-60 minutes until golden brown.

(Serves 8)

NOTE: To make this recipe milchig - decrease the number of eggs to 3, add 1/2 lb. dry cottage cheese, 1 cup of sour cream and 1 cup of milk. It will be less fluffy but still excellent. Keeps for several days, but does not freeze well.

You can bake this bird

GINGERY BAKED CHICKEN

6 to 8 serving pieces frying OR broiling chicken
¼ cup salad oil
2 tbsp chopped onion
1 clove garlic, crushed OR
½ tsp garlic salt
1 tsp salt
2 tsp ginger
2 tbsp lemon juice
¼ cup honey
½ cup apple juice
or juice from canned fruit
2 tsp soy sauce

Simmer all ingredients but chicken together for 5 minutes. Brush the chicken generously with the mixture and place skin side up in one layer in a 9 x 12-inch bake dish. Bake uncovered at 375 F for 20 minutes. Turn pieces over and brush again with the remaining sauce. Cover and continue baking at 350 F for 20 minutes. Uncover, turn pieces over and bake 20 minutes longer. Serve with cooked rice and broccoli. (For a stronger flavor, marinate the chicken in the sauce for several hours before baking.) Calories: 230 per serving.

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Apple recipes point to a sweet year ahead

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Preheat oven to 425º. In a large bowl sift together the flour, ½ cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in the margarine. Reserve ½ cup of this mixture for the crumb topping and set it aside. In the bowl, add the diced apple and ½ teaspoon lemon zest. Add the non-dairy creamer and egg. Blend until mixture is moist.

Spoon into 12 muffin tins. Blend the remaining crumb mixture with the lemon zest, nuts, and sugar. Sprinkle the topping over the muffins and bake 20 minutes. **(serves 12)**

APPLE VEGETABLE SALAD

1 pound fresh asparagus
3 red delicious apples
2 small zucchini
1 avocado
spinach or Romaine lettuce
lemon dressing

Lemon Dressing:

1 lemon quartered
1 green onion
½ tsp. kosher dry mustard
½ tsp. celery seed
½ cup water
¼ tsp black pepper
salt and pepper to taste
3 tbsp. brown sugar
⅓ cup kosher apple flavored liquor
2 tart apples, peeled and cored and sliced thin

In a blender or food processor process the lemon and green onion until they are fine. Add the mustard, celery seeds, water and pepper. Process until smooth. Set aside. Cook the asparagus uncovered in slightly salted boiling water for approximately 4 to 5 minutes. Cover and cook an additional 4 to 5 minutes. Drain and cool. Peel and slice the apples, zucchini and avocado into slices.

Arrange the asparagus in the centre on a serving plate on top of the lettuce leaves. Arrange apples, zucchini and avocado around the sides. Chill. Drizzle with dressing just before serving. **(serves 4)**

BAKED CHICKEN WITH APPLES

3 pounds chicken, cut up
2 cups apple cider
1 cup flour
1 tbsp. ground ginger
2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Place the chicken in 2 zip lock plastic bags. Pour the apple cider over the chicken, close the bags and refrigerate the chicken pieces for at least 6 hours but no more than 12. Preheat oven to 350º. In a shallow bowl, combine the flour, ginger, cinnamon and salt and pepper. Remove the chicken from the cider but save the cider. Dredge the chicken in the flour mixture and place it in a shallow baking dish. Bake the chicken, uncovered, for 40 minutes. (You can cool and refrigerate the chicken at this point and then finish it off ½ hour before serving. If you're going to do this, boil the cider for 5 minutes and then cool and store.)

Combine the cider, brown sugar, apple liquor and apple slices. Pour this mixture over the chicken and bake for 25 minutes more, basting occasionally. **(serves 6 - this can be doubled or tripled.)**

These roots were made for roasting

ROASTED ROOTS WITH MUSHROOMS

1 tbsp. olive oil
1 tbsp. unsalted butter, or parve margarine
2 cups (1 pint) pearl onions
2 carrots, peeled and cut into ¾-inch-thick pieces
2 parsnips, peeled and cut into ¾-inch thick pieces
½ celery root (celeriac), peeled and cut into ½-inch dice
12 button mushrooms, quartered
1 bunch or bag of spinach, washed and stemmed
1 tbsp. finely chopped parsley

In large skillet, heat half the oil and butter over medium high heat. Add onions and carrots, tossing until coated with butter mixture. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and roast in 400 F oven 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in separate skillet, heat remaining oil. Add parsnips and celery root, tossing to coat with oil. Season with salt and pepper. Add to onion and carrots; cover and return to oven about 30 minutes or until tender.

Heat remaining butter in skillet; add mushrooms and saute over high heat until golden. Season with salt and pepper. Add to onion mixture; toss well. Add spinach and cook just until it wilts, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and arrange on heated plates.

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FIELD OF GREENS SALAD
(Foodland Ontario)

12 cups assorted greens (spinach boston, leaf, arugula, oak, romaine)
2 cups sliced peeled blanched peaches (some may be nectarines or plums or canned if necessary)
½ cup sprigs of fresh herbs (thyme, tarragon, basil, marjoram)

Vinaigrette

1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp kosher white vinegar
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tsp finely chopped fresh tarragon
½ tsp each, salt and granulated sugar
¼ tsp black pepper

Tear greens into bite-size pieces. In large mixing bowl, combine greens, peaches, plums or nectarines and herbs. (May be assembled without fruit the night before; add fruit just before tossing with dressing.)

Vinaigrette: In food processor and using steel blade, combine oil, vinegar, garlic, tarragon, salt, sugar and pepper. Pour into jar and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. Toss salad, with dressing.

Spoon onto serving platter and serve at once.

(Serves 4 to 6)

COUSCOUS WITH APRICOTS PINE NUTS AND GINGER

1 cup instant couscous
½ cup water
1 cup fresh orange juice
¼ cup light olive oil
cider vinegar
8 dried apricots, thinly sliced (about ¼ cup)
1 tbsp. dried currants
1 tbsp. golden raisins
2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
salt to taste
½ cup finely diced red onion
2 tbsp. pine nuts, toasted

Pour couscous grains into small mixing bowl. Combine water, orange juice, olive oil and two tablespoons of vinegar in medium saucepan. Bring liquid to a boil and stir in dried fruit, ginger and ½ teaspoon salt. Pour immediately over couscous. Cover and let sit for 20 minutes.

Bring a small pot of water to boil and drop in red onions for 15 seconds. Drain well; toss onion with a few splashes of vinegar to draw out its pink color. When couscous is ready, gently fluff with fork and add pine nuts and onion. Season with salt and additional splash of vinegar to brighten flavor.

(Serves 4)

Serve cool

BULGUR SALAD

4 cups water
2 cups bulgur
1 cup chopped pecans
salt, pepper to taste
1 cup dried currants
4 tbsp. chopped parsley
½ cup diced red pepper
1 tbsp. olive oil
grated peel of lemon

In large pan combine water and bulgur. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer covered for 35-40 minutes or until water is absorbed and wheat is tender but not mushy. Transfer to bowl, refrigerate uncovered until cool. Add remaining ingredients and toss thoroughly. Serve cool or at room temperature.

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1	cup kasha - medium grain		

- In 10" skillet over medium heat , melt 1 tablespoon margarine. Cook mushrooms and onion until tender.
- In small bowl, beat egg white slightly. Add kasha and stir until grains are well coated.
- Push vegetables to one side of skillet. Add the remaining margarine. Cook kasha for 2 minutes until grains become separate and dry - stir constantly. Stir in boiling water, salt, and bouillon over high heat. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 10 - 12 minutes until kasha is tender.
- Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain pasta and add to skillet. Mix pasta with kasha and vegetables

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Aish HaTorah welcomes one and all to Toronto's **Jewish Life and Kosher Foodfest**, a celebration of Jewish life and kosher delicacies held at the **Promenade**, brought free of charge to the public. Festivities run Sunday, Sept. 8, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. This unique event provides a great opportunity for people of all ages to see the wide variety of kosher products available on the market today while enjoying complimentary kosher food samples and experiencing a variety of fun and educational Jewish activities.

Some participants to date include Corporate Sponsor **Wampole Canada**, manufacturer of kosher nutritional supplements; **General Mills**; **Pine Village** and **Terrace Gardens Retirement Lodges**; **Park Plaza Hotel**; **Strub's Pickles**; **Planter's Nuts** and **Reynolds Aluminum**. All products and services represented at the event are under strict rabbinical supervision.

Plenty of fun activities will also take place at the **Jewish Life and Kosher Foodfest**. Video presentations on a variety of Jewish subjects, books, audio cassettes, videos, and Judaica items will be on display and available for sale. Special children's activities will include arts & crafts sessions featuring Rosh Hashanah crafts which the children can take home. See the Scribal Arts booth, where a sofer (Jewish scribe) will demonstrate and explain how mezuzahs and tefillin (phylacteries) are made. Learn about the significance of your Hebrew name at the "Your Hebrew Name" Booth.

The Jewish Life and Kosher Foodfest will feature door prizes and a raffle. Raffle prizes include airfare for 2 to Israel, jewellery, home security system and microwave. Tickets will be available at the Promande from Sept. 3-23, or may be purchased through the **Aish HaTorah** office at 949 Clark Ave. W.

Aish HaTorah is an international Jewish outreach organization dedicated to increasing Jewish pride. Over 6,000 people of all ages attended **Aish HaTorah** classes, seminars and special events in the past year through it's 4 affiliate Toronto locations including The Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre, The Village Shul, The Country Shul, and The Uptown Shul.

For vendor or general information, or about volunteering opportunities for the Jewish Life and Kosher Foodfest call **905-764-1818, ext. 230**.

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Family partners Ron and Rene, and their sons Joel and Stephen Daiter, are carrying on Harry and Faye's tradition of selling healthful, delicious dairy and fish products. This tradition has a bright future: among a generation that is more health-conscious than any before, these products are more popular than ever.

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In 1981, the Daiter family opened the Smoked Fish Factory to serve the needs of their stores, which at that time accounted for 90% of the smoked fish Daiter's sold. This branch of the business has grown immensely, to a point where Daiter's sell only one percent of the smoked fish through their stores; the rest is outside sales to hotels, restaurants and caterers, including export.

After 15 years, the Smoked Fish Factory has built its own reputation for quality. The Factory specializes in smoked salmon, Sockeye, Coho and Atlantic; and Rene is very proud of their new salmon product, Gravlox, which is delicious with Lana low-fat cheese. The barbecued salmons are famous at parties.

There is a full line of hot smoked products: carp, cisco, chub, whitefish chunks, whole whitefish, salmon snack, sable, goldeye and mackerel. The Smoked Fish Factory also offers rainbow trout and smoked herring; and a brand-new item on the list is mackerel fillet, pepper or plain.

The Smoked Fish Factory is a Quality Management Program plant under Department of Fisheries supervision. "We have a rating of A-1," says Rene; "and the Department's standards are very high." Try Smoked Fish Factory products, and you will taste the difference right away.

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King Solomon's Table unveils splendid new 300-seat facility next week

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Under strict supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (C.O.R.), King Solomon's features its own permanent Kosher kitchen and a distinguished, elegantly-panelled dining room of some 6,000 square feet that allows it to accommodate simchas of up to 300 guests with ease. For wedding receptions, bar/bat mitzvah parties, anniversaries, *sheva brachot*, and other important occasions, it makes a striking setting that your guests will remember for its dignity, not its ostentation.

This understated elegance makes it a natural for business functions, and its location (northeast corner of Sheppard and Chesswood) means it's an ultraconvenient destination for any type of gathering. With immediate proximity to both Highway 401 and the Allen Road, King Solomon's is a five to fifteen minute drive from virtually anywhere in north Toronto.

While simchas are the prime focus of King Solomon's on-site catering division, family dining is the *raison d'être* of the full-service restaurant. The menu features some dishes so appealing that you may wish to impose a "statute of limitations" on any immediate dietary plans. For example, from the extensive (eight choices) pasta menu, the *Mongolian Fire Chicken in Pasta* will definitely "fire you up" with its flat long pasta tossed with blackened chicken with ancho chili garlic and mushroom sauce. The entrée menu features several fascinating choices which are quantum leaps from your standard restaurant fare. The *Jurassic Park B.B.Q. Back Ribs* are guaranteed to quell any monster appetite, while the *Beef Pizziola* (medallions of tender beef sautéed in a roasted garlic, oregano, white wine and fresh tomato sauce) will satisfy the culinary *artiste* in you. If your dining pleasures lean towards the Orient, you'll be wonderfully served by the delectable *General Tsao Chicken* (all the rage everywhere now, but you haven't tasted anyone's until you've tasted King Solomon's), *Spicy Szechuan Orange Beef*, and *Honey Chili Chicken*. Watch for daily specials!

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Chai in Quality ...

Being the only kosher processing plant in Ontario, Chai provides over 7,000 birds a day to the kosher market across Canada.

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The entire kosher process provides a tastier product. Only ice cold water is used during the processing of the birds as opposed to scalding hot water used in non-kosher entities. This ice cold water seals in the natural juices and tenderness of the birds, whereas the hot water boils most of it out. For further koshering, the birds are soaked for a minimum of 32 minutes, salted for 1 hour and again soaked in ice cold water for 30 minutes to rinse off the excess salt. The process, with the dual supervision, ensures that these poultry products are **100% kosher, all year round, including Passover.**

Chai in Style ...

From chickens, turkeys, cornish hens, stewing hens and ducks, Chai has it all. Most recently, due to the overwhelming popularity and demand, chicken and turkey burgers, kebabs and stir-fry have been added to the Chai line.

Chai delivers daily to neighbourhood chain stores, including Perl's Meats, Sunnybrook, Food City, Dominion-Save-A-Centre, Highland Farms, Loblaws, Super Centre, Price Chopper and No Frills. Many kosher butcher shops, including Hartman's, Kosher Meats and Treats, Hamilton Kosher in Hamilton, United Kosher in Ottawa and Aviv Kosher Meats in Vancouver, also carry Chai products.

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Dominion Save a Centre is gearing up for Rosh Hashanah with a full assortment of kosher and holiday products.

Bill Sheine, vice-president of marketing for the parent company, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), says that Miracle Food Mart (now Dominion Save a Centre) was the first supermarket chain in Ontario to sell kosher meat and the tradition continues with fresh, high quality kosher meat and specialty products. "We've always tried to meet the needs of our kosher customers."

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Dominion's Glatt kosher meats are cut fresh under the supervision of a Mashgiach and sent daily to Dominion stores at Viewmount & Bathurst, Bathurst & Steeles, Sheppard & Bathurst, and Don Mills & Steeles. Staff is always pleased to take personal orders for that special roast for the holidays or any other special cut desired. Ken Duff, now the seafood director, but previously assistant director of meats says that "Iowa beef costs more but we are willing to give the customers what they want."

Kosher poultry available in a variety of cuts

Kosher poultry, fresh daily under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR 218) is available at the same stores in a wide variety and selection of quality poultry cuts prepared under the strictest standards of Kashruth and cleanliness. "Freshness is one of the things that differentiates us from the competition."

Freshness also applies to the Dominion produce section, with counter after counter of fresh domestic as well as imported fruits and vegetables. From the tropics come ugli fruit, plantain bananas, pineapples, mangoes

Fresh produce from the everyday to the exotic

and coconuts. Cactus pears are a treat flown in from South Africa, and from Italy come delicious blood oranges. With apple varieties such as Mutsu, Royal Gala, Granny Smith, Delicious and McIntosh, there is sure to be one to suit the apple afficionado. "We have our own produce buyers in each region from which we buy and they work primarily at the fields. With 1100 stores across North America, we have major buying power and we purchase entire fields in order to handle our requirements," says Sheine.

Master Choice line sets new standard of excellence

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The people at Dominion know that quick, kosher meals are a requirement for the busy working family and it offers prepared foods such as Chai frozen barbeque chickens, Empire pizzas, a wide range of Tabachnik soups, Perl's meat pies, Aaron's cold cuts, and Israeli packaged seafood specialty items. Even salad and stir fries are a snap with precut shredded carrots, broccoli slaw, garden salad or broccoli pieces.

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In Ontario, a number of wines are listed with the LCBO. From California is the soft and easy to drink "Baron Herzog Gamay", with light garnet color and a raspberry aroma, and the light and refreshing "Baron Herzog White Zinfandel", a rosé wine. Also from California is "Herzog - Late Harvest Johannesburg Riesling", a ripe and concentrated, subtly scented dessert wine, "Baron Herzog Sauvignon Blanc", a dry, fresh and distinctive medium-bodied wine and "Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc", a nicely balanced wine, slightly sweet and crisp.

From France is the "Herzog Selection Cabernet Sauvignon", a light and delicately styled wine with a soft flavour and smooth finish, and from Israel is the "Givon-French Colombard", a dry crisp wine. New York State features "Kedem Cream White", a sweet white wine acclaimed for its mellow nature and "Kedem Cream Red", a medium sweet, low alcohol, smooth red wine. From Italy is "Bartenura Hazelnut Liqueur", made from Piedmont hazelnuts blended with infusions of mixed berries from the woods.

Herzog wine experts recommend that white wine be served chilled and they offer these guidelines: If serving a white or sweet wine, put it in the fridge for several hours before your meal. Fifteen minutes before you plan to serve it, take the bottle out of the fridge in order to take some of the chill off the wine. Overchilling can smother a wine's bouquet and cheat everyone of enjoying its full character. A sparkling wine, however, should be in the fridge and not taken out until it is about to be opened. The chill enhances the crispness and fruitness of a sparkling wine and it makes the bubbles last longer.

Red wine, in general, should be served at room temperature, but a cool room, about the temperature of a basement. This guideline, they say, comes from Europe where some homes do not have central heat. If wine is kept in a cool room in the basement, bring the bottle upstairs, minutes before serving it. This temperature brings out the best in a red wine; it lets the wine's flavors remain without the edge found when it is warm. If you are planning to uncork a light red, chill it in the fridge for about 30 minutes. Rosés , on the other hand, should be treated like a white wine and should be chilled for several hours in the fridge, then removed 15 minutes before serving.

They stress that the exact temperature in which to serve wine is a personal taste and wine drinkers should experiment a bit to find just the right temperature for their favorite wine.

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Rose Lazar, who has been caterer at the synagogue for more then five years has been in the business 32 years. As well as Shaarei Tefillah, she works at Beth Torah and Lodzer synagogues and caters to private parties for over 25 people. "Everyone comes to me with a budget and I am very careful to try to stick to it while still giving them the very best."

As a meat and pareve caterer, Lazar prepares everything from the newest southwestern grilled chicken and vegetables with salsa to traditional menus. "The younger generation likes to experiment with new types of dishes such as Polynesian or TexMex," says son David Lazar, "but an older crowd likes to eat the food they grew up with such as brisket and roast chicken. Many even ask for kishka. We are very aware of cooking as low fat as possible, but if people want kishka we give it to them. We can accommodate everyone. We are totally flexible."

Clients can choose from about 50 standardized menus and the Lazars are always open to suggestions. "We also prepare specialized meals such as vegetarian, salt-free – we've even done a tofu dish. As for our baking, most is done on the premises. Delicacies such as chocolate or lemon mousse, strudels and chelsea buns are a favorite of everyone."

David Lazar advises that the first thing to do when planning a simchah is to book the hall, "because an experienced caterer can help from there. People have booked bar mitzvahs with us up to the year 2000. We work with entertainment consultants and can recommend a florist, photographer, orchestra or videographer. We also have tablecloths and napkins in an array of colors so we are able to accommodate any color scheme. We do our best for our clients."

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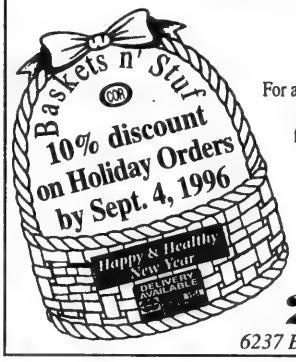

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Aubrey Dan notes that, "Working with the Rabbis to help Wampole become Kosher has been wonderful. We have been collaborating closely with Rabbi Jaffe from Montreal as well as Rabbi Faiglestock and Rabbi Teitlebaum in Vancouver who are interested in seeing more Kosher products in the market place".

Wampole is the first Canadian Company to be certified Kosher, not just for the new line of herbal supplements, but also for vitamins, minerals and OTC products–the complete product line, excluding those few produced in soft gel capsules.

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Wampole is introducing new packaging with the launch of these herbal products. Gone is the white plastic bottle, regarded by consumers as synthetic and clinical, to be replaced by an amber bottle with a distinctive purple cap. This new packaging reflects the naturalness and high quality of the products. Aubrey Dan added, "We undertook research before introducing the new products to ensure that the product packaging would represent what we want the Wampole brand to stand for a quality brand which consumers can trust."

Wampole's new products can now be found in pharmacies across Canada.

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Rodier's vivid colour palate invigorates Bayview Village

Rodier's 3/4 length cashmere coat: stylish elegance for all occasions

In 1916, the vibrant, luxurious fabric of master weaver Jacques Rodier introduced knitwear to women's clothing, and changed forever the landscape of women's fashion.

Given this legacy, it's only fitting that Rodier's return to Bayview Village should be engineered by **Joseph Lugassy**, a savvy fashion veteran who pioneered the Rodier line in Toronto by opening six boutiques. He later sold them to pursue other business interests, only to find himself artistically unfulfilled and longing for a return to fashion. With the opening of Rodier in Bayview Village, that void in his life is now filled. Joining him in his new venture is his wife Lea, and both look forward to serving their customers in the fashion-forward environment of Bayview Village.

Though the line's quality and colour palate have always been legendary, it was sometimes perceived as an "older" line. No longer. This season's introduction of bold new styles and younger shapes marks Rodier's re-emergence as a line with universal age appeal.

No less than eight major groupings underscore the diversity of Rodier's Fall '96 collection:

1. Noir et rouge. Classic Rodier at its best: exquisite knit tops, skirts, dresses and coats in unequivocal strong colours.

2. Le sport. A young executive's dream wardrobe, featuring stunning two-piece suits, a myriad of sweater choices that carry effortlessly from office to evening, and a stunning 3/4 length double-breasted cashmere coat (pictured at left). Colours are oatmeal, off-white and sky blue.

3. Masculin. In this grouping, featuring dark brown and royal blue, Rodier struts its casual stuff with lycra and wool fabrications and cozy, thick cardigans. Rodier with jeans? An emphatic and elegant "Yes!"

4. Douceur. Sumptuously soft sweaters in coral and peach highlight this upbeat Rodier grouping which elevates a simple turtleneck (pictured left of centre) into a symbol of strength, style and softness in one smart package.

5. Flanelle mérinos chamelle. This is vintage Rodier: stunningly dignified merino and alpaca renderings of the two-piece suit (pictured at right), long sweater-dresses, long skirts and slacks in three subtly different tones of camel. Perfect for the High Holidays.

6. Animal. Rodier's trendiest grouping (pictured right of centre) takes a walk on the wild side with gray and black zebra and leopard prints in body-hugging wool/polyamid fabrications that spell comfort with a capital "C".

7. Le cocktail. Long dresses and skirts make a singular statement for evening, as does a pure black wool crêpe tuxedo jacket.

8. Vif. Flashy bright yellows and bold brassy blues in wool bouclette two-piece suits, short jackets and tightly-fitted skirts.

Common to all groupings are a fabulous selection of the most luxurious coats this side of heaven. Available in 3/4 length and full length, many feature a mixture of wool, cashmere and angora that is toasty warm and feathery soft to the touch yet full-bodied, draping beautifully in firm, clean lines.

All in all, the Rodier collection paints a compelling picture for Fall '96, and offers many choices for High Holiday dressing. In this vein, the Lugassys welcome you to their store and extend a heartfelt *SHANA TOVAH.*

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In just 10 years, with over 165 superstores (across Canada, the U.S., Puerto Rico and Europe), Party City has grown to become the world's largest retailer of party supplies.

On August 26 , Party City opened its 3rd superstore in Canada, on Chrislea Rd. in Vaughan, in addition it its existing Brampton and Mississauga locations. Michael Shneer, President of Party City, Canada, plans to open 50 superstores across Canada within the next 4 years.

What's the secret of this success? With over 20,000 different items in stock per store, Party City offers the largest selection and variety of party goods in Canada with a constant influx of new products. No matter what kind of party you are planning, you will find 'one-stop shopping' for your supplies here.

There are items for children's birthdays, sweet 16's and adult birthdays; for bar and bat mitzvah and graduation parties; for weddings and showers; for wedding anniversaries from the 1st to the 50th. There is a humungous selection of loot bag gifts and party favours for the kids, personalized invitations and thank-you cards.

And then there is the vast selection of hats, horns, banners, pinatas, candles, giftwrap, ribbons, bows and bags; custom-made or ready-made centrepieces and balloon sandweights. There are hundreds of matching patterns and a vast array of decorator colours in paperware and plastic — dishes, cutlery and accessories. Bridal accessories run the gamut from confetti to place cards, from car pompoms to garter belts.

Many items are for general home entertaining, when you throw a party just for fun. There are even theme items for pool or garden parties, etc. There are also items for every holiday and season, secular and religious. For example, Party City also has Canada's largest supply of Hallowe'en costumes, wigs, masks, makeup and accessories, many of which are also suitable for Purim. Catering supplies include platters, various shapes and sizes of foil containers, plastic serving bowls, steam racks and fuel. Besides buying cake decorating products here, you can even take lessons in cake decorating!

Much of Party City's stock, including balloons and decorations are available in nearly every size, colour and quantity that one can think of. You can rent helium tanks, or have your balloons filled in the superstore. Shneer emphasizes "we sell a dozen helium filled latex balloons for only $7.99 while other stores charge as much as $12.99 a dozen for the same product."

To *quantity* and *variety*, add *price* as another success factor. Party City is a discount superstore with a lowest price guarantee policy and promises to beat the advertised price of a competitor's product by 15%. As a general rule, Party City tries to keep its prices 30-50% lower than that of its competitors. For example, Shneer comments "we carry many of the same personalized invitation books as others have for wedding or Bar/Bat Mitzvah invitations, but we discount the invitation prices quoted in the book by 30%.

"With so many Party City superstores and the huge number and variety of items we sell," explains Shneer, "we earn huge volume discounts from our suppliers — and pass the savings directly on to the customer."

Another success factor is *customer service*. Party City has free party planning checklists to make it easier for you to plan what you need. Staff are 'mavens' on the merchandise available; they are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and helpful, giving the customer all the time and assistance needed to make their choices. This approach has built tremendous customer loyalty and repeat business from word-of-mouth referrals.

A state-of-the-art computerized inventory tracking system enables Party City to respond quickly to changing consumer preferences and assists in decisions as to the variety of merchandise which should be available at each store. The shelves are kept fully stocked at all times and are continuously replenished.

Party City superstores are bright, clean and spacious. They are designed to exude a festive atmosphere, and convey a feeling of excitement; when you step in the door of a Party City superstore, what you see will amaze you! "We want you to have fun shopping at Party City," says Shneer, "and to tell your friends what an exciting shopping experience it is."

Each location is chosen so that the superstore is easily accessible and will draw the attention of new customers. Party City's three Toronto locations are: **4 Kennedy Rd. S.** in Brampton, **(905) 457-4606**; **1225 Dundas St. E.** in Mississauga, **(905) 275-3799**; and the new Vaughan superstore, at **156 Chrislea Rd.**, right across from the Price Club, at Hwy. 400 and Hwy. 7, **(905) 856-2125.**

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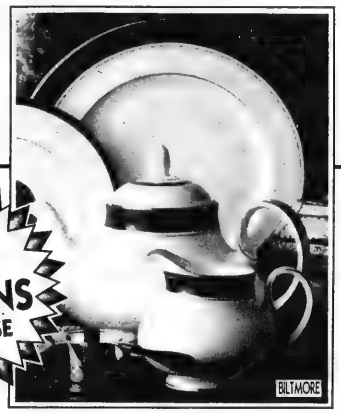

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Although we often take walking for granted, it's a remarkable, complex process which bears thinking about. Thousands of times a day, we put one foot forward, lean forward from the hip and extend the knee, then balance our body weight on this leg so the other can carry out a corresponding motion .... all this to take one single step!

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Another Engagement

The J.S.R. is delighted to report that another Registry couple has recently announced their intentions to get married. In fact the system is so successful that **the Registry averages an engagement every 6 weeks**. With membership growing at such a quick pace that average is expected to improve even more by the end of this year.

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What sets the Jewish Singles Registry apart from all other services is that you can join the J.S.R. virtually **risk free**. Members get to go on as many dates as they wish throughout the year (providing that both individuals have said yes) and are **guaranteed** a minimum of **10** dates within the first year of their membership, or they stay in the service for free. You may call the J.S.R. office for more details.

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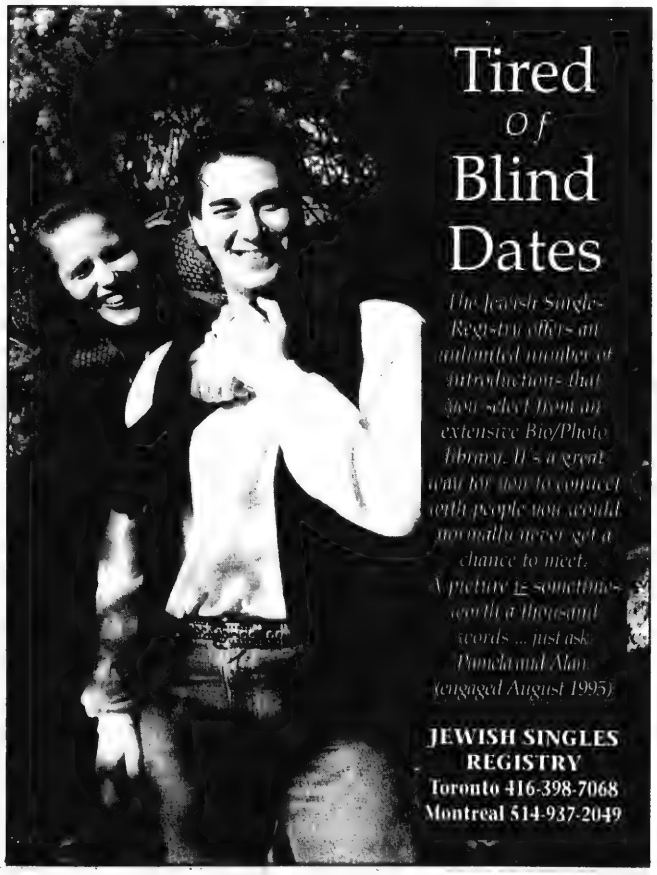
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LifeStyle

Greektown in Thornhill adds flavour to the Community ... with its wonderful cuisine

Since it opened in April, The Friendly Greek, with its outdoor patio and its decor reminiscent of an island in the Aegean Sea, has brought to Thornhill a little piece of the Danforth. A restaurant, however, does not live by atmosphere alone; and the long-term success of The Friendly Greek will rest on its excellent cuisine and friendly service.

Even before you step inside, the work done to beautify the setting shows you that The Friendly Greek is here to stay. At one corner of the blue-and-white building is a tower with murals of Greek scenes. The area near the entrance is paved with cobblestone bricks, and landscaped with a waterfall. For guests waiting to go in, there are benches as well.

The inside is spacious, decorated in soft colors, with a huge skylight of blue and white glass. Under the skylight is a quiet fountain, where guests may toss a coin to make a wish. The Friendly Greek is wheelchair accessible; and the tables are set wide apart. "We could put 20 more tables in," says partner Mike Karageorgiou; "but we like our patrons to feel comfortable."

As you wait to be seated, you notice a tank with startlingly bright yellow and blue fish from the Red Sea. There are murals here too; they, like those on the tower, are the work of an artist whom the Greek community knows simply as Peter. There is bright stained glass, with some three-dimensional panes; and the two fireplaces, in cooler weather, will warm body and soul with gas or wood fires.

Hostess Mariana Stefanidis shows you to your table with a smile; the name "Friendly Greek" is apt, for the smiles are sincere. As partner Gregory Stefanidis says: "It's easy to smile when you earn your living from what you love doing." During your meal, your waiter will come at once if you need anything; and Chef Michael Nikiforos may come out to ask how you are enjoying the products of his art.

The family partnership which has spent so much effort on ambience devotes even more attention to cuisine and service. Mike emphasizes that a restaurant is a full-time business; this includes much time spent with the patrons, on the alert for ways to improve service.

Chef Nikiforos, with 36 years' experience as a cook, sets high standards in the foods he works with, and how he prepares them. Not only is everything fresh: the staff of the Friendly Greek do all the preparation themselves, right down to peeling the potatoes. Only the cakes are brought in, from the high-quality La Rocca Bakery.

Generous portions and moderate prices are the rule. For example, the Roast Lamb Dinner (Ofto Kleftico) is only $9.95; the Combo Souvlaki Dinner (which includes two pieces each of chicken, beef and lamb), only $10.95; Pikilia (a combination of three cold appetizers) is $7.25; and the children's menu starts at $2.95.

Two or three appetizers – say, Taramosalata (caviar), humos and eggplant salad – make a light but satisfying summer lunch. If you want something more substantial, the entrees are served with potatoes and Greek salad; the Roast Lamb Dinner, for example, includes rice, garlic bread and tzatziki. The Greek salad is huge, with crisp lettuce and fresh tomatoes; the lemon potatoes are tangy; and the lamb is tender and succulent (and prepared oil-free).

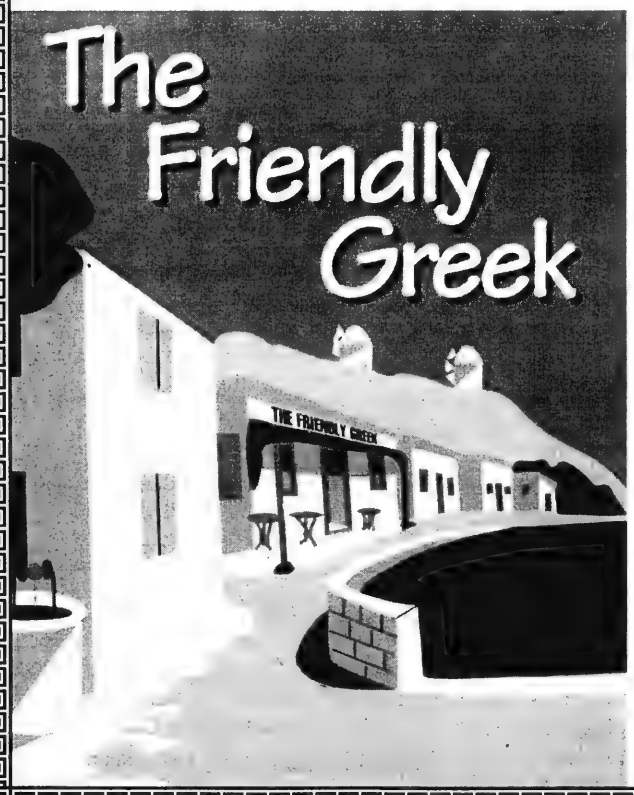
There is a large selection of red and white wines, most of them Greek. With most of the dinners served at The Friendly Greek, Mike recommends dry white wines, especially Kouros. For dessert, try a generous serving of honey-rich baklava, its flavor made more enticing with bay leaves and a hint of orange juice.

After only four months, The Friendly Greek already has plenty of regular patrons, including families. The partners are enthusiastic community supporters; they support the Willowdale Grizzlies baseball team, and are looking for a hockey team to sponsor. In December, during the festive seasons, the money in the fountain will be donated to a charity.

The children's menu, incidentally, is a color-me-in menu; the Friendly Greek supplies the crayons. This is one of many touches of generosity which make

this a special place. If you have a birthday, for example, the cake is on the house; and the waiters sing Happy Birthday.

The Friendly Greek, at 7315 Yonge St. just a few blocks north of Steeles, is also available for parties. There is ample parking; drop in, or call (905) 707-8579.



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Foundation helps sufferers of incontinence

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A leaky bladder is no laughing matter, but after lawyer Donna Latch (a pseudonym) gave birth to her second child, her bladder leaked every time she laughed.

It also leaked when she sneezed, coughed, walked quickly or did aerobics and she began to curtail those activities as much as possible. Latch, 43, who began suffering from stress incontinence 13 years ago, was a panelist at the first annual meeting of the Simon Foundation for Continence, Canada, held recently in Toronto.

The Simon Foundation is a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with problems of urinary incontinence. The 10-year-old foundation has a toll-free number (1-800-265-9575) that provides information and support. It also helps Canadians locate incontinence professionals in their own communities.

According to the foundation's statistics, more than one million Canadians have some form of urinary incontinence. More women than men suffer from this condition that affects one in every four Canadian women who are past middle age.

According to foundation president Anita Saltmarche, a Toronto nursing consultant specializing in incontinence, these figures are conservative because they are largely based on the number of people seeking treatment.

"It does not necessarily reflect the large numbers of individuals — 11 out of 12 — that go untreated," she told *The CJN*. "No one has to tolerate urine leakage because it can almost always be effectively treated or managed. It's not a normal part of aging and it's not a normal part of being a woman."

Getting medical attention is very much a subjective matter based on an individual's level of tolerance, said Sender Herschorn, head of urology at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre and a governing board member of the Simon Foundation. "Some people are bothered by a drop. Some are not troubled by a gush."

But it is often difficult to find health professionals who treat incontinence, because there is limited funding for treating the condition, he noted. "Urinary incontinence does not merit the same position as other needs in society."

A panel of three told the group of the difficulties they had faced in seeking specialized health professionals.

Doug Scott, 63, a retired educator, experienced urinary incontinence as a side effect of a surgical procedure for prostate cancer, but was given no information about the condition before or after his operation, he said.

Most of the physicians Latch spoke to about her incontinence did not take her seriously, despite the impact the condition was having on her life, she said. The fear of leakage caused her to lose her self confidence; she stopped working full time and cut back on socializing and many other activities.

But she was "tenacious" and after consulting more than a dozen physicians, she finally found Herschorn. He did a surgical bladder lift last January and her problem has virtually disappeared, she said.

Herschorn said specialized multi-discipline centres for treating incontinence are needed so that people with the condition can get treatment and educational information. He feels the Simon Foundation helps fill the educational gap.

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Israel to resume talks with PA shortly: PM

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told members of the Likud's political bureau last week that official talks with the Palestinian Authority will resume soon and will cover a variety of issues, including Hebron.

Netanyahu vehemently denied that he had promised the United States to cease the construction of bypass roads for Israeli settlements in the territories.

The bureau was called into session to discuss the issue of IDF redeployment in Hebron. However, Netanyahu put off the deliberation, but not before a tiff with bureau chair MK Uzi Landau, who also heads the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Netanyahu alluded to the renewed attacks on his government by a host of Arab leaders, when he referred to the "attempt to impose a political siege" on the new government when it first took office in June.

"When we took office we were faced with a concerted attempt by some circles in the Arab world to impose a diplomatic siege upon the new government and upon the State of Israel," he said. "This went so far that the first action we had to take was to break through this siege and to do it as quickly as possible.

"In fact, the aim was to expand this siege in the direction of Europe and the U.S. There was an urgent need to approach the governments in question, as well as Arab leaders, to put an end to this."

Netanyahu told the bureau that international agreements have to be adhered to. He called on the Syrians to continue the talks with Israel.

On Hebron itself, Netanyahu had nothing new to say. He said he cannot as yet bring any plan before the bureau, as "it is too early for this and an unwise thing to do just now."

But a hint of the sort of opposition any plan to redeploy the IDF in Hebron could cause inside the Likud was seen when Landau proposed a resolution making any moves conditional on the Palestinians fully living up to their undertakings and on full reciprocity between the sides.

Landau said he "understands the pressures under which the government is laboring, but the Palestinian violations of their end of the bargain are so deep that they go all the way to the heart of the matter."

When Netanyahu heard of the draft resolution, he reportedly threatened not to attend the bureau session, considering the resolution to be tantamount to placing constraints on the government's freedom to act.

Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh resolved the matter by convincing Landau to insert a clause stating that the bureau supports the government and its policy on Hebron, so long as the principle of reciprocity is respected.

Foreign workers' future discussed

By DAVID HARRIS
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – A plan to expel 1,000 illegal foreign workers a month and to eventually send up to 100,000 back to their home countries, was discussed at last week's cabinet meeting.

The proposal by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, calls for the establishment of an authority and the allocation of several million shekels to deal with the issue.

It was reported last Thursday that Yishai will suggest establishing transit camps to house those awaiting deportation.

It is estimated that at least half of the more than 200,000 foreign workers here are employed illegally, and Yishai intends to target them first.

"No one is defining [all] foreign workers as criminals," said Yishai. "But every worker whose work permit has expired is an illegal worker...and should be removed from the country."

He indicated that a reduction in the number of foreign workers would lead to a further easing of the six-month closure.

During a visit to areas of south Tel Aviv populated by foreign workers, Yishai was told that many of the workers had entered the country on tourist visas, and are now requesting that their families be allowed to join them.

Yishai saw apartments housing up to 18 people per room and expressed concern at the abysmal standard of living. Senior police officers who accompanied him, updated him on the increasing crime rate among the workers, including drunk and disorderly and violent behavior. The proposal to set up transit camps has been welcomed by the police.

Following his tour, which included a visit to a kindergarten for children of foreign workers, Yishai wrote to Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, warning him of the possible spread of disease because of the squalid living conditions.

MK Amnon Rubinstein of Meretz vehemently objected to Yishai's expulsion proposals, saying the deportation of tens of thousands of people would seriously damage the country's image abroad. Instead, he said, the government should grant all the workers the right to stay legally for a specific period, on condition that they then leave.

Moscow shul bombed

By LEV KRICHEVSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW – A bomb blast ripped through a Moscow synagogue last week, causing no injuries but seriously damaging the three-storey building.

"This was clearly an anti-Semitic act," said Berel Lazar, the rabbi at the Lubavitch synagogue and the chair of the Rabbinical Alliance of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The explosion, caused by a homemade bomb planted outside the synagogue, shattered windows in the building's southern facade and tore off sections of the roof.

The force of the blast knocked over Torah scrolls in the synagogue's ark. The scrolls were not damaged, members of the community said. Windows of neighboring houses also broke.

"This is a terrible act of vandalism," said 72-year-old Vladimir Kutyin, who has lived near the synagogue since childhood.

Kutyin, a veteran who is not Jewish, also said, "I'm ashamed of the Russian people who let such things happen in our country. I fought side by side with many Jews against the Nazis."

The brick synagogue reopened in June, replacing a 70-year-old wooden one that was destroyed in December 1993 by an act of arson.

No one has been charged in connection with that crime.

Moscow Mayor Yuriy Luzhkov, who attended the June opening of the new synagogue, said at the time, "The city authorities will never tolerate the slightest display of inequality or oppression toward the Jews."

Vladimir Porokhov, district police chief, said last Friday that he was determined to capture those responsible for the bombing.

No one has been apprehended in connection with the bombing, said Mark Levin, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, in a telephone interview Sunday from Maryland.

Strategically placed

Except for a guard, no one was inside the synagogue at the time of the Aug. 22 bombing, which occurred at night.

Rabbi Lazar said people usually study in the synagogue at night, but on the night of the bombing, many of those people were at a wedding in another part of the city.

The wedding was originally scheduled to take place at the synagogue, Levin said, adding, "Had the wedding not been moved, there would have been serious loss of human life.

"The bomb was strategically placed to do the maximum amount of damage," Levin said.

He said his organization plans to follow up with both U.S. and Russian government officials.

Levin said that during the weekend, U.S. Ambassador to Russia Thomas Pickering visited the damaged synagogue.

The combination of the bombing and the arson fire "puts the Jewish community as a whole in Moscow on edge," Levin said.

"If our parents fought against communism, today we have to fight against hooliganism," Rabbi Lazar said. "The best way to fight it is to show that we are not intimidated by such acts. We will continue to build the Jewish community under any circumstances."

The blast came a day after construction began on a new Jewish community centre, to be located next to the synagogue, the biggest project of its kind being carried out in Russia since the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

The synagogue, located in the Maryina Roshcha section of Moscow, was first built in what used to be a Jewish neighborhood.

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JTA staff writer Alissa Kaplan in New York contributed to this report.

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Iraq wants to be regional power again

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Economic sanctions have been throttling Iraq since its reckness invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. But as a result of two major agreements with the United Nations (UN) recently, the Iraqi government has reason to believe that the sanctions — which have denied Iraq the ability to market its oil — may not last much longer.

Mideast Analysis

•On June 24, Iraq signed an accord intended to accelerate the long-delayed process of eliminating its conventional, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction.

•On Aug. 7, the UN gave Iraq permission to sell up to $2 billion (US) worth of oil every six months to alleviate the hardships triggered by the imposition of sanctions (which have impoverished ordinary Iraqis and caused widespread hunger and disease.)

The Iraqi strongman, Saddam Hussein, appears confident that these agreements spell the beginning of the end of the ruinous embargo, which has isolated and weakened Iraq.

Iraq is not the only nation that has called for a lifting or a revision of the sanctions. Arab states such as Saudi Arabia, Syria and Morocco take the view that the embargo has only reinforced Hussein's hold on Iraq, which he rules with an iron hand. Farther afield, France and Russia have argued that the sanctions have outlived their usefulness because Iraq has begun to comply with UN resolutions.

In a limited sense, this is true. Due to international pressures, Iraq no longer claims Kuwait as its 19th province, and has started to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction.

But Iraq has yet to return stolen Kuwaiti property or to account for hundreds of Kuwaitis who disappeared following Iraq's incursion.

More seriously, Iraq continues to conceal important components of its military arsenal.

The pact entered into by Iraq and the UN in June may finally compel Baghdad to come completely clean on this matter. But if the past is any guide, Iraq will cynically attempt to mislead the UN. Since 1992, Iraq has repeatedly given the UN "full, final and complete disclosures" of its weapons programs. But these putative assurances have proven to be exercises in dissimulation. Baghdad has continually deceived the UN Special Commission charged with finishing the task of defanging Iraq.

For example: Iraq heatedly claimed that all its biological weaponry was destroyed in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War. But the defection of Hussein's son-in-law to Jordan a year ago forced Iraq to disclose that it had produced much larger quantities of a certain type of nerve gas than it had previously acknowledged.

This revelation, however, was merely the tip of the iceberg. Rolf Ekeus, chair of the UN Special Commission, has accused Iraq of trying to produce long-range ballistic missiles with the help of prohibited imports. In recent months, the Jordanian authorities have intercepted three shipments of military spare parts disguised as agricultural equipment. More recently, Ekeus accused Iraq of hiding weapons at secret sites on its territory.

The Special Commission has a sophisticated monitoring system in place to detect Iraqi violations of UN resolutions. A team of inspectors has unrestricted access to suspected factories, though in practice this is not always the case. There are helicopter flyovers and high-altitude surveillance flights. In addition, the UN has affixed sensors and video cameras to more than 200 facilities throughout Iraq that could be converted to arms production.

And while this monitoring regime, combined with sanctions, have crippled Iraq's military capabilities, Iraq still maintains one of the most formidable armed forces in the Middle East, according to a study by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Despite having been forced to downsize its army since the Gulf War, Iraq has about 400,000 men under arms, 2,200 tanks, 2,500 armored personnel carriers, 1,650 artillery pieces and some 300 combat aircraft.

Clearly, Iraq wants to be a regional power once again, capable of affecting decisions about oil production and pricing, confronting Iran — its traditional enemy — on an equitable basis, and influencing the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Iraq's nuclear program may be the linchpin of its regional ambitions. On the eve of the Gulf War, Iraq was just months away from acquiring an atomic device. Since then, the program has been apparently dismantled. Yet Iraq retains the key assets required to resurrect it, warns the Washington Institute for Near East Policy in a report written by Michael Eisenstadt.

Iraq has a cadre of experienced scientists and technicians, a relatively advanced military-industrial base and a viable nuclear weapon design.

So, if the sanctions are lifted, Saddam Hussein's Iraq may well be in a position to become a full-fledged nuclear power, a scenario that Israel would not and could not tolerate.

The Week in Israel

Aug. 19

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy agreed to appoint former IDF chief of staff Lt.-Gen. (Res.) Dan Shomron to coordinate negotiations with the Palestinians.

• The Central Bureau of Statistics announced a 0.3 percent rise in the consumer price index during July, bringing the projected 1996 inflation rate to 13 percent.

Aug. 20

• German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's political adviser held talks with Israeli political and defence officials in Jerusalem.

Aug.21

• A military court sentenced a Palestinian to 22 years in prison for aiding the Hamas terrorists who kidnapped and murdered Nachshon Waxman two years ago. Waxman's parents were angered by the sentence, saying that it was too lenient.

• In a meeting with Ami Ayalon, head of the Shin Bet, former Shin Bet official Ehud Yatom denied telling *Yediot Achronot* that he had smashed the heads of two Palestinians who had been captured after hijacking a bus in 1984. Yatom said he had been misquoted.

Aug. 22

• As part of a plea bargain on charges of having spied for Iran, Jerusalem resident, Herzl Rad, admitted to having had contact with a foreign party. The court is expected to pronounce sentence in two weeks.

Aug. 23

• The *Jerusalem Post* reported that Labor party leader Shimon Peres met at Erez checkpoint on the Gaza side with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat for the first time since the May 29 elections. It was held at Erez after an initial ban by the government on a helicopter flight by Arafat from Gaza to Ramallah, the originally-planned site.

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Netanyahu may meet with Yasser Arafat

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Netanyahu seemed to soften his position regarding such a meeting following the Weizman announcement. Previously Netanyahu had said he would only "consider" such as meeting if he deemed it essential for Israel's security interests.

Weizman's initiative was in response to an urgent request from Arafat to meet with him to revive the talks. He said he had consulted with Netanyahu before deciding to invite Arafat to his private home in Caesaria.

However, the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharanot*, which first exposed Weizman's initiative, reported that he had presented Netanyahu with an ultimatum: 'Either you meet Arafat within 10 days – or I will."

At a joint press conference with Netanyahu, Weizman denied he had issued an ultimatum, but said: "Whether we like it or not, Arafat is the first Palestinian leader in 100 years who can be credited with a political achievement. He has control of more than two million Palestinians. He is our neighbor. He sits among us. When a leader like this...asks to see me, I think I must agree to his request."

Weizman forces PM's hand

Netanyahu justified his own refusal to meet Arafat, explaining that "if and when such a meeting takes place, I want to make sure that it is substantive and not just ceremonial. The days of declarations are over."

He said his government had a mandate to run negotiations differently than the previous administration. "We are going to make sure that the interests of both sides are served," he said, repeating his demand that the Palestinians implement their side of the agreement before either party assumes new obligations. "I was not elected to be prime minister of the Palestinians."

Weizman, whose position as head of state is purely ceremonial, cannot engage in substantive negotiations. However, the president, through his flamboyant personality and centrist political views, has turned his position into one of symbolic and moral clout. He used it to reprimand the Rabin and Peres governments for proceeding too hastily with peace talks and has now discretely criticized Netanyahu for dragging his feet in negotiations.

Likud MKs call for end to stalemate

While one newspaper editorial criticized the president for stepping outside the bounds of his authority, most pundits and politicians supported him.

"The president is the seismograph of the nation," said former president Chaim Herzog. "In making his move, the president wasn't just acting on his own behalf – he was representing the public."

"He can't be expected to stand on the side like some neutral boy scout," said Labor MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

Presidential pressure was not the only factor that may have moderated Netanyahu's stance. The Palestinian Authority confirmed on Sunday that it had closed down three offices operating illegally in Jerusalem, thus meeting one of Netanyahu's conditions for resuming talks. Several Likud Members of Knesset also issued blunt calls to Netanyahu to meet with Arafat immediately and end the stalemate.

"Stop playing games," urged Likud MK Meir Shetreet. "It's time to meet Arafat and advance the negotiations. This is critical and there is no point in delaying it further," he said, adding that the prime minister had been elected on a mandate to continue the peace talks.

"The government is robbing Arafat of power and public support instead of strengthening his hand," charged Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former deputy director of the General Security Service.

"To do what we want him to do, Arafat must have support among his people. The government must give the Palestinian Authority something substantial if it wants to realize its own goals," he said.

Arafat has already met with two members of the Netanyahu administration – the PM's advisor Dore Gold and Foreign Minster David Levy. But neither meeting was substantive.

Weizman's move came in response to a request by Arafat, who in recent weeks, has been staging a public relations campaign directed at Israel, stressing the desperate state of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In meetings with opposition members and in appearances on Israeli media – including his first interview on Israel Television – Arafat said the closure of the territories has driven the Palestinians to the brink of starvation. That, combined with Israel's failure to redeploy troops in Hebron, has badly eroded morale and could drive Palestinians to desperate acts, he warned.

Last week, a member of the PLO executive committee, Mahmoud Abbas, claimed that radical Palestinian groups, supported by Iran, were plotting to overthrow Arafat and the Palestinian Authority.

With files from Naomi Segal, Jerusalem Telegraphic Agency.

PA shuts down Jerusalem offices

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – The Palestinian Authority (PA) has closed down several offices operating in eastern Jerusalem.

Israel had maintained that the presence of the offices was a violation of the self-rule accords.

Palestinian officials said Sunday that they included the offices of geography and cartography and the offices of youth and sport. A statistics office was shut down by the PA last week.

Israel has been demanding the closures as a precondition to resuming talks on the redeployment of Israeli troops from most of the West Bank town of Hebron.

The redeployment is called for under the Interim Agreement signed by Israel and the Palestinians last September, but the move, scheduled for late March, was postponed after a series of suicide bombings in Israel earlier this year.

PA official Nabil Shaath said there were no offices run by the authority operating in Jerusalem.

He said Shimon Peres, who at the time was foreign minister, had given assurances that Palestinian institutions operating in eastern Jerusalem before the establishment of the self-rule government in 1994 would be allowed to remain open.

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U.S. neo-Nazi convicted of distributing hate material

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK – American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck has been convicted of illegally distributing hate propaganda in Germany and sentenced to four years in prison.

The state court in Hamburg, Germany, last week found Lauck, 43, guilty of inciting racial hatred and distributing propaganda of organizations that violate the German Constitution.

Lauck heads the National Socialist German Workers' Party-Foreign Organization, a name derived from the official title of Adolf Hitler's party. Lauck has said his group is heir to the Nazi party and that Hitler was "too humane."

After the verdict was announced, Lauck shouted, "The fight will go on!" According to news reports, he also yelled in German, "Neither the communists nor the Nazis ever dared to kidnap an American citizen!"

The Anti-Defamation League hailed the conviction.

"While we are gratified that Gary Lauck of Lincoln, Neb., whom ADL dubbed the 'Farm Belt Fuhrer' several years ago, will be spending the next four years in a German prison, we are disappointed that the court did not impose the five-year prison term demanded by the prosecution," said Abraham Foxman, ADL national director.

"Nevertheless, Lauck's conviction and sentencing puts all neo-Nazis around the world on notice that their anti-Semitic and racist hate propaganda will not be tolerated by a democratic Germany," Foxman added.

Lauck's lawyer pledged to appeal the case and said his client's actions were legal under U.S. constitutional guarantees of free speech.

But pro-Hitler, anti-Jewish publications that deny that the Holocaust occurred are illegal in Germany.

Lauck was arrested on an international warrant from Germany when he attended a March 1995 neo-Nazi convention in Denmark. He was extradited in September to Germany on the basis of an obscure Danish law that bans racist statements.

The prison time he has served since March 1995 was deducted from his sentence.

Israeli minister criticizes reported Jordan, Syria dam

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan has sharply criticized a reported proposal by Jordan and Syria to jointly construct a dam on the upper reaches of the Yarmuk River.

Eitan said that if the report was correct and the plan went ahead, it would constitute a breach of regional water agreements, including those contained in the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan. Under the accord, Israel is supposed to give Jordan 30 million cubic metres of water a year from Lake Kinneret.

He warned that if Syria and Jordan were the only ones to benefit from the reported project, the government would have to reconsider water agreements with Jordan.

He said that if Israel were to get its share of the water from the dam project, he would have no objections to the plan. But he maintained that it is highly unlikely Syria would agree to share any of the water with Israel.

Eitan stressed, however, that it is not clear if the reports are correct and, if they are, what had prompted Jordan and Syria to initiate the proposal.

"I don't know if there is anything in what has been reported and published, and I don't know if they are going to actually carry out the work on this joint dam," Eitan told Israel Radio.

"If it does go ahead, however, or this trend does appear to be correct, it would be contrary to all the water agreements since the Johnston Accord in the early 1950s."

Eitan noted that the water issue will be one of the key issues in peace talks with Syria, if or when they resume.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon issued a statement saying he "is not familiar with the agreement between Syria and Jordan and would not relate to the facts and numbers published in the media.

"I want to think that the Jordanians, like us, honor agreements and that they intend, as we do, to fulfil their water agreements with Israel," he added.

The original report of the Yarmuk dam project was carried in a recent edition of a London-based Arabic newspaper. The paper quoted Jordanian sources as saying that Jordan had forwarded the proposal to Syria because of its disappointment with the implementation of the water agreements with Israel.

The report noted that Jordan and Syria had signed an accord a decade ago to jointly construct a dam and reservoir along the upper reaches of the Yarmuk, but it was never implemented due to lack of funds.

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Watchmen tackle serious subject

By PAMELA CHELIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At The Watchmen's recent performance at Lee's Palace here, lead singer Daniel Greaves entertained the crowd between songs with his jovial sense of humor.

But, at one point, Greaves grew particularly serious. "This next song is about a powerful subject," he said. "It's about a little girl who's not here anymore and the subject still gives me chills everytime I think about it."

That was the Winnipeg band's introduction to *Shut-Up*, a song Greaves was inspired to write after a visit to Amsterdam last year.

Though Greaves had read Anne Frank's diary, being in the room where the Frank family had hidden in terror had a great impact on him.

"What really got to me," he said after the show, "was seeing the pencil marks on the wall where her father would measure the kids' heights.

"And," he adds, "then I looked over to the window and that was the same window that she used to press her little nose against, hoping to one day be free."

While some have taken exception to the song's rather bold title, Greaves admits that he was originally reluctant to call it *Shut-up*, but he says it simply refers to Anne's tragic last moments of freedom, confined to a tiny room devoid of everything but fear.

The choice of song title, however, is a trivial matter. What is important is that Greaves wrote the song at all. It is rare for a mainstream pop/rock songwriter first to write about such a horrific piece of Jewish history, and second to be able to tackle it respectfully, but Greaves does so successfully.

He manages to capture the story's poignant details and in the limited three-minute span of a pop tune, he effectively guides you through Anne's journey from her hopeful beginning through to her painful end.

The Watchmen's Daniel Greaves was inspired to write *Shut Up* after visiting the house Anne Frank hid in. [Pamela Chelin photo]

The Watchmen are known for being able to write beautiful melodic songs, and *Shut-Up* is no exception. As the song begins, Greaves sings softly: "She's so in love with the great escape. It's all around her hopes and in her dreams ... she's living the best that she knows how." But, as the song develops, the music builds in intensity, effectively conveying Anne's terrifying awareness of her impending death.

Greaves voice, representing Anne's fear, gets increasingly louder as he reaches the lines: "She hears their boots and knows that her days are short and she'll die before she wakes," and by the end, Greaves is belting out the chorus.

Though Greaves says he did not intend to write the song to give a political message, *Shut-Up* is having an effect upon people and Greaves seems pleased to have reached them. People are talking about the song and consequently the Holocaust, and maybe some have even been inclined to once again pick up Anne's diary or to read it for the first time.

They say every little bit makes a difference and this time, The Watchmen did their little bit.

Devolopment Bank To Be Running By November

JERUSALEM – There are strong signs the Middle East development bank, originally conceived by Shimon Peres, will be up and running in time for the Cairo economic summit in November, according to senior Egyptian and Israeli officials.

During last week's two-day Cairo economic meeting attended by Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, it was agreed to set up a transitional team by September to prepare for the bank's opening. The bank, to be located in Cairo, is meant to fund regional infrastructure and business projects.

Soviet Olim To Play Role

JERUSALEM – Immigrants from the former Soviet Union will be encouraged to play a major role in developing trade with their previous homeland, the Ministry of Industry and Trade said last week.

This will be one of the core means of increasing trade in the former Soviet Union. It was agreed that encouraging immigrants who understand the market to establish working relationships with the business community there will be of benefit to Israel.

Three key areas will be targeted, including short-term consumer goods, mid-term investment and technologies, and government level contacts.

Oman Opens Trade Office

JERUSALEM – Oman took another step toward developing trade relations with Israel last week when it inaugurated its trade office in Tel Aviv, three months after Israel opened a trade office in Muscat.

Jordan-Israel Trade Report

JERUSALEM – In the first six months of trade between Israel and Jordan, imports and exports were close to $2 million.

Israeli exports reached $1.2 million with imports fetching $0.68 million. The major exports were chemical products, textiles and mechanical machines. Israel purchased a similar range of goods from Jordan.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Anne Rice Dabbles In Hebrew & Occult

New Orleans novelist **Anne Rice** made a swing through Ottawa, Toronto and other Canadian cities last week as part of a North American tour to publicize her latest novel *Servant Of The Bones* (Knopf Canada, $32.95).

The author of 16 previous works that have sold 100 million copies, Rice is best known for her chilling and sympathetic portraits of vampires, mummies, witches and other horrific creatures unleashed upon the modern world. With *Servant Of The Bones*, she traces the centuries-old history of *Azriel*, a demonic-angelic ghost born as a Hebrew in Babylon at the time of the exile.

Azriel is a wealthy educated Jew who, at age 20, is plucked from death by evil priests and sorceresses and transformed into a genie. The story spans his perilous journey through time from Babylon's hanging gardens to the Europe of the Black Death to Manhattan in the 1990s.

Azriel is called forth just as a rich young lady, Esther Belkin, is killed in a Fifth Ave. department store.

Filled with occult lore, *Servant Of The Bones* is a fanciful narrative stew offering numerous discussions of Torah, the Holocaust and rabbinical matters as well as pagan and zoroastrian lore.

The golden dust-jacket is embossed with Romans expropriating the spoils of Jerusalem. Fans of Rice and the occult horror genre are sure to be enthralled.

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Domim Tree Returns: After an unprecedented 9-week engagement at Toronto's Carlton Cinemas, the Israeli film *Under the Domim Tree* finished its run the very week that its prequel, *The Summer of Aviya*, started playing in the same movie complex.

Just weeks later, *Domim Tree* has begun a new run, evidently because the prequel has sparked renewed popular demand for the sequel. Both films are directed by **Eli Cohen** and were based on the autobiographical books of Gila Almagor, who stars in the films along with **Kaipo Cohen**.

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Sholom Aleichem: Friends of Yiddish launches its new season with *A Morning With Sholom Aleichem*, dramatized by **Nathan Garnick** with music by **Brian Katz**. Paid-up members, free; guests $10. New members welcome. Sunday Sept. 8, 10 a.m., Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto. RSVP by Sept. 3 to Sandy Bokser, 416-736-8073.

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Rising Star from Quebec: **Ellen Cohen's** brother **David** died tragically eight years ago. To prevent his memory from fading, the talented bilingual actress from Montreal adopted the name **Ellen David**. Her credits since then are numerous and include appearances in the TV series *Sirens*, the film *The Quarrel* (director: **Eli Cohen**), and a major part in the French-language series *Bouscotte*, which begins airing on Radio-Canada in January.

Pleased with her cameo appearance in his film *Love and Human Remains*, the renowned Quebec film director **Denys Arcand** asked David to appear in his upcoming *Le Pain des Oiseaux*, a role that he said just may be the last of his Hitchcock-like cameos for her. Watch for her also in the upcoming TV films *In the Presence of Mine Enemies*, *Midnight Man* and *Everything to Gain*.

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The Cantor's CD: Incomplete information appeared in an earlier column about Chazzan **Yehuda Aryeh Rottner** of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation in North York, who has recorded a new CD. *Kol Dodi* features a combination of traditional chazzanut Hebrew and Yiddish melodies. The CD is $18, the tape is $12; both are available from the synagogue office. 416-633-5500.

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In Brief: Application deadline is Oct. 15 for Toronto Arts Council grants to visual artists. Nalo Hopkinson, 416-392-6802, ext. 208.

Economic summit may not happen, Mubarak says

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM – The regional economic summit planned for Cairo in November may not take place unless Israel upholds its commitments to the Palestinians, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told a gathering of academics in Alexandria lastThursday.

"I've told the Israelis that no progress in the peace process will hit the Middle East economic summit, because not many countries will attend," Mubarak said. He fell short, however, of saying that Egypt would cancel the event.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu phoned Mubarak Thursday night and pledged that there would be progress on the Palestinian track. Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold met with leading Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas in an attempt to make some progress on the outstanding issues.

Netanyahu's office issued a statement after the phone call, insisting that Netanyahu understood from Mubarak that the economic conference would take place.

Officials in Jerusalem said Cairo will be forced to back down from these threats under pressure from Washington. The officials noted that President Bill Clinton, who is facing an election campaign, will want to point to the planned summit as one of his administration's accomplishments.

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Powerful images describe post war upheavals.

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A travelling exhibition, Light of Forgotten Stars, by Polish-born artist Anna Sper, reflects the artist's associations with her youth in post-Holocaust Poland.

Combining a variety of media and techniques with her knowledge of literature and art history and her personal reflections, Sper creates powerful images of cultural upheaval and the transitory nature of civilizations.

With an original process, Sper formed plaster heads cast from a single mould. By using different plasters, she created a series of expressive and haunting faces which stare out of a chilling blackness.

By photographing the heads, she presents a multitude of haunting images to be interpreted by the viewer. Her unusual technique produces three-dimensional photographs with varying degrees of darkness.

Sper says everyone sees something different in her art. "Japanese viewers have said that it makes them think of Hiroshima, while Jewish viewers relate it to the Holocaust."

Her goal, she said in an interview, is to raise awareness of the past. "The past is always with us and we are always influenced by the past even if we are not consciously thinking about it."

The exhibition, which was recently on view here, will soon be touring Europe and Israel.

Sper, who lives and works in Toronto, studied art at the Ontario College of Art and the Toronto School of Art. She studied literature at the Sorbonne in Paris and at the University of Toronto.

Anna Sper with some of the displays at her travelling exhibition.

Flower growers protest

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – Hundreds of flower-growers demonstrated on a busy Tel Aviv corner last week to protest what they said was a government plan to cut subsidies in their industry.

The demonstrators passed out roses and sunflowers to pedestrians and also threw flowers into the street.

The secretary of the Flower-growers Association said the industry is responsible for some $200 million (US) in exports annually.

They said the industry would collapse if state subsidies were cut.

Tourism down

By DAVID HARRIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – The number of tourists arriving here by air in March and April was 20 percent lower than in the January- February period, according to Central Bureau of Statistics figures published last Thursday.

In May and June, the number of tourists dropped another seven percent.

The drop in tourism was attributed in part to the terrorist bombings in February and March and to Operation Grapes of Wrath.

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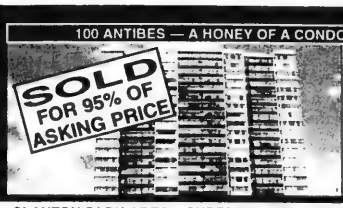

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Rosen, Ernie on August 12, 1996
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The Inside Back

About life

Dear Ella,

With fall just around the corner, we can expect the cold and flu season to follow.

I work with a gentleman who is a very dedicated employee. He works late, he works on weekends, comes in on his holidays and when he is sick.

I give him credit for the sacrifices he makes for this company. However I do not appreciate working with someone who is ill.

I am a full-time working mother and housewife with two young children. I also have elderly parents that I look after. I can't afford to get sick. I know it is unavoidable sometimes, but when I come to work and find this fellow on my telephone, at my desk sneezing and hacking, I see red.

I have tried to mention in a nonchalant way that he should have stayed home, but the man doesn't take a hint very well. He snickers as if I were joking and keeps right on working.

Do you have any suggestions for me before the germs hit the fan?

"Cold" Shoulder

Dear "Cold" Shoulder,

I think this subject is a bone of contention in many work places. Common sense and courtesy have to play a role here.

There are different degrees of "sick." Living in Canada, many of us have come to accept walking around with a cold from time to time. Some people will feel very ill at the slightest sniffle and then there are others who can walk around with a fever and not be too bothered by it.

Nobody ever wants to get sick and obviously there are steps you can take to avoid contact with sick people, however, when you work in close quarters, sometimes it is inevitable that a colleague will come in sick.

Take your fellow worker aside and with a serious demeanor tell him you need to have a talk. This should spark his attention enough for him to listen to you seriously. In a polite but firm way explain to him your concern about getting sick. Ask him to stay off your phone and away from your work area and to please cover up when he sneezes or coughs. I think you will get a different reaction. You may even make him think he really should be at home. But don't hold your breath or maybe you should!

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.

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1 tblsp. butter
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1 lb. mozarella cheese, grated
1 jar roasted red peppers
7 eggs

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté onions and garlic in butter, add spinach. Cook until wilted, then drain well. Roll 2/3 of the puff pastry into a 9 inch (23 cm) springform pan. Pastry will overhang edges. Layer half the tuna, half the cheese, half the spinach, and half the red pepper. Beat 6 eggs and pour over. Repeat layers. Roll remaining third of the pastry and top it. Seal edges with water. Coat top with last egg (beaten) and bake 45 minutes. Release the pan ring to serve. Garnish the platter with thin red pepper rings and shredded spinach leaves.

Recipe courtesy of Beth Tikvah Sisterhood "All In Good Taste" Cookbook.

Recipe of the week

Please feel free to call The CJN and make requests for a favourite dish - we will try to answer. ENJOY!

Diplomatically Speaking

BY JEHUDI KINAR

I have been in Toronto almost a year now, and during my time here, the print and electronic media have been reporting extensively on the Middle East.

Looking back on this period, I would like to express some of my thoughts on the way the general media have dealt with Israel. However, I will not go into great detail and will abstain from mentioning the specific names of journalists and media people connected with the different media outlets.

When I first arrived in Toronto, my colleagues and new-found friends and acquaintances told me how lucky I was to have arrived at a time when the media were so friendly toward Israel. As they described the harsh criticism meted out against Israel over the years (especially during the intifadah), I thought that their description of the situation four or five years ago must have been exaggerated.

I lost my innocence, however, after experiencing the intense media coverage given to the new government in Israel. And it is now clear to me that not all Canadian journalists are handling issues concerning the Middle East with fairness and balance.

Prior to the recent Israeli elections, for instance, several journalists and media outlets took it upon themselves to make recommendations to the Israeli public on which prime ministerial candidate to vote for. Such a paternalistic attitude is surprising, especially from Canadian media outlets known for their support of democracy. One can only suppose that Canada's proud and independent media would happily welcome similar advice to Canadians by American and other editorialists. Or would they?

In the aftermath of the Israeli elections some journalists (the radio and TV journalists in particular), did indeed provide their audiences with relatively accurate and fair reports on the make-up of the government and the prime minister's trips abroad. But too often developments affecting the new government were portrayed by some print journalists in a very negative light — often in harsher terms than those used by Yasser Arafat or Hafez al-Assad themselves.

One newspaper reporter went so far as to infer disaster from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's stiff body language at his press conference with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Perhaps Mubarak was stiff from engaging in some vigorous physical activity the day before! Most other reporters saw the meeting for what it was — a positive step toward reinforcing the pursuit of peace.

Another commentator who "worried" about Netanyahu "leading Israel into isolation" seemed to have done very intensive research on settlements in the territories. His column referred to the expansion of settlements "already happening in Bethlehem." This assertion is especially astonishing considering that there are no Jewish settlements in Bethlehem. Furthermore, the city is the domain of the Palestinian Authority rather than in Israel.

My biggest surprise was over the criticism which Netanyahu received for his calls for democracy in the Arab world. Who would expect such a negative attitude, when most Canadian papers at one point or another have written editorials advocating democracy in Nigeria, Russia, Indonesia or elsewhere?

Netanyahu's call for reciprocity in fulfiling treaty obligation received similar media ridicule. This is especially strange in Canada, a country that has such a deep respect for international treaty obligations and the rule of law. Why shouldn't Israel's peace partners be held accountable, as Israel is, for fulfilment of their international treaty obligations?

And even a relatively small protest by religious Jews demanding the Shabbat closing of Bar Ilan Road in Jerusalem (a controversy which has been around for years) was sensationalized on the front page of one Canadian newspaper. The headline in this paper even gave the impression that the protest involved a clash between Israelis and Palestinians.

While these are only a few examples, it is unfortunate that not all journalists writing for the influential Canadian media rise to high standards of journalistic integrity when dealing with issues concerning Israel and the Middle East.

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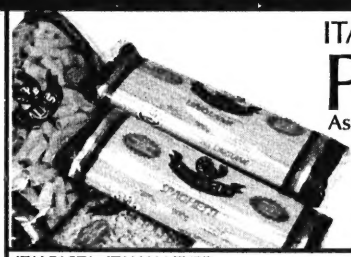

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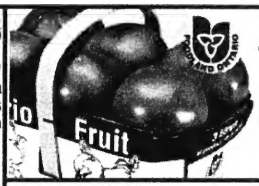

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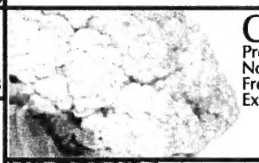

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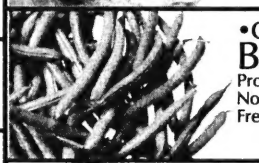

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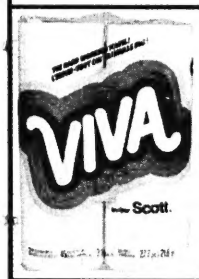

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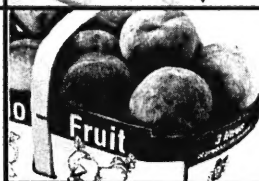

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